

**7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 7, 2024**



St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Growing Christ in Us and Us in the World

548 Chestnut Avenue
Holtville, CA 92250
Rev. Jim Swinford, Pastor

Phone: 760-356-4315
Web: www.stpaulsholtville.com
Email: 548stpaul@gmail.com

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Growing...One Friend at a Time!

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us this morning! We hope you enjoy and are blessed by the worship today. Your presence adds to the joy we feel in this place whenever we gather to magnify God and celebrate His great love for us. At St Paul's, our mission is simply to be **Growing: Christ in Us and Us in the World!** We see ourselves as friends helping each other grow as we worship, learn, serve and love one another. We want you to know you are always welcome here and we would love to include you in every facet of our ministry. Let us know how we can help you grow!

REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *Celebrated 1st and 3rd Sundays*



The "Lord's Supper" also called "Communion" is the meal Jesus gave to His people, the Church, to connect regularly with them. It's both a mystery and a miracle in which Jesus really does come to us in the bread and wine with His very own body and blood. In it, He brings forgiveness of our sins along with the Holy Spirit's ongoing power to transform our lives.

If you are a guest with us this morning who wants forgiveness and believe Jesus died for you and your sins, and believe He comes to you with His body and blood through the bread and wine, then we want to welcome you to share this gift with us. To prepare for this gift be sure and take some time before to reflect on your failures, sins and brokenness. Don't deny them or try to make excuses for them – just simply ask for Jesus to forgive you! Finally, ask Jesus to help you overcome these challenge areas in your life by making every effort to resist and avoid them going forward.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR

The Gospel According to You – *Let's Go Fishin'*

WORSHIP FOCUS

There's a Story God has given you that only YOU can tell. Jesus commands us to fulfill our spiritual destiny and divine purpose in this world. This is what He has called each Believer – not some – to do. So take up your tackle and gear and, Let's Go Fishin.'

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

During our worship service there are many times when the congregation is asked to stand or to be seated. If this is an issue for you feel free to remain seated, or if already standing, to be seated as needed.

PRELUDE

PASTOR'S WELCOME

THE OPENING SONG

"I Believe"

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus

***All praise to God the Father,
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome***

***The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe***

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion
Chorus

Bridge
No I'll never be ashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life
Chorus

Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham
© CDavs Music; Songs For TIM; Be Essential Songs CCLI License #1298798

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100:1-3*)

Pastor: Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

People: **He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: With this in mind we begin our worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 Corinthians 15:3*)

Pastor: And now, let's start our worship with a clear conscience and joyful heart as we admit our sins to God knowing that He is faithful and just and will forgive us from all that we have done wrong. Now let's silently reflect on and confess those specific sins that are lying on our hearts and minds...

(We observe silence as we reflect on those specific sins or burdens that are on our hearts today and for which we want to ask our Savior's forgiveness.)

Pastor: Most merciful God...

People: **We admit that it's not in our nature to love and serve You and others. We admit that we have not only failed ourselves but You! We've sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. What we should have done we didn't do, but the things we shouldn't have done, those are the things we have done. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Because of this we deserve your present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we find joy in walking in your will and in your paths. Amen.**

Pastor: In God's great love for you, Jesus Christ was given in exchange for your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ it is my joy to tell you, that in the powerful name of Jesus, all your sins are forgiven.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Please be seated)

Ezekiel 2:1-5

“Stand up, son of man,” said the voice. “I want to speak with you.” ²The Spirit came into me as he spoke, and he set me on my feet. I listened carefully to his words. ³“Son of man,” he said, “I am sending you to the nation of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. ⁴They are a stubborn and hard-hearted people. But I am sending you to say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says!’ ⁵And whether they listen or refuse to listen—for remember, they are rebels—at least they will know they have had a prophet among them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. ³ Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know ⁴ that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

⁵ That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses. ⁶ If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, ⁷ even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

(Please stand)

This passage forms the foundation for today's message!

Matthew 4:18-25

¹⁸ One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" ²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him. ²¹ A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²² They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

²³ Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ²⁴ News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all. ²⁵ Large crowds followed him wherever he went—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

(Please be seated)

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” LSB 826

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting--Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Gospel According to You- *Let's Go Fishin'*

(Use the Sermon Notes and your Bible or Bible app. to follow along)

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

(Please stand)

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I BELIEVE in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠✠THE LORD'S SUPPER✠✠

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE DISTRIBUTION

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940, Stanzas 1-3

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on, Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

***Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You***

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery

Jennie Lee Riddle
© 2004 Gateway Create Publishing CCLI License # 1298798

THE BENEDICTION

(Please stand)

THE CLOSING SONG

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

Chorus

by: Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, Rita Springer
© 2018 Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) CCLI#1298798

THE SENDING

Leader: Now, go in peace!
People: **And serve the Lord!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Those in the Mission Field: All missionaries and KGBA
Country: Continued prayer for our nation and its leadership. Special prayers for President Joseph Biden and Governor Gavin Newsom, that the Lord would surround our leaders with Godly counsel

Those who serve in our Country: Trevor Johnson—Navy; Kyle Daniels—Coast Guard; Justin Fitzpatrick—National Guard; Christopher Banach—Marines; Frankie A. Crawford III—U.S. Army; Mindy Yates—Air National Guard; Casadi Morgan – U.S. Army Reserves; Ethan Strahm-U.S. Army; Hunter Toth-U.S. Navy; Ashlyn Hester – Peace Corps, Albania; Auggie Rabe – Marine Corps; Derek Brown - Army

Those who celebrate a birthday 7 – Arona Farris; 10 – Bill Lehman; 11 – Derrick Strahm; 12 – Clay Gudde; 13 – Maureen Strahm

PRAYER REQUESTS! Prayer is an effective tool to call upon the power and mercy of God and also for us to care for and minister to one another within the body of Christ. Therefore, we invite your prayer requests! **Prayer requests can be submitted on our website <https://www.stpaulsholtville.com/>** or deposited at the Prayer Table in the Narthex (Entrance) or by contacting Laura Goodsell at 1-760-604-3431



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers that adorn our Altar area this morning and throughout the month of July are given by Arona Farris, in honor of her families July and August birthdays, Arona, Nick, Aaron and Alex.

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Today 9:00A Worship with Holy Communion

Monday 10:00 Quilting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 9:15A Prayer Team in the Sanctuary

Thursday 9:00A Cup of Joy Bible Study Panera @ 4th and Wake/Zoom
(ID 852 0276 0112 Passcode 287569)

Next Sunday 9:00A Worship

SERVING YOU IN WORSHIP

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Preacher/Liturgist	Pastor Jim Swinford	Pastor Jim Swinford
Elder	Rick Hilfiker	Rick Hilfiker
Worship Leader	DeAnn Hilfiker	DeAnn Hilfiker
Altar Care	Laura Goodsell	Laura Goodsell
	Arona Farris	Arona Farris
Altar Care Contact	Gabby Moreno	Gabby Moreno

Growing: Christ in Us; Us in the World!

*Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up
in every way unto him who is the head, into Christ*
Ephesians 4:15

