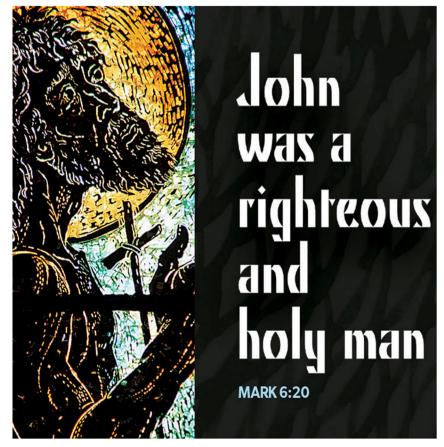
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 14, 2024 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Welcome & Announcements

Piano Prelude Donald Martin, Jr.

"Adagio" Thomas Stearns

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Most merciful God,
- **C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors and ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- **P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn

Rise Up, O Saints of God #383

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, his word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

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- **P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

The Prayer of The Day

The First Lesson

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

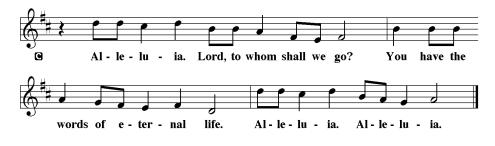
Choir Anthem

The Chancel Choir

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.







¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



The Sermon

Rev. Jill Henning

Southeastern Synod, Acting Bishop, ELCA

The Sermon Hymn

Praise To the Father #517

Praise to the Father for his lovingkindness, tenderly caring for his erring children; praise him, all angels; praise him in the heavens; praise to the Father!

Praise to the Savior for his deep compassion, graciously caring for his chosen people; young men and women, aging folk and children, praise to the Savior!

Praise to the Spirit, comforter of Israel, sent from the Father and the Son to bless us! Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Praise to the triune God!

Text: Elizabeth R. Charles, 1828-1896

The Apostles' Creed

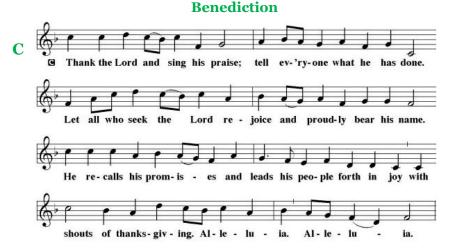
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

The Prayers of The Church & 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution & The Communion

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



P The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon You with Favor, and Give You Peace.



The Closing Hymn

Give To Our God Immortal Praise #520

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways; wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown. His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / Thanks Be To God!

Piano Postlude

Donald Martin, Jr.

"Thaxted" Gustave Holst

We Welcome You to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time. Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates. All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

We Remember in Our Prayers...

Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Rev. Peter Hartmann, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Al Schunemann, Sandy Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2024 Offerings \$8,600.00

Current Offerings \$ 4,074.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home 8:30 am - 19 11:00 am - 37 Facebook - 86

Flowers On the Altar...

Are Given to the Glory of Almighty God & in Honor of the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Dianne & David Fennell.

Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

Senior Pastor... The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
Director of Music & CFO ... Donald R. Martin, Jr.
Service Accompanist ... Donald R.. Martin, Jr.
Office Administrator ... Fran Snipes

"The Epistle" ... Betsy Martin

Facebook Live Broadcasting... Lisa B. Martin
Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ... Melissa Flummerfelt
Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ... Anthony Broadnax
Pre-School Director ... Gina Johnson
Assistant Pre-School Director ... Cynthia Thomas
Parish Housekeeping ... April Reilly

Our Lectors Today

8:30 Bill Wiggins 11:00 Mary Gail Wolf

July Altar Guild

8:30 Kim Ambrose & Charlie Schafer 11:00 Becky Truluck July Communion Assistants

8:30 Jim & Michelle Ward 11:00 Toni Hadden & Richard Wolf

Liturgical Service Cantors

Melissa Flummerfelt, Carol Stemsrud & Emelia Levy



Today We Welcome ... Rev. Jill Henning, Assistant to the Bishop & Acting Bishop for the Southeastern Synod Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as our Service Officiant Today.

SUMMER EVENTS

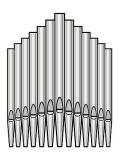
JULY 2024 ... JULY 16TH AT 6PM

A TUESDAY EVENING BBQ & MUSIC WITH OUR OWN SARAH POOLE & RYAN TAITO... IN HOFFNER HALL



COMING IN AUGUST...

Lutheran World Relief Spaghetti Dinner with Silent Auction & The BIG Talent Show Sunday August 11th 5PM



During the latter part of July, Our 1957 Aeolian Skinner Organ will be down for some much needed maintenance, cleaning and tuning. During that time, we will be worshipping with our Kawai Baby

Grand Piano with the Choir at rear of the church.



We Welcome In August...

Jared Hall, Musician / Organist

Born and raised in Iowa and cutting his teeth in Austin, TX, Jared Hall has performed and worked throughout the United States as a keyboardist, singer, and music educator. His

style of playing includes a wide spectrum of sounds including; blues, boogie-woogie, honky-tonk, folk, country, rock, church music, and classical.

Throughout his career, he has performed at The Austin City Limits Music Festival, South By Southwest Music Festival, North By Northeast Music Festival, Kerrville Folk Festival, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, The Savannah Jazz Festival, and with the Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra.

As an educator, Jared has been trained in Kodaly, Orff, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, and most recently trained in Modern Band with Music Will/ Little Kids Rock. He has taught piano and early childhood music classes with the Austin Community Music School/Austin Lyric Opera's Music Together in Austin, TX, Savannah Music Festival's Musical Explorers program in partnership with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute. Jared has taught summer music classes with the Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted several of his own music workshops. He recently conducted the Elementary Honor Choir for the District 1 GMEA Honor Chorus. Jared is currently the Elementary Music Specialist at Esther F. Garrison School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

Jared is an Official Member of the Family of Artists at Hammond Organ USA. He is also a voting member of the Recording Academy of the Grammy Awards. He is an active member of the National Association for Music Education and the Georgia Music Education Association.

Jared is married to Emily Grunstad Hall and they have two elementary school age children, June (10) and Graham (7). Jared's first Sunday as our organist will be August 4th. Welcome to the St. Paul's Music Department and more importantly, welcome to our Church Family.