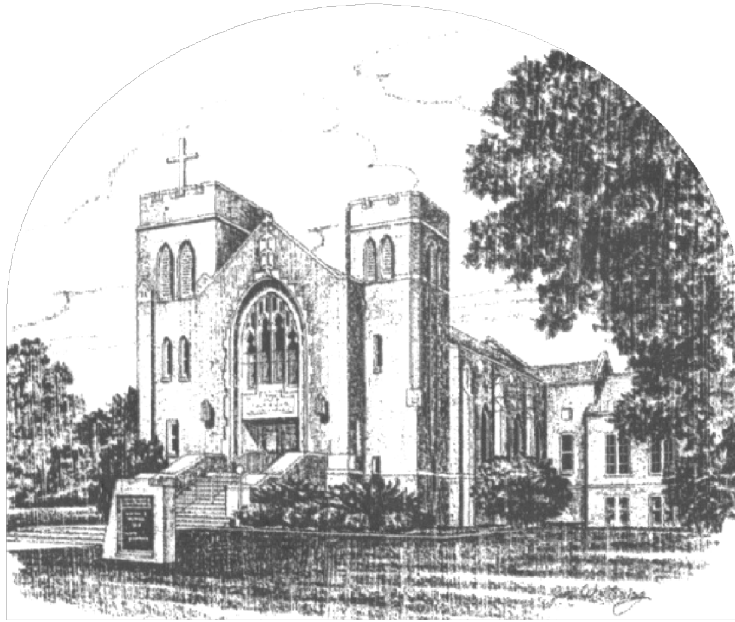


St. Paul Lutheran Church *Yorktown, Texas*



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 6th Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025

Silent Prayer

O God, our Creator, continue to build this household of faith into what you want us to be. O Christ, our Savior, lead us to do as you will. O Spirit, our Power, strengthen us for the work of the Kingdom, a worship and a service which is ours today as well as tomorrow. O Blessed Trinity, fill this place and these people with your presence. For yours is the Power, and the Salvation, and the Creation, now and always. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Let the Whole Creation Cry” **LBW #242**

Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”
2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav’n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise him, our al - might - y king!”
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren’s hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, “The Lord is good and great!”
“Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!”

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

L: By His blood He purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

L: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priest to serve our God.

L: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“Take My Life That I May Be” LBW #406

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my king;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10a

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart,**

³ there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴ **In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

⁶ **He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷ Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 4:14; Acts 4:8

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. ____". The first two staves are identical. The third staff has a "rit." (ritardando) marking above the final measure. The fourth staff starts with an "a tempo" marking and ends with a double bar line.

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GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" **LBW #345**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my Prophet, Priest, and King,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection + of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,

C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: ***“Lamb of God”***



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and 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.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” **LBW #259**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,
let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

JULY 20, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Debbie Kneese

Acolytes: Gwen & Hannah Kneese

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Saturday – Luellen Smiley

Sunday – Beverly

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

JULY 27, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Laurie Stevenson

Acolytes: Bailey & Abigail Gaus

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Saturday – PT & Friends

Sunday – PT & Friends/Luellen

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of July:

Head Usher: Allen Leist

Ushers: Eric Gaus, Ron Gips, Mark Lincke, Albert Metting

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Linda Hurta & Luellen Smiley

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Dorothy Sinast

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Joe Barnes	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Bennett Rohan
Caroline Blain	Clinton Kaiser	Pam Roth
Carlton Bolting	Mary Kanuch	Travis Schley Family
Wade Bolting	Doris Koehler	Michael & Dorothy Sinast
Warner Borth	Joyce Lamprecht	Joan Smith
David Brucker	Ray Lange	Kennedy Smith
Barbara Bruns	Elaine Malina	Lori Nelson Stenger
Virginia Buesing	Lin Migura	Mike & Deborah Stern
Kelsi Camp	Lanie Milliff	Alma Suggs
Carl Clyne	Gray Mosier	Judy Taylor
Julie Dupree	Larry & Carole Mueller	Chandler Vaclavik
Kathryn Gloor	Stacey Gohmert Nelson	Baby Mae Weischwill
Tiffany Godby	David Norrell	Mark Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	Oleta Pattillo	Levi Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Nick Picard	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Keith Ibrom	Roslyn Potcinske	Olivia Wilkerson
Joanna Ivy	Jeannine Robinson	Melba Young
Hill Country flood victims and responders		
Guatemala earthquake victims and responders		

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (20th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	Coffee and donuts on the plaza after Church	
	6:00 pm	VBS Meeting in Basement
Monday (21st)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	5-8 pm	VBS
Tuesday (22nd)	5-8 pm	VBS
Wednesday (23rd)	5-8 pm	VBS
Thursday (24th)	5-8 pm	VBS
Friday (25th)	5-8 pm	VBS
Saturday (26th)	Fellowship Hall Reserved – Kneese	
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (27th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Sunday School Teacher Meeting (Elementary & Preschool)

GOD HAS BLESSED Collin Metting and Jessica Beltran as they were united in marriage on Saturday, July 19, 2025. We pray them God's richest blessings as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FLOODING:

Michael Dittrich of the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse in Rosenberg is asking for donations for the victims of the Central Texas flood. He will accept cash and gift cards from HEB, Home Depot, Walmart and Lowe's. We will collect any of these items through July 18th and send them on the 21st. Label your offering envelope "Texas Flood" or drop it off at the Church Office. There will be a long clean-up period. If anyone wants to volunteer to help, call the church office to get Michael's cell number. More information is posted on our church website and Facebook page and will be updated as information comes in about how we can help.

"Serve each other through love..." Galatians 5:13

CHURCH FACILITIES NEED REPAIR:

Council has discussed 3 main concerns that need attention. One of the AC units needs to be replaced at the church for approximately \$43,000. We need to have the plumbing re-piped in the educational building for approximately \$39,000. The buckled flooring and water-damaged carpet needs to be replaced in the chapel with a bid of \$12,147.20. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "AC/PLUMBING/FLOOR". Any help is greatly appreciated!

VBS: Our Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 21-25 still needs helpers! We especially need help with snacks and meals. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

July 20, 2025 – Coffee and Donuts on the plaza

August 17, 2025 – Rally Day

September 21, 2025 – 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch

October 26, 2025 – 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch

Upcoming Youth Events:

August 1, 2025 – Annual Swim Party: 7-9 pm Cuero Pool & Swim Pad

September 7, 2025 – Grandparents Day Reception: Fellowship Hall, during SS Hour

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