

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Holstein, IA June 28, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children.

This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death.

In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather in the name of God, our Creator, Savior, † and Counselor.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, we confess we have not loved you with our whole hearts, or our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us Lord.

We confess we are driven to get more of this world's good than we need and are tempted to seek security in our possessions. We are often insensitive to the needs of those around us and unwilling to share your blessings freely with others.

Forgive us Lord.

We confess that we follow our own dreams instead of the Christ, that we trust our own will rather than yours, that we live as though the world revolves around us.

Forgive us Lord.

Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Chosen One.

Reclaim us in Christ's love, and breathe into us your Holy Spirit that we may be strengthened to live as your sons and your daughters. Amen.

There is good news for us. Jesus was crucified for our sins and raised from death so that we can live a new life. We are forgiven and are God's new creation in Christ.

Amen!

Opening Song

You Called Me By Name

When I consider the work of Your fingers, the sun and the stars, the land and the sea;
I start to wonder, Almighty Creator, just why you would ever take thought of me.

Chorus: Yet you have called me by name,
You are acquainted with all of my ways;
Bought by Your blood, drawn by Your love, I am your dwelling place.
For you have called me your friend, showing me favor, again and again;
I'm set apart, dear to your heart, you called me by name.

All of creation was made for your pleasure,
the sun and the stars, the land and the sea;
But, by your grace, you have given me favor, with you I will reign for eternity.

Chorus: For you have called me by name,
You are acquainted with all of my ways;
Bought by Your blood, drawn by Your love, I am your dwelling place.
For you have called me your friend, showing me favor, again and again;
I'm set apart, dear to your heart, you called me by name.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

- ¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ "I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations."
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶ They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸ Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Romans 6:12-23

- ¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.
- ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

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Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Vicar Millie Anderson

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

RESPONSE

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Song - Everybody's Got Something to Offer see page 7

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer in song - Creator of All Life

Congregation sings when indicated by leader:

LORD'S PRAYER
(Creator Of All Life)

David Lee Brown
James Hersch

Cre-a-tor of all life, Mak-er of the Light.

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SENDING

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

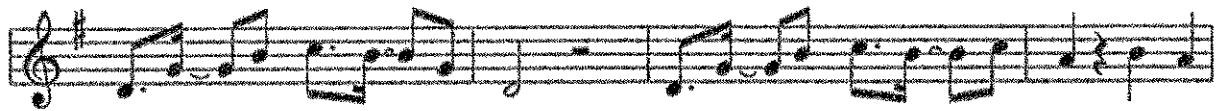
Closing Song

SEND US OUT

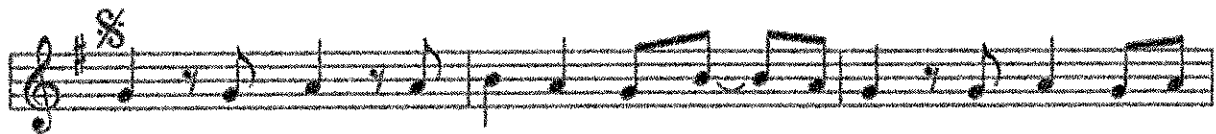
James Hersch



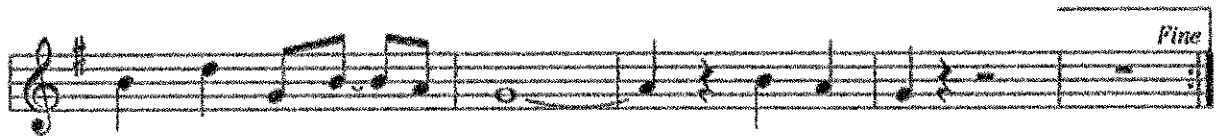
We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.
We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears with - in.



Now let the Word be re - stored. Now let the Gos - pel be heard. Send us
Stand and de - clare by the name free - dom from all of our sin.



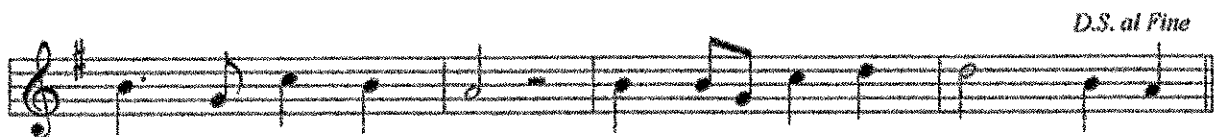
out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev - 'ry



sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.



Teach what God has done. Reach ev - 'ry sin - gle one.



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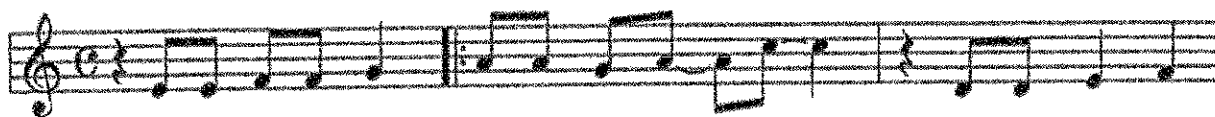
Dismissal

Heaven has come near.
Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

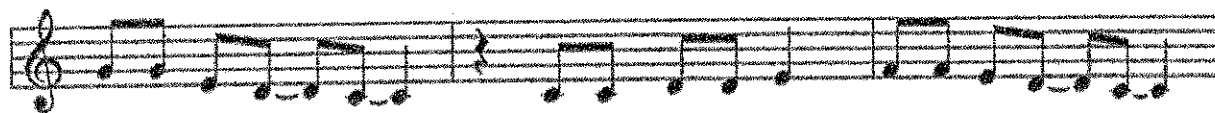
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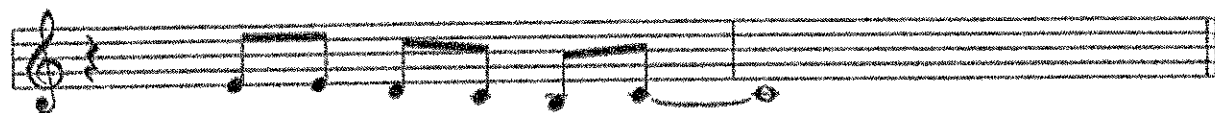
Everybody's Got Something to Offer



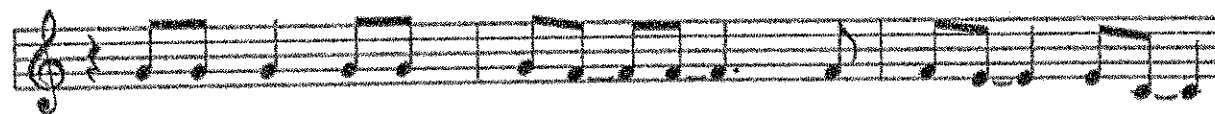
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prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer



in the name of the Lord.



To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is



clear: we have all got a gift to give our hands,
true: we have all got a gift to give in all



our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got
we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Vicar:	Emily Anderson
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Jerry Sindt
Deacons:	Justin Georg and Susan Endrulat
Greeters:	Craig & Krystal Peterson
Acolytes:	Layla Peterson and Kaleb VanHouten
Sound & Video:	Kyle and Kreighton Krager
Coffee Hour:	Deb & Thad Bagenstos Diane Droegmiller

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, June 28 ~ Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship <i>Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship</i>
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

SUNDAY, July 5

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
11:00 AM	Private FH / Kitchen Rental

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