

Polka Mass

In memory of Bill Erat

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

10:30 AM

with the Heidelberg Brass Band

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Helena Polka

arr. Louis Vitak

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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 as 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen. OR**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Come Now and Worship

(Tune: Rosamunde)



1. Come now and wor - ship, _____ come now and
2. We bring our gifts, _____ gifts of our -
3. We're here to praise you, _____ praise you for



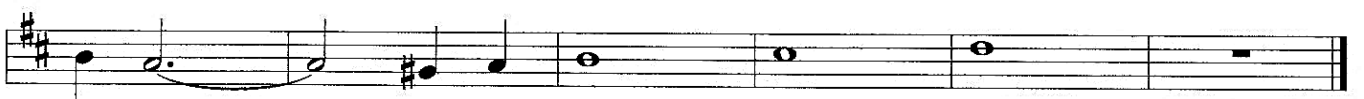
wor - ship the Lord. _____ Come now and wor - ship, _____
selves and our lives. _____ Fears, now sins, and wor - ship, _____
this brand new day. _____ You're here to join us, _____



join as we sing and a - dore. _____ Ga - ther to - ge - ther; _____
all that can cause us such strife. _____ This ce - le - bra - tion _____
teach us and show us your way. _____ Mold - us and shape us, _____



_____ give Him the praise that is due. _____ Hear us as we come to
_____ draws us all clo - ser to you. _____ Hear us as we come to
_____ help us to be more like you. _____ Hear us as we come to



wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you
wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you.
wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you.

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

(Tune: *Liechtensteiner Polka*)

Yes!

This is a great day to give glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!

Glo - ry to God! Yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

God! Glo - ry to God, my Lord! For when we see the won-drous

good-ness of his grace and love and peace, oh let us thank and praise him dai - ly for it

all so joy-ful - ly! Oh, yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

⊕ To Coda

God! Glo - ry to God! My Lord. _____

O God, you are so won-der - full! Your bless - ings are so

boun - ti - ful! You gave sal - va - tion thru your Son!

When we were lost and full of sin, your love had set us free! Your love has set us

free! And we are free in - deed! Lord!

D.S. al Coda

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

20 But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
 who try the heart and the mind,
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 47

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Tune: Red Raven Polka

1. Come, clap your hands!
 2. Lord has ascend - ed,
 3. God rules the na - tions,

Shout to God with joy! For our Lord is
 and the blessed sound - of his king - dom! We praise God, the be -

awe - some, and is ru - ler ov - er all!
 Fa - ther, who reigns from on high!
 fore him, bow be - fore his feet.

We come be - fore him, shout - ting songs of
 Our no - ble King, reigns; let the earth be
 Let's join to - geth - er in love and u - ni -

cheer. As we come to - geth - er,
 glad. Let us come to - geth - er,
 ty. Spread his love and mer - cy,

our and Lord joins us here. 2. The
 to praise his ho - ly name.
 ev - 'ry one - ly we meet.

THE SECOND READING

James 3:13-18, 4:1-3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

(Tune: *Im Himmel Gibt's Kein Bier*)

Al - le - lu - ia Al -
le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Vicar Daniel Marrone

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Teach Us How to Love

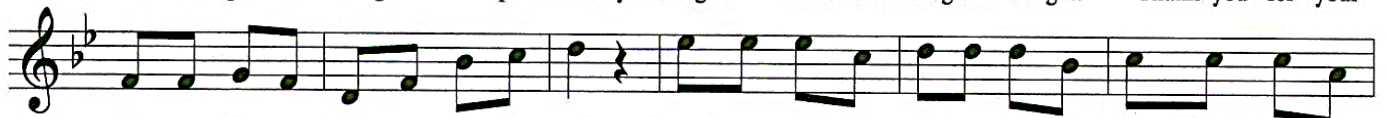
Tune: Baruska - Bohemian Polka



1. Our Fa - ther up in hea - ven,
2. Je - sus Christ our Lord and Sa - vior,
3. God of love, O Ho - ly Spi - rit,



hear us as we pray. Take our sins a - way; help us live each day. Thank you for the
you came down to us. Died up - on the cross to re - deem our loss. Teach us how to
full of power and might. Keep us in your sight. Teach us wrong from right. Thank you for your



gifts you give us. You care for our needs. When you sent your Son to save us, you showed us you
love each oth - er as you love us all. Help us fol - low your ex - am - ple, car - ing for each
love and gra - ces, make us pure and strong. Be our hope and con - so - la - tion. Guide our wea - ry



loved us true. Hear us as we sing your prais - es; help us live our lives for you. Lord,
oth - ers needs. Show - ing that we all are bro - thers by our ve - ry words and deeds.
steps to thee. Through your gui - dance we all hope to live with you e - ter - nal - ly!



teach us how to love as we fol - low in your way. Oh, — Lord, teach us how to love



as we fol - low in your way.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel or sit for the prayers: This week's response is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (*specific ministries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer especially Charmaine Hoff and all those on our prayer list. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace
saying "Peace be with you."*

MEAL _____

In the Green Grove Polka

Andrew Grill

Offertory

(Tune: Aunt Ella's Polka)

1. We bring our gifts to place u - pon your ta - ble. We give our - selves, re -
play, our joys - and our sor - rows. We give our best be -
spond - ing to your call. We give our time, our ta - lentis, and our trea - sures. Please help us use them
cause you call us to. Oh may our hearts be rea - dy for your ser - vice, to share your love with
16 for the sake of all: 2. Our work and
ev - ry one we _____ meet. _____ Make us your own. _____ Help us be one. _____
word _____ and lead us on _____
— In - spire _____ all we do and say ev - er more. In crease our faith. _____ Help us to stand
— to all the peo - ple who need our love and care. We're here to serve _____ at your com - mand.
1. 2.
— for all that's good and right and true. _____ Just say the
— It's what you've called us all to do! _____

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Concludes with....**Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Tune: Blue Skirt Waltz)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea ven and earth are

filled, filled with your glo ry. Ho - san - na in the high

est. Bles - sed is He who comes, comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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 COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Tune: Schneewalzer



Hymns during the distribution...

I Love to Go A'Wandering

(Tune: The Happy Wanderer)



1. I love to
 2. stroll thru
 3. moun - tains
 4. when at



go a' - wan - der - ing, my Sav - ior's hand in mine, a -
 mea - dows green and lush, and splash thru wa - ter falls. The
 tall be - fore us stand; the val - leys stretch be - low. The
 night the sun doth set, there is yet more to see. The



midst the trees and ho - ney bees and flow'rs of ev' - ry kind.
 birds they sing and flap their wings; we hear their va - ried calls.
 grand - eur takes my breath a - way; the Lord God made it so.
 stars, they span - gle o're the sky, who made all this, tis He.



God of pow'r God of might, God of life, God of



glo - ry, God of joy and de - light, He's ev - er



by my side. side.

We
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 And

You Give Us Sunshine

Tune: *You Are My Sunshine*



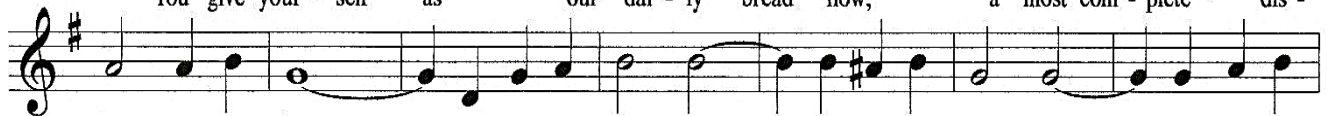
1. The warmth of sum - mer,
ma - ker
bread and



the au - tumn bree - zes, the win - ter frost, the green of spring.
of earth and hea - ven, and stars and pla - nets sing your praise;
you give us wine, Lord, the bless - ed fruit of heav'n a - bove.



The sea - sons' chan - ges de - clare your prai - ses, and we join with
we lift our voi - ces to join the cho - rus as we bless your
You give your - self as our dai - ly bread now; a most com - plete dis -



them as we sing. You give us sun - shine and gen - tle rain, Lord. The snow in
won - der - ful ways. play
of your love.



win - ter, morn - ing dew. All that we have Lord, we have been giv - en,



so we give our lives now to you you.

2. You are the
3. You give us

Let Us Sing

(Tune: *Muss i denn*)



1. Let us sing! Let us sing! Let us sing to Christ, our
2. pray. Let us pray. Let us pray to God a -
3. go. Let us go. Let us go and spread God's



King! Sing to Christ, our King, as we thank him for this day. _____ God is
bove. Pray to God a - bove, as we strive to do His will. _____ He will
love. Go and spread God's love, as He first showed love to us. _____ To both



good! God is kind! God will give us peace of mind. Give us peace of mind, if we fol low
hear ev - 'ry prayer and will ans - wer ev - 'ry care. Ans - wer ev - 'ry care, if we lis - ten
neigh - bors and strang - ers and all who cross our path, all who cross our path, to ful - fill God's



in his way! _____ No-thing we can do can change his grace. His love for us
to Him still. _____ He is stand - ing here with op - en arms. Oh, how won-drous
great com mand. _____ As our hearts are filled to o - ver flow - ing, the love of



will nev-er end! _____ Ev-'ry day, all life long, let us praise his love in song,
is our God! _____ Ev-'ry mo - ment He's rea - dy to lis - ten to our hearts.
Christ will a - bound! _____ We will go and we'll know that with God's e - ter - nal grace,



pass his love a - long, trust - ing God to lead our way. _____ Let us
Lis ten to our hearts, if we take the time to pray. _____ Let us
all may see his face, when we love them in His name. _____

Please stand

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

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

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Baptized in Water

(Tune: *Julida Polka*)



(Musical interlude between verses 2 & 3)

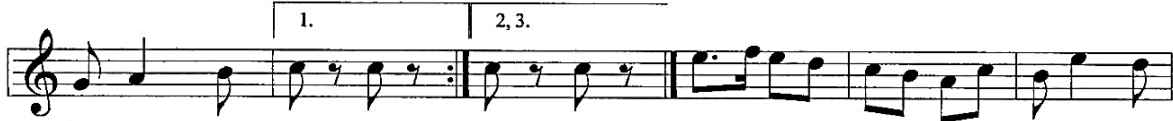
1. Bap-tized in wat - er,
2. Fed at your ta - ble,
3. Bap-tized in wat - er,



you call us child - ren, your grace ex - tend - ed we are for - giv - en.
pre - pared for mis - sion. Your pre - cious blood and bo - dy are giv - en.
we are your chil - dren. Fed at your ta - ble, we are co - mis - sioned.



No long - er lost in sin, you grant us free - dom, to live as sons and daugh - ters
We're strength - ened to serve all peo - ple a - round us! Your feast from hea - ven _____
You send us forth to care for all cre - a - tion, all that you've made and love _____



in your vast king - dom.
tru - ly a _____ stounds us!
in ev - 'ry _____ na tion!



SENDING _____

THE BLESSING

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THE SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, Disciples

(Printed on next page)

THE DISMISSAL

Please be seated for the announcements.

PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

Sending: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Happy-Go-Lucky Polka

Adolph Hofner

Rise Up, Disciples

(Tune: Pennsylvania Polka)



1. Rise up, dis - ci - ples, go tell the good news ____
3. Go now, my chil-dren, there's much to be done, ____



that God the Son is ri - sen. ____ Go out, be joy-ful; the King of the Jews ____
for ma - ny still don't know me. ____ Be bold and tell ev' - ry daugh-ter and son ____



has van-quished death's dark pri-son. ____ He came down from hea-ven; he's now ev' - ry - where ____
the won - drous old, old sto-ry. ____ We know it, we feel it, we can't hold it in; ____



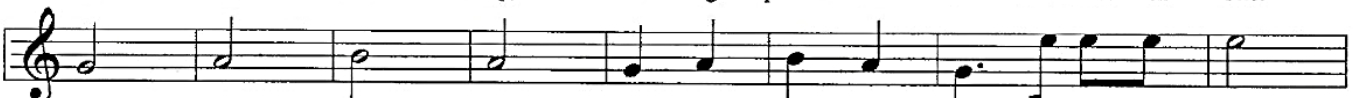
as God the Ho - ly Spi-rit, ____ bring-ing hope to all who hear it, and as for
God's love is so e - nor-mous, ____ mov-ing us to raise the cho-rus: Re-joice ye



death, we no long - er fear it.
all for He so a - dores us!



2. As we wor - ship, we sing prais - es to the Three in One.



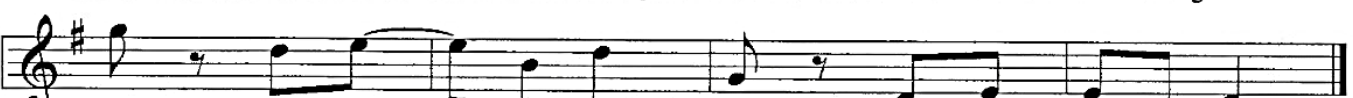
We give thanks to God a - bove for send - ing us His son.



We're so joy - ful, filled with joy be - cause He set us free. Be -



lieve in what you hear; He un - did the nails and spear. He died, He rose and He will come a - gain.



D.S. al Fine