



The Second Sunday After Pentecost



***Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Child Development Center and Pre-School
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WHAT WE NEED

Matthew 9:9-13 + 18-26

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CALL upon Me in
the day of **TROUBLE**
I will **DELIVER** you.
Psalm 50:15



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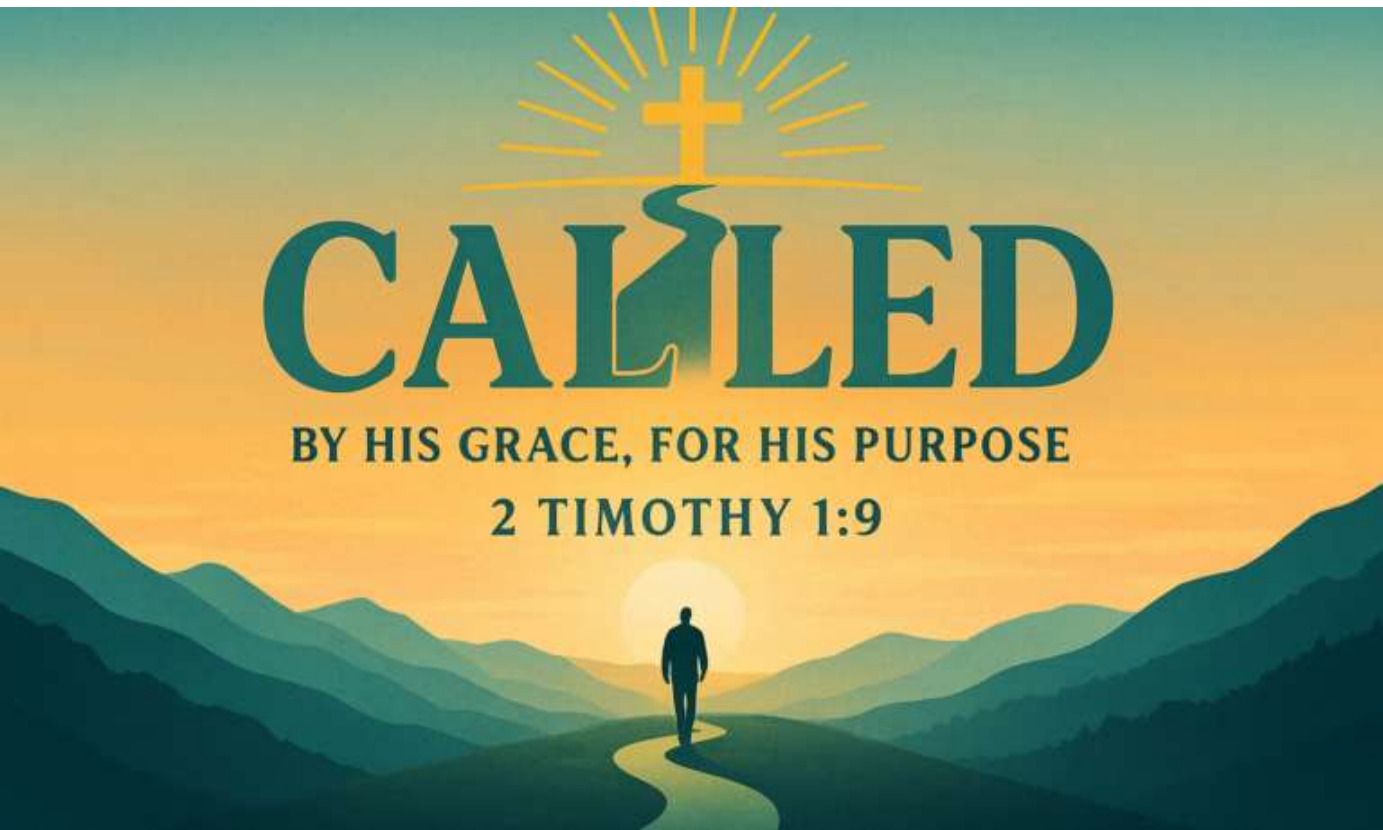
WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

ALTAR *flowers*



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Logan and Debbie Brinkmeyer's 57th wedding anniversary by their children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter



CALLED
BY HIS GRACE, FOR HIS PURPOSE
2 TIMOTHY 1:9

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Mark Your Calendar!

2026 Annual TX District Gathering, July 24-25

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, Texas



PRAY FOR:

THE PASHTUN

Oh Holy Spirit, we pray for the Pashtun people of Afghanistan and Pakistan. May their unity be found in the Prince of Peace.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity.”

Psalm 133:1

 PRAYER LEAGUE

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INTRODUCTION

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman.

As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**1 Take my hands and let
them move
at the impulse of thy love;**

Hymn # 583

**take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**2 Take my silver and my
gold,
not a mite would I withhold;**

Hymn # 583

**take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt
choose.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**3 Take my voice and let me
sing
always, only, for my King;**

Hymn # 583

**take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from
thee.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

Final **Take my will and make it
thine;
it shall be no longer mine;**

Hymn # 583

**take my heart, it is thine
own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the lord*

Lord, have mercy.

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
A-men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain
whose blood set us free
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and
strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory
are his***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

***Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all
creation:***

***Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

***For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

7 “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always
before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

**¹⁰ for all the wild animals of the forest are
mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

**¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all
that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.”

¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” ¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,
²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment.

²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S
SERMON

Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



Hymn of the Day

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

Hymn # 971

From ASC Supplement

**1 Come and seek the ways of
Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was
new.**

Hymn # 971

**Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.**

Hymn # 971

**2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.**

**Hear the Word made flesh
among us,
full of glory, truth , and grace.**

Hymn # 971

**When the word takes root and
ripens,
peace and righteousness
embrace.**

Hymn # 971

**Final Sister Wisdom, come, assist
us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close
companion, bring to light our
sacred worth.**

Hymn # 971

**Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and Earth.**

Hymn # 971

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

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.**

Congregation may be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, all you have made is yours.
Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise
stewards of all you have given us to tend.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, you provide for those in need.
Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they
mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need and we
remember our friends and family members before
you.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries Joel & Lea in Bangladesh, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Morris, Minnesota.

We also celebrate and lift before you the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church in Priddy, Texas and their pastor, Mark Schimmel. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you
And also with You*

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

***It is right to give our thanks
and praise***

It is indeed right, our duty and our
joy...

...we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line
and at the altar rail.*

Lamb of God Pg. 174

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Here I Am, Lord”

Hymn # 574

**¹ I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

Hymn # 574

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness
bright.**

**Who will bear my light to
them?**

Whom shall I send?

Hymn # 574

[Refrain]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Hymn # 574

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's
pain.**

**I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.**

Hymn # 574

**I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Hymn # 574

[Refrain]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Hymn # 574

**Final I, the Lord of wind and
flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.**

Hymn # 574

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Hymn # 574

[Refrain]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Hymn # 574

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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