

# The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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What is a merciful heart? It is the heart's burning for the sake of the entire creation, for men, for birds, for animals, for demons and for every created thing; and by the recollection and sight of them the eyes of a merciful man pour forth abundant tears. From the strong and vehement mercy which grips his heart and from his great compassion, his heart is humbled and he cannot bear to hear or see any injury or slight sorrow in creation. For this reason, he continually offers up tearful prayer, even for irrational beasts, for the enemies of the truth and for those who harm him, that they be protected and receive mercy. And in like manner he even prays for the family of reptiles because of the great compassion that burns in his heart without measure in the likeness of God.

**–St. Isaac the Syrian, *Homily 81* (7<sup>th</sup> Century)**

In a church history course in my last year at Yale Divinity School, the professor invited a Greek Orthodox priest to give a lecture. He gave a rather dry talk on the development of the Nicene Creed. At the end of the lecture an earnest student asked, "Father Theodore, what can one do when one finds it impossible to affirm certain tenets of the creed?" The priest looked confused. "Well, you just say it. It's not that hard to master. With a little effort, most can quickly learn it by heart." "No, you don't understand," continued the student, "What am I to do when I have difficulty affirming parts of the creed—like the Virgin Birth?" The priest continued to look confused. "You just say it. Particularly when you have difficulty believing it, you just keep saying it. It will come to you eventually." Exasperated, the student, a product of the same church that produced me, and a representative of the 60's, plead, "How can I with integrity affirm a creed I do not believe?" "It's not your creed young man!" said the priest. "It's our creed. Keep saying it for heaven's sake! Eventually, it may come to you. For some, it takes longer than for others. How old are you? Twenty-three? Don't be so hard on yourself. There are lots of things one doesn't know at twenty-three. Eventually it may come to you. Even if it doesn't, don't worry. It's not your creed.

**–Will Willimon, *The Christian Century* (1996)**

## **Welcome to St. Paul!**

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We are glad that you are with us today! If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with Lutheran liturgy. No worries. This bulletin is designed to help guide you through the worship service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable. Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope that the Lord blesses you through our time together!

## **Restrooms, Changing Stations, and Nursing Room**

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Restrooms are located in the lobby (narthex) of the sanctuary. Both the men's and women's rooms have diaper changing tables for the little ones. We also have a nursing room for mothers and babies that is located across the breezeway, straight out of the doors on the east side of the lobby.

## **Children in the Liturgy**

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We pray that all children would know that God made them, He loves them, and He goes with them everywhere. We are glad to have little ones with us in the service. We know that they sometimes can squirm, squawk, and squeal. Please don't feel embarrassed by it! All kids are always welcome here at St. Paul. We encourage you to help them follow along and engage with them in the action of the liturgy – observe the movement of the procession, hear the music, sing the songs, smell the fire of the candles, respond with a loud *Amen*, make the sign of the cross, touch the water in the baptismal font, and wonder at the images and symbols that are all around. What Jesus does here is sure to engage us all.

## **A Note on Holy Communion**

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In this service we celebrate a sacred ritual of the Christian Church called the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. In this rite we recall the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. In this blessed meal we have our eyes opened and we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Though our faith is grounded in history, this liturgy is not merely a nostalgic looking back at the past – it is a celebration and a deep recognition that in this meal our Lord Jesus Christ is truly and really present with us in the bread and the wine. We cling to the hope of resurrection that will be ours when all things will be fully redeemed and restored in Him. All baptized Christians who have a sincere sorrow for their sin and see in this holy mystery the true body and blood of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

## **Service Notes for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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This morning's Scripture passages speak of the extraordinary intimacy we are invited into with God through prayer. Abraham relied on his friendship with God to bargain with the Lord in an astonishing way in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul urges us to reject false teaching and instead turn to Jesus, in whom the fullness of deity dwells bodily. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus himself teaches us to pray to the Father, trusting Him for all things. We are reminded of the contrast between God and man – we humans often respond to calls for help grudgingly and reluctantly. We sometimes even turn away. But God, our Father, in His constant goodness and love always delights in us as His children.

## **Greeting and Welcome**

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The congregation stands and faces the back of the sanctuary. We begin with a procession with the cross leading the way, representing our life in Christ-our journey from death to life. Some bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of salvation.

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### **How Great Thou Art (801)**

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**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

## Invocation

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En el nombre del Padre, y del ✠ Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

**All Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

**All But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros**

*Silence is Kept*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Day

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The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Let us pray:

**All Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Scripture Readings

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### Genesis 18:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup> that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.” <sup>22</sup> The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” <sup>26</sup> The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup> Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, <sup>28</sup> what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.” <sup>29</sup> Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup> Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup> Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup> Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup> When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Colossians 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also

circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 11:1-13**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he won't get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. <sup>9</sup> So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for [a fish](#), will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection ☩ of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## Kid Sermon

### Crown Him with Many Crowns (525)

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Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of Love, Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But down-ward bends their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

## Sermon

# Prayer of the Church

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After the pastor says Lord in Your Mercy, all respond with **Hear our Prayer.**

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**Thanksgiving to God for His loving kindness that endures forever.  
For blessing in our outreach; CDC; LINC, Presa Community Center.  
Pastors Philip, Roy, Naresh, Christoph, Matt and all church planters.  
For peace, for the well-being of the Church, and for the unity of all.  
For U.S. Leaders: President Joe, Governor Greg, Mayor Ron.  
Church Leaders; LCMS President Matt, District President Mike.  
For those in Military: Jarred, Alissa, Mark, Tom, Thomas, Ricky, Julian.  
For the strength and divine energy to turn toward our enemies in love.**

*For Comfort, Health, and Recovery:*

**The people of Ukraine**

**For all who travel**

**Yvonne Rogers**

**Alva-Alicia Cardenas**

**Ronnie Westphal**

**Virginia Luna**

**Tillie Cropper**

**Alex Rivera**

**Roy Wessel**

**Jo Ann Mallow**

**David Schneider** (Father of Kristen Boerger diagnosed with cancer)

**Cindy Pieniazek** (daughter of Gail Schuetze with Multiple Sclerosis)

**Delia Flores**

**Sandra Fernandez**

**Vicky Dean** (sister of Melissa Hild)

**Yesenia** (daughter of Anna Marquez)

**Diane Beasley**

**Teresa Medellin** (neighbor of Alicia Guerrero)

**Rosa Figueroa** (friend of Alva-Alicia)

**Mildred Westphal**

**Daniel Stubbs**

**Robert Farris** (brother-in-law of Susan Pennington)

**Albert Pedroza** (neighbor of Thomas Robledo)

**Norma Ann** (sister of Patricia Perez)

**Rev. Bill Johnson**

**Beatrice** (sister of America Alderete)

**Cayley** (granddaughter of Robert and Linda Chetwood)

**Everett and Keith Mason**

**Austin Hernden**

**Robin Beasley Jr**

## **Padre Nuestro**

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**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo  
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre  
Vénganos tu reino, Señor. Hágase tu santa voluntad  
En la tierra como en el Cielo se hace tu santa voluntad.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo  
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre  
Danos hoy, danoslo Señor, nuestro pan, el pan de cada día.  
Y perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo  
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre  
No nos dejes caer en tentación, antes bien líbranos del mal.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación, líbranos del mal.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo  
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre**

## **The Offering**

### **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (805)**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Service of the Sacrament

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The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with us, unfolds for us His word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the unending sabbath of the Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosana in the highest, sing hosana to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**All Amen!**

### The Consecration

## **The Acclamation and The Invitation**

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As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

La paz del Señor sea con ustedes.

**All Y también contigo**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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Please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying 'Peace be with you' as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## **The Lamb of God**

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**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.**

**Distribution**

**Eucharistic Dismissal**

## **Thank The Lord**

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**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.**

**Let everyone who seeks the Lord, Rejoice, and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

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**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives (461)**

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**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!**

# Serving Today @ St. Paul

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<b>Music</b>	Jim Wollmann, Judy Foerster, Ronnie Biediger	
<b>Duty Elders</b>	George Fernandez, Rick Garza, Paul Mallow	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Zachary Robledo	
<b>Lector</b>	Eva Garcia	
<b>Liturgist/Cantor</b>	Rev. Carlos Boerger	(carlosb@stpaulsa.org)
<b>Preacher/Celebrant</b>	Rev. Dave Murillo	(davem@stpaulsa.org)
<b>CDC Director</b>	Deborah Stephenson	(deborahs@stpaulsa.org)
<b>Deaconess</b>	Claire Jackson	

## Announcements

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### **Bible Study Opportunities This Week**

We have ongoing online zoom classes throughout the week – all are invited!

**(Meeting ID #2105327341 No Password required)**

Tuesday @ 6:30 (Pastor Dave – Study on the book of Exodus)

Thursday @ 6:30 (Pastor Dave – Study on the book of Acts)

### **Summer Sunday School Pause**

For the months of July and August we are pausing children's Sunday school, with a plan to resume September 4<sup>th</sup>. As we look ahead to restarting in the Fall, we are looking for Sunday School helpers/teachers. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Pastor Dave or Deaconess Claire. Huge thanks to Lindsey and Stephanie for helping teach the children over the past several months. We appreciate their service, care, and dedication to the children!

### **Thanksgiving for New Roof**

Huge shoutout and thanks to the church planning council for its leadership and efforts in helping to make the new sanctuary roof a reality! And a huge thanks to everyone, the entire congregation of St. Paul for the support that enabled the work to be done!

### **Laundry Love School Supply Drive**

As a way to help our Laundry Love families get ready for school, we will be having a supply drive and backpack blessing at our August 3<sup>rd</sup> Laundry Love event. From now until then we are collecting new backpacks and school supplies to give away to school aged children. Donations can be left in the narthex (lobby) or be dropped off at the church office. For more information, please see Deaconess Claire or Joyce Bauer.

