

# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

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*Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.*

***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
In-Person Worship Service  
July 25, 2021***

## ***Instrumental Prelude: “Children of the Heavenly Father and Baptized and Set Free”***

*Setting by Anne Krentz Organ*

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### ***Welcome and Announcements***

### ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.  
We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.  
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you.  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

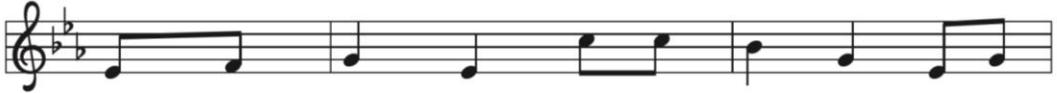
P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God’s  
mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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*Greeting & Call to Worship:*

P: 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.**

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray. Gracious God,

**C: you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

***First Reading:*** 2 Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

<sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"

<sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 145:10-18

R: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**C: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,**

R: to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and  
your dominion endures throughout all  
generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and gracious in all his deeds.**

R: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**C: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

R: You open your hand satisfying desire of every living thing.

**C: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

R: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

*Second Reading:* Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Proclamation:***



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel Reading:*** John 6:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.   **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *Children's Sermon*

*Sermon:* Pastor Kristy Buyok

## Hymn of the Day: "Baptized and Set Free"



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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## Holy Baptism

### Presentation

*The candidates for baptism and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

S: I present Chris Hockenberry, Hannah Graham and Paris Graham for baptism.

P: Chris and Hannah, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Candidates respond:* I do.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you also desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister continues:*

P: As you come to receive the gift of baptism for you and for your child, you are entrusted with responsibilities for you and for Paris:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Do you intend to live into these promises, and do you promise to help this child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do with God's help and guidance.

A: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Chris, Hannah and Paris in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* We will, with God's help and guidance.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Chris and Hannah and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### *Profession of Faith*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### *Thanksgiving at the Font*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### *Baptism*

Christopher Lee Hockenberry, I now baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hannah Rose Marie Graham, I now baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Paris Marie Faith Graham, I now baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*After the candidates are baptized, the congregation responds:*

**C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life**

### *Anointing*

P: Chris, Hannah, Paris, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and sharing God's love with all the world.**

P: Sustain Chris, Hannah and Paris with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### *Welcome*

P: Let us welcome Chris, Hannah and Paris as children of God and as new members of our St. Paul Family.

R: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.*

P: Let's show a sign of welcome to our new brother and sisters in Christ.

**Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me"



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## *The Prayers*

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those experiencing difficulty in their workplace, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. We pray especially for Keith, Doug, Linda, Hannah, Jen, Pearl, Denny, Barb, Frankie, Stephanie, Carol, Sophie, Suzanne, Loretta, and our St. Paul families: Doyle, Lynn, Nancy, Denny, and DG, for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for Chris, Hannah, Paris and all the newly baptized throughout your church. May your loving Spirit continue to bless them and keep them in close relationship with you and with their new family of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## *Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(As an act of loving your neighbor, there will be no physical contact during the sharing of the peace. You may verbally share the peace with your neighbor at this time from your pew.)*

**Offering:** Thank you to everyone who continues to support our ministries. You may place your offering in the plate located in the center aisle at the back of the sanctuary. You may also sign up for automatic giving or make an offering by clicking the donate button on our website: [www.stplcsmithville.org](http://www.stplcsmithville.org)

**Offertory:** "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**Offertory Prayer**

**L:** Let us pray.

**C: Jesus, Bread of life,**  
**you have set this table with your very self,**  
**and called us to the feast of plenty.**  
**Gather what has been sown among us,**  
**and strengthen us in this meal.**  
**Make us to be what we receive here,**  
**your body for the life of the world.**  
**Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution*

P: ... with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: 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.**

## *Invitation to Communion*

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

*You may commune from your seats .*

## ***Holy Communion***

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)*

**At this time, we invite you to remove your wafer from your pre-sealed communion set.**

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.

*(You may eat your wafer)*

A: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

*(You may drink the wine from your cup)*

***C: Thanks be to God!***

## ***Post Communion Blessing***

**Communion Hymn: "The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing"**



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light. Come and rev - el in



heav - en's love and light. Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin, the feast is read - y to be - gin.

## *Benediction*

### *Dismissal (with enthusiasm)*

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### *Processional Sending Hymn: "Baptized in Water"*



- 1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
- 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
- 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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***Instrumental Postlude: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"***  
(Linstead)

*Jamaican Folk Tune adapted by Doreen Potter; Setting by John Carter  
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***Your Prayers Are Requested For:***

***Keith, Doug Fisher, Linda, Hannah, Jen, Pearl Bassinger, Denny  
Peterman, Frankie, Carol Svegel, Stephanie, Suzanne Short, Sophie,  
Joe, Loretta, Barb.***

*St. Paul Families:*

***Doyle Moomaw, Lynn Moomaw, Nancy Percy, Denny and DG  
Peterman***

***Thank you to those serving this morning***

Pastor Kristy Buyok

Pianist/Organist: Sandy Smith

Cantor: Lesley Mast

Assisting Minister: Sheridan Schauer

Lector: Pam Root

Ushers/Greeters: Jerry & Kathy Meitzler

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of  
Delores & (Alan) Ivan's mother*

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If you are unable to access via the internet,

DVD copies are available for delivery to your home.

Please contact Pastor Kristy: (803) 673-1727.

This service is available to anyone who wishes to participate and is not limited to St. Paul members.

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School is out, but it's time to think about People to People's Back to School Project. This year, it takes place July 19-28 at the People to People Facility. You can help by sponsoring a child for \$35.00 or you can "shop" with a child, or restock shelves.



If you want to donate \$35.00 per child, make a check out to PTPM (People to People Ministries) and put BTS (Back To School) in the memo area.

If you want to shop or restock call 330-262-1662 for a list of times available.

Week after week, for the past MANY months, Pastor's family has faithfully prepared and cleaned up from the parking lot service, plus much more. It is now time to give them a break from this duty and create a schedule of helpers. We are organizing **set-up and take-down** teams for the 8:30 parking lot service. Set-Up begins at 7:30am and Take-Down is approximately 9:20am. If you are willing to serve in any way, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex, OR contact **Sandy Smith** at **330-760-2108** OR contact **Jen** in the church office at **330-669-2111**.

**The toy department at People to People is working to get toys ready for the Christmas project. They are in need of magic erasers (the ones with soap) and cleaning solution. Thanks!**

**OTHER WORSHIP HELPERS:** Kathy Meitzler is collecting names of those willing to assist with our 10:30 worship. A monthly schedule for Readers, Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, and Greeters/Ushers is then created! Maybe you are quietly thinking “I can do that” but haven’t yet jumped in! You are encouraged to share your gifts! All are welcome! – Contact **Kathy Meitzler at 330-287-1725.**



**FLOWERS** – If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship services, you may sign up in the narthex or call **Jen** in the church office at **330-669-2111**. For those who are new to St. Paul, include your name and any other information, such as a special anniversary or birthday, if you desire.

You may place your payment of **\$30.00** in with the offerings. A local florist provides the arrangement and then the flowers are yours to take following the 10:30 service.

There will be **NO BELL REHEARSALS** on July 28. The bell quartet will rehearse again on August 4, with a new schedule of anthems to follow. We have had so much fun this summer with small ensembles, and we invite any interested new ringers to join us! We look forward to making more music as we enter the fall season. Stay tuned!! For more information, contact Sandy Smith (330-760-2108 call or text).



Interested in making quilts for **Lutheran World Relief**? No experience necessary! We will teach you how to tie the knots! However, if you do like to sew, we have pre-cut squares available to be sewn into quilt tops! Contact Sandy Smith if you are interested (330-760-2108) The quilters will

meet again on **Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30pm** to assemble the quilts and tie them. We have many to complete before October, so come and join the fun!

August Dates for Quilting: **Saturday, August 7 @ 9:00am, Tuesday, August 17 @6:30pm and Tuesday, August 31 @ 6:30pm.**

Schedule	Serving July 25th	Schedule	Serving August 1st
Lay Reader	Pam Root	Lay Reader	Karen Marks
Assisting Minister	Sheridan Schauer	Assisting Minister	Aleena Mast
Greeters/ Ushers	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	Greeters/ Ushers	Dave & Barb Miller

### Congratulations and Welcome!

Today we welcome Chris Hockenberry, Hannah Graham, and Paris Graham who will be baptized at the In-Person Service this morning and will join us as members at St. Paul!

A cupcake reception will follow the 10:00 am service.