

“Landmark of the Gospel Since 1834”

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Purpose: Led by the Word of God, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family who lives and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ through love and service to all.

October 13, 2024

10:30 AM

Pentecost 21

After the ringing of the bell ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Mary Anne Weibel, Organist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV #783

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And its righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

**2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**3 We do not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!**

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

Blessed Assurance

WOV #699 vs. 1&3

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

- ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
- ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
- ¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
- ¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM 90:12-17

Read responsively

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- ¹²So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore

approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL VERSE

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:17-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

LBW #415, vs. 1-3

**1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow’r;
crown your ancient Church’s story,
bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all
And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.
A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Teach us to live in such a way that all the world is fed. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. We plead for an end to war. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*especially*). Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done to them. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
Amen.

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.

BLESSING

God all mighty,
 God most merciful
 † bless you, keep you,
 and give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

LBW #383, vs. 1-2 & 4-5

**1 Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
 With nobler zeal might burn.**

**2 Speak out, O saints of God!
 Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 As heirs of God's baptismal grace,
 His word of hope proclaim.**

**4 Give heed, O saints of God!
 Creation cries in pain;
 Stretch forth your hand of healing now,
 With love the weak sustain.**

**5 Commit your hearts to seek
 The paths which Christ has trod
 And quickened by the Spirit's power,
 Rise up, O saints of God!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ through love and service to all.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45