

St. Paul Lutheran Church

“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday’s at 10:15 A.M.

Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you

through the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION. . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

Our Church Staff

Pastor: Reverend Rashion “Woody” Santiago
Parish Administrator: Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline
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Worship Service

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Announcements

Prelude

***Greeting**

God calls us to worship,

And we come,

Some with laughter and songs of joy. God calls us to worship,

And we come,

Some from a sense of obligations or habit. God calls us to worship,

And we come,

Some with hearts heavy with grief. God calls us to worship,

And we come,

Some with distraction or exhaustion. God calls us to worship,

And we come,

Some with eagerness and enthusiasm. God calls us to worship,

And we come,

Some with stress, loneliness, or depression. As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope

Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope.

***Confession**

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we refused to forgive other.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

*Absolution

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with one another.

Please stay in your pew area and show a sign of peace and greeting with one another.

*Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

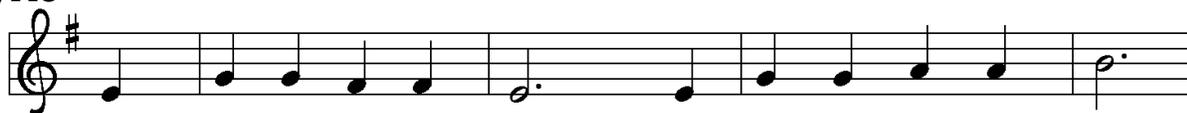


fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***Prayer of the Day (Lector)**

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel. (Lector)

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest

in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

“The gospel of the Lord.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended

into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Lector)

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

At this time, you are welcomed to offer your prayer concerns and joys, either aloud or silently. *Pause.*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

*The 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 him thanks and praise.

*Proper Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.

Here is food! Here is drink!

These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:

God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven,

O God, we thank you and rejoice.

This food—we shall eat it in your honor!

This drink—we shall drink it in your honor!

We thank you for giving us life.

We thank you!

We thank you for giving us freedom.

We thank you!

We thank you for bringing us peace.

We thank you!

We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

We thank you!

We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

We thank you!

Father, send the Spirit of life,

the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, our brother,

life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

***Words of Institution**

On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.

The body of Christ! Amen

Then he shared drink with them, saying:

All of you, take this, drink this;

it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant

that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people

so that sins may be taken away.

Do this and remember me.

The blood of Christ!

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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 the Table

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Hymn During Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

*Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776
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*Choral Benediction



May the Lord _____ walk be - side us _____ as we

6
leave _____ this qui - et place, _____ for the Lord _____ will al - ways

12
guide us _____ if we walk in the light of His grace. _____

17
_____ May we feel God's love a - round us _____ as it

22
keeps us faith - ful and strong, _____ for the peace _____

27
_____ of God sur rounds us, _____ and now we must pass it

32
on. _____ Go now and pass it on. _____

*Charge to the People

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Postlude

"The worship ends. . .the service begins."

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Prayer Requests

Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

The family of Sharen Ace; Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; the Below family at the passing of Wynne Below; Diane Berner; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of John DeVivo at his passing; Sue Felker; Jamie Fisher & family in the loss of her son Elijah Johnson; Paul Frantz; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Susie Herzberg; Harrison Herzberg; Matt Herzberg; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Dawne Ladeas; Joeann Lance; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; the family of Suzanne Neumann at her passing; Steve Oberman; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gloria Russell and family at the passing of Jack Russell; Claudette Segear; Vaughn Sensinger; Phyllis Sensinger; Phyllis Sherwood and family at the passing of her husband Brian; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; the family of Alan K. Strand at his passing; Kamia Taylor; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Alice Weaver; Harry Weaver; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; Carolyn Zacharias; Charles Zuccarelli; Fran Zuccarelli; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.



Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's

Strunk Food Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. **Items of particular need are: boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned potatoes, and canned meats like tuna, chicken, beef and other protein sources.** *Our*

Food Pantry remains open, although it is functioning as a curb-side service.

Inside Out Church – Wednesday at 6:30pm dinner included!

Join us each Wednesday evening for a delicious meal full of fellowship and then an in-depth discussion of a scripture passage led by Pastor Woody. The discussion reveals a deeper understanding of the scriptures and how it can guide us through our lives and grow our spiritual being.

God's Work. Our Hands.

We will be doing two projects in September for "God's Work. Our Hands." The first project benefits the Foster Children in KidsPeace. We will be collecting new and used luggage, suitcases, duffle bags, etc. Many of these children, when they leave the KidsPeace hospital or residential care programs to go into foster care, they have to use garbage bags to carry their things. This program provides an alternative, letting them know that their possessions, and by extension, they are not garbage. St John's Church in Stroudsburg has been asked to join us in this project.

The second project benefits PATH. We will be collecting needed cleaning products. Products such as paper towels, garbage bags, dish soap, Brillo pads, disinfectant wipes spray cleaners, and toilet bowl cleaner. Think of what you use to clean your home. There is a complete list of items on the handouts on the round table in the narthex. Please bring your donations to the Narthex area. All donations will be taken to PATH at one time.

Emergency Response Team

We are looking for volunteers to join the Emergency Response Team. Do you keep a cool head in an emergency? Do you have planning skills? Emergency Response training in your background? Knowledge of best practices and procedures in emergency situations? Contact Pastor or the office to share your knowledge in service to the Lord.

Walter & Mary Alice Strunk Food Pantry

Our food pantry provides the following items on a regular basis: Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, macaroni & cheese, canned spaghetti, soups, boxed potatoes, beans (kidney, etc), canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, mixed), canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned fruit. At this time, we are in particular need of pasta rice and boxed potatoes.

Christ's Café This Wednesday (September 21st)

Bakers wanted! Desserts are our most popular item! Helpers should arrive around 2:00 pm as available, set up for 2:30 pm, and all available help for clean up is welcomed!

Trunk or Treat! October 30th 3:00 – 5:30pm

Decorate your car/trunk for Halloween, bring your candy to hand out, costumes optional. Join us in welcoming the children of the community for "Trunk or Treat" at St Paul! Sign up at the office.