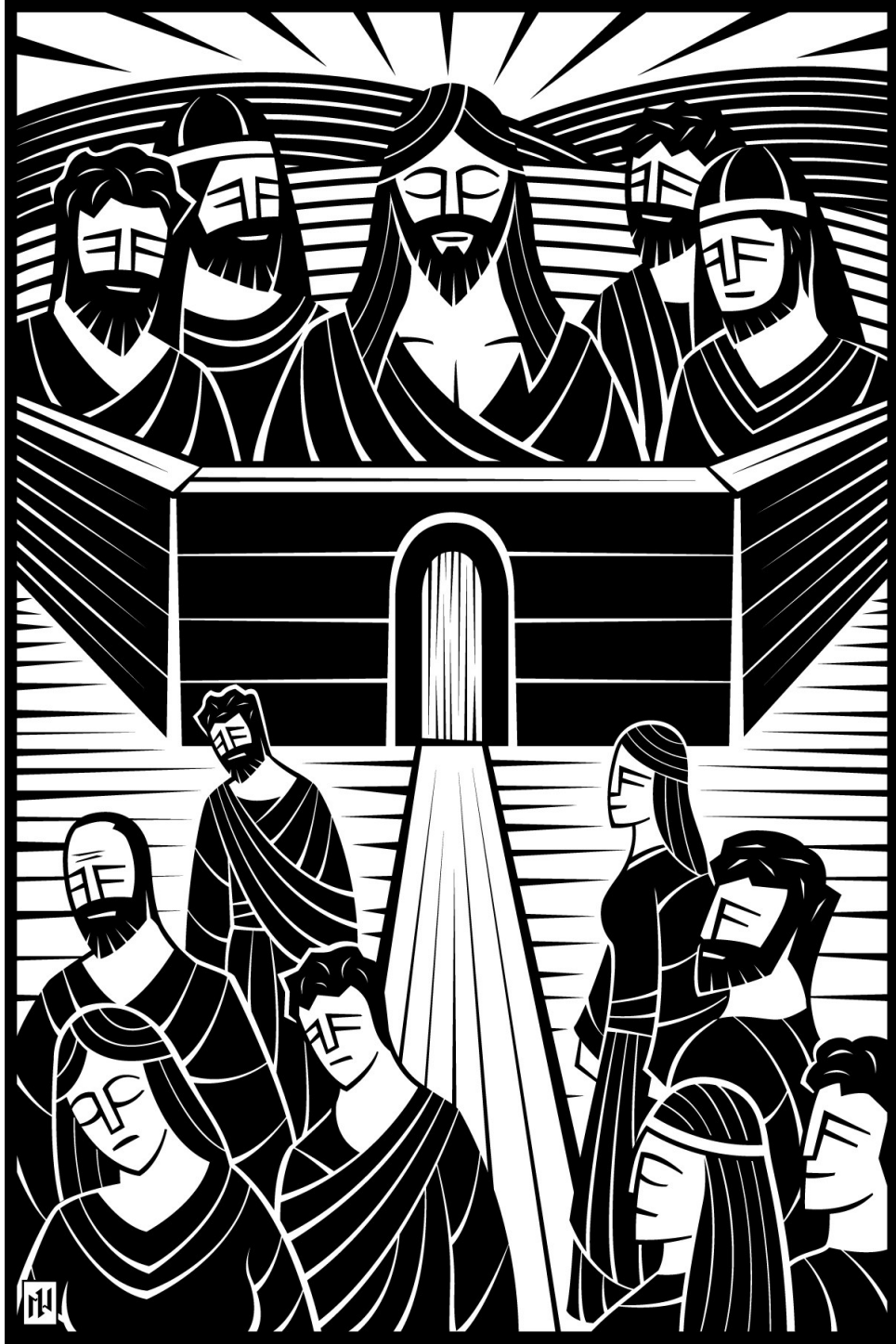




St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost — August 21, 2022





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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

- **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.
- **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main entrance doors.
- **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
- **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.
- **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

THE FIRST WILL BE LAST; THE LAST WILL BE FIRST

When it comes to the difficult and uncomfortable topic of who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, it is natural to want to avoid the issue. One way we do that is to direct our attention to theoretical questions. "What is heaven like?" "How old will we be there?" Today, someone asks Jesus, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?" Jesus brushes these questions aside. Instead, he answers the question we should be asking. Rather than talking about how many will be saved, Jesus explains how to be among the saved. What he teaches today through his Word is a hard truth. The doorway into heaven is narrow. Scripture consistently teaches that those individuals who are certain they will be first through that door are more likely to be last, if they make it through at all. Instead, the one who believes he is the last one God should let into his kingdom and that his only chance of getting in is through the grace of Christ will enter first.

Vision

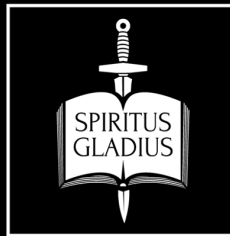
Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

Mission

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

Core Values

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.



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The Bible translation used in today's service is NIV 11.

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—Service Setting Two—

The full liturgy can be found on page ### of the hymnal.

Hymn 621

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing;
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise the everlasting King! | Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven |
| 2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless,
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness! | 3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely yet his mercy flows! |
| | 4 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
all who dwell in time and space,
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise with us the God of grace! |

Invocation *Call to Worship*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen

Confession of sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Declaration of Grace *through Christ*

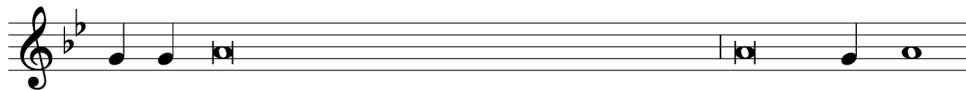
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Kyrie *Lord Have Mercy*



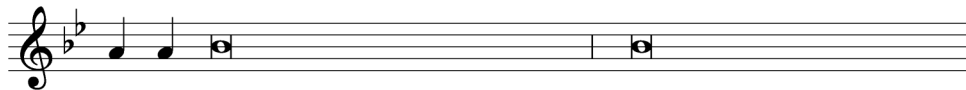
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

First Reading *Isaiah 66:18–24*

The LORD teaches that not only will those who seemed far from his kingdom be among the first to enter eternal glory, but some of those who seemed to be part of his kingdom will be shut out.

¹⁸“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the Lord. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the Lord in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the Lord.

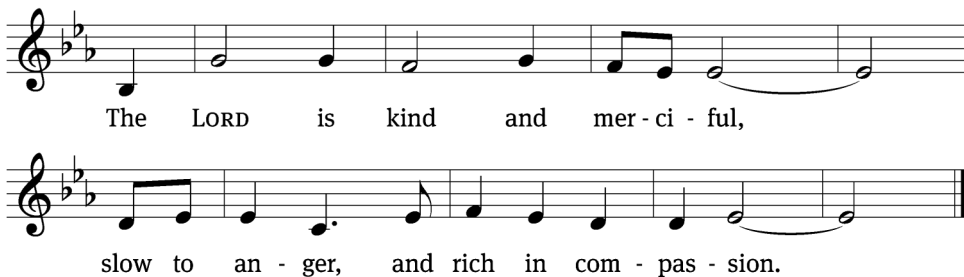
²²“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the Lord, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the Lord. ²⁴“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103 *please join in with the refrains and the bolded phrases*

Refrain



The LORD is kind and mer-ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Tone



Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain***

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:18–24*

Being first in God's eyes has nothing to do with keeping the Law God gave to Moses and everything to do with the gracious work of the mediator of the new covenant.

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 12:32*

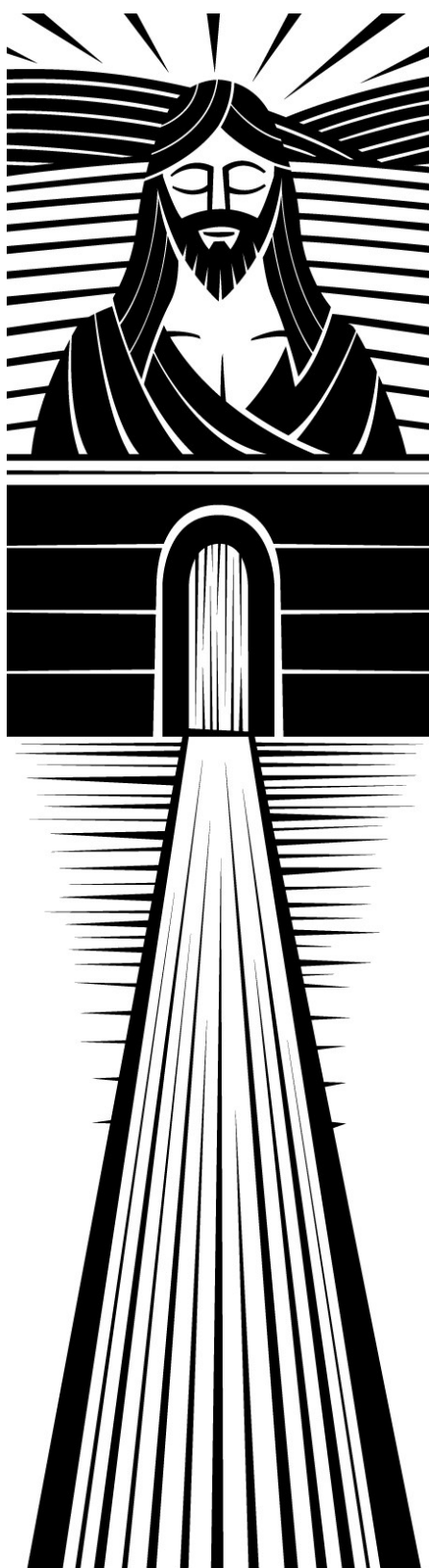
The congregation should join in with the alleluias, Pastor will sing the verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People will come from east and west and north and south,

and will take their places at the feast in the king - dom of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel Reading *Luke 13:22-30*

Jesus assures us we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.

²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to
 2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can re-
 3 Seek him a-lone who did a-tone, who did your
 4 My heart's de-light, my crown most bright, O Christ, you



your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,
 deem an - oth - er. All help - ers failed; this man pre - vailed,
 souls de - liv - er. O seek him first, all you who thirst
 are for - ev - er. Not wealth or pride or for - tune's tide



he is the one foun - da - tion. His Word is
 the God - man, Christ our broth - er. This Ser - vant -
 for grace that fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry
 our bond of love shall sev - er. You are my



sure, his works en - dure; he o - ver - throws all
 Lord our life re - stored; we're jus - ti - fied, for
 need seek him in - deed; to ev - 'ry heart he
 Lord; your pre - cious Word shall light my way each



e - vil foes; through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, the guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part his bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 daunt - ing day. O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

Sermon *Luke 13:22-30*

Confession of Faith *Nicene Creed*

The Nicene Creed was written around A.D. 325 in defense of the true Christian faith. .

The Nicene Creed can be found on page 162 of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts,
and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth
throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word
and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

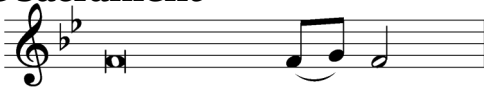
Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.

The Sacrament



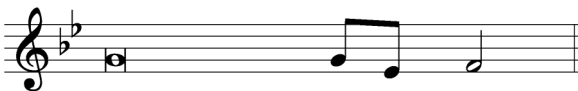
The Lord be with you.



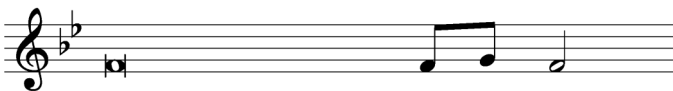
And al - so with you.



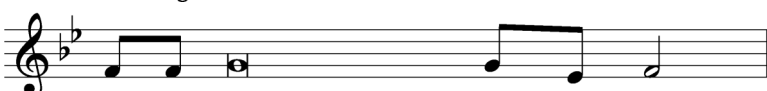
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *the prayer our Savior taught us*

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *music for this song is on page 169 of the hymnal*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.



Our Practice of Close Communion

Based on the words of Scripture, we believe that partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the highest forms of fellowship we have this side of heaven—both with our Risen Savior and with our fellow believers. By partaking in the sacrament, we confess that we believe what this congregation teaches and confesses. Because we don't want to put anyone in the uncomfortable position of having to state their full agreement with us before we've had an opportunity to explain it to them, we respectfully ask that only those who are communicant members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would like further explanation of our practice, Pastor Rothfuss would be more than willing to explain after the worship service.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymn 798

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1
I lay my sins on Jesus,
the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all and frees us
from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most pre-
cious
till not a spot remains.

2
I lay my wants on Jesus,
all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases,
my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases,
he all my sorrows shares.

2
I rest my soul on Jesus,
this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces,
I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes
his name abroad is poured.

2
I long to be like Jesus,
meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
the Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus
amid the heav'nly throng,
to sing with saints his praises,
to learn the angels' song.

Hymn 670

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

1 I come, O Savior, to your table,
for weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able
to satisfy and make me whole.

Refrain

Ref Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

2 O grant that I in manner worthy
may eat and drink and be restored,
and, dwelling on your boundless mercy,
look only unto you, O Lord.

Refrain

3 I should not be your sheep, dear Savior;
I stray in sin's accursed terrain.
And yet you pardon my behavior;
my faithful Shepherd you remain.

Refrain

4 O let me loathe all sin forever
as death and poison to my soul,
that I through willful sinning never
may see your judgment take its toll!

Refrain

5 Your holy heart has one obsession,
one blessed thing it burns to do—
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
so I, a sinner, come to you.

Refrain

6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
by all this weight of sin oppressed!
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
and feed me as your grateful guest.

Refrain

7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces
a heart of deep humility
that mourns its sin and yet embraces
the merit you have earned for me.

Refrain

8 By faith I call your holy table
the testament of your deep love,
for by your gift I now am able
to know the heart of God above.

Refrain

9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
to angels joy, to hell confounding,
and life for me in death's dark hour.

Refrain

10 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally.

Refrain

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing *the Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn 607

Ten Thousand Reasons

Ref Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
 it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
 Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
 ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
 the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending—
 ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for joining us this morning!

Welcome, we are glad you joined us this morning! After the service, relax and enjoy some snacks. After a while we will gather in the worship area again for a 19 minute Bible Study. This will be the last 19 Minute Bible Study of the summer, so don't miss it!

Help Needed: *take a look at the sign up sheets by Pastor's office*

There is a lot going on here so help us be organized and coordinate our efforts. Take a look at the sheets by Pastor's office. There are lots of service opportunities.

Snack and Communion Clean Up Rotation

If you would like to be put on the rotation of those who bring snacks and clean up the Communion vessels, please let Angie know or put your name of the sheet by Pastor's office. Being in this rotation means you will be scheduled to help every few months.

Thank you... Thank you... Thank YOU

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this past week! We had over 30 kids each day to be with friends, to have fun, and to be encouraged by God's Word. Thank you to those who came and gave your time and energy! Thank you to those who donated and brought supplies for us so that we could still have this event! And a huge thank you to those who simply prayed for the event and prayed that the Word works in the hearts of these young ones.

Church Directory: *available now*

The updated church directory with contact information is available by the mailboxes.

Church Magnets

Free magnets of our church logo are available in the upstairs kitchenette.

Vision Committee Meeting

The Vision Committee meeting was pushed back until October. If you want to make sure you can attend, please let Austin know so that he can pick a day that works for you. We want your thoughts and your opinions!



Baby Bottle Coin Collection: *return by September 4th*

Don't forget, the Sisters in Christ group is collecting spare change to help support a ministry that is a home and a resource for single mothers. Find out more or help by grabbing one of the empty baby bottles. When the bottles are full or you are done collecting, please bring the bottles back and place them in the upstairs kitchen area.



Angel Packet Volunteers Needed: *talk to Dave Schley for more info*

Did you know, each week we create special worship folders and deliver them to some of our shut ins? If you would be willing to occasionally deliver these worship materials, please talk with Dave Schley.

Tadych Marketplace Receipts: *Fund Raiser for Sisters in Christ*

Have you shopped at the grocery store in town recently? If you turn in those receipts it helps Sisters in Christ raise funds. How simple is that! Just drop those receipts in the box by the mini-fridge (upstairs kitchenette).

Ushers next week

Todd T

Aaron W

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

August 24 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon

August 28 *Sunday*

Worship @9am

August 31 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon

September 4 *Sunday*

Worship @9am

September 7 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon

September 11 *Sunday*

Worship @9am

Sunday School @10:15am

Bible Study @10:30am

August 13 *Tuesday*

Sisters in Christ Ice Cream Social @6:30pm

September 14 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon

Elders Meeting @6:15pm

September 18 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon

~THE LORD WILING~

Big Events

Open Office Hours
Wednesdays

Sunday School
Begins
September 11

<p>Sunday, August 14th Attendance: 83 Offered: \$3,672.00 General Fund: \$3,337.50</p> <p><i>Estimated Weekly Need: \$3,500 Based on the yearly budget and general fund support given year to date</i></p>	<p><i>Snacks this week</i> Lizzie B Jeannie S</p> <p><i>Ushers this week</i> Todd T Aaron W Greg M Dustin L</p>	<p><i>Snacks next week</i></p> <p><i>Ushers next week</i> Bob P Martin M James M</p>	<p><i>Communion Help:</i> August: Tom G</p> <p><i>Communion Clean Up</i> Lizzie B 8/21 Jeannie S 8/21 Crystal R 9/4 Joan M 9/4</p>
<p>Shut In Visitors August: Dave & Jeannie S</p>			