



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

The 16th Sunday After Pentecost — September 25, 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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*Last week we learned the hard truth that while money can help make life easier in some ways, it cannot bring true happiness and fulfillment. This week we see that as much as money lets us down in life, its ultimate failure to deliver on its promises happens in death. Those who live with hearts filled with love for money and void of love for God will receive the only eternity that money can buy: one void of God and filled with pain. Though we might be fooled into thinking money helps in life, it will certainly fail us in death. Conversely, that which seems to offer little help in life will never fail us in death. The best example of this is the gospel. Those who hear and heed the Scriptures often appear to receive little benefit in life. Living by God's Word doesn't make life easier. In fact, faithfully following Christ often means a more challenging life, one filled with crosses and self-denial. Great wealth gains you the admiration and respect of the world. Being true to Scripture is more likely to gain you scorn and ridicule. Yet those who find the help they need in God rather than in money will never be disappointed. In death they will receive a reward that dwarfs even the best things money can buy.*

#### Vision

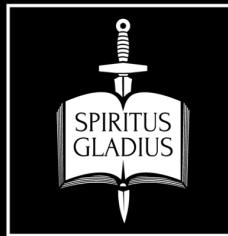
Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

#### 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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# —Morning Prayer—

The full liturgy can be found on page 207 of the hymnal.

## Hymn 631

## Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten  
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,  
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life  
let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my  
that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er  
Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who  
light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my  
praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

## **Invocation** *Call to Worship*

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

Group: **Amen**

## **Confession and Absolution** *based on Psalm 143*

Come, let us humbly approach our God, to whom all hearts are open  
and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,  
and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.**

**Do not bring your servant into judgment,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

**Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.**

**Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you.**

**Show me the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.**

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

*—silence for meditation—*

**Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I, a troubled and repentant sinner,  
confess that I have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, my words, and my actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart.**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me  
and am deeply sorry for them.**

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.

Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**Amen**

## **Prayer and Praise** *page 207 of the hymnal*



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



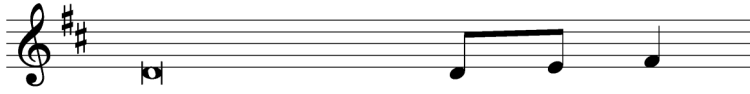
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



**O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.**



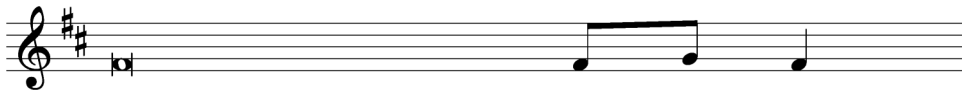
*Pentecost* The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:



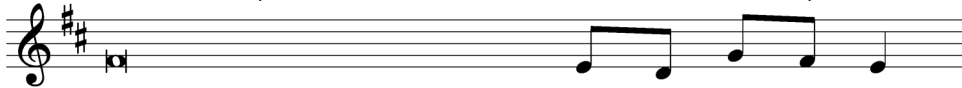
**praise and thanks to God!**

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

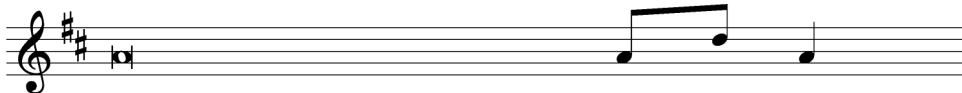
*the music for this liturgy song can be found on page 208*



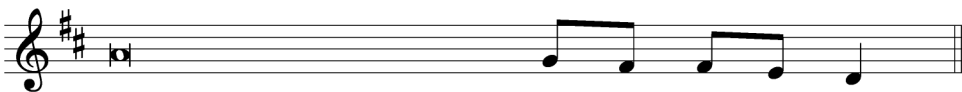
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a great God  
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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** *Amos 6:1-7*

*At the time of Amos, the Israelites enjoyed peace and prosperity,  
but spiritually they were drifting away from the LORD.*

*The prophet warns not to let prosperity provide a false sense of security.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,  
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
you notable men of the foremost nation,  
to whom the people of Israel come!

<sup>2</sup>Go to Kalneh and look at it;  
go from there to great Hamath,  
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.  
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?  
Is their land larger than yours?

<sup>3</sup>You put off the day of disaster  
and bring near a reign of terror.

<sup>4</sup>You lie on beds adorned with ivory  
and lounge on your couches.  
You dine on choice lambs  
and fattened calves.

<sup>5</sup>You strum away on your harps like David  
and improvise on musical instruments.

<sup>6</sup>You drink wine by the bowlful  
and use the finest lotions,  
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;  
your feasting and lounging will end.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146 sung responsively

### Refrain



The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

### Tone



I will praise the LORD / all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God / as long as I live.  
**Do not put your trust in / princes,**  
**in human beings, who / cannot save.**  
Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,  
whose hope is in the / LORD their God.

### Refrain

He upholds the cause of / the oppressed  
and gives food to the / hungry.  
**The LORD sets / pris'ners free,**  
**the LORD gives sight / to the blind.**  
The LORD reigns for-/ ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the LORD.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be-/ ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

### Refrain

## **Second Reading** *Hebrews 13:1-6*

*Because the Lord is our helper in both life and death,  
in all aspects of life we strive to live for him.*

<sup>1</sup>Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup>Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup>Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup>So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 16:31*

Alleluia.

If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets,  
they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Alleluia.



## **Gospel Reading** *Luke 16:19–31*

*Jesus tells us a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God.*

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup>and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup>“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

<sup>25</sup>“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup>“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup>“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup>“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

<sup>31</sup>“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **Confession of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed*

*The Apostles’ Creed is a brief statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles.*

*This creed was created to teach and unite Christians in the truth of God’s Word.*

*The Apostles’ Creed can be found on page 197 of the hymnal.*

# Hymn 817

## Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,  
 3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.  
 soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.  
 bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
 Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -  
 and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
 fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.  
 safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can  
 Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my  
 And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
 soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
 joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

# THE TIME IS NOW

Te Deum Laudamus *hymn 952*

Praise to You, Eternal Father



1 Praise to you, e - ter - nal Fa - ther! All the earth pro -  
2 Praise to you the proph - ets ren - der, no - ble mar - tyrs  
3 Praise to you, O Christ our broth - er, glo - rious Son of  
4 Praise to you, ex - alt - ed Sav - ior, soon to judge with



claims your hon - or; great, O God, is your ac - claim!  
sing your splen - dor, blest a - pos - tles swell the song,  
God the Fa - ther—scorn - ing not the vir - gin's womb,  
wrath or fa - vor; help your ser - vants, Lord, we pray:



Ev - 'ry an - gel voice is ring - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
while your Church from ev - 'ry na - tion rais - es praise and  
you were cursed for all your crea - tures, o - p'ning heav'n to  
by your blood they stand for - giv - en; make them shine as



ho - ly!" sing - ing to the glo - ry of your name.  
ad - o - ra - tion which to you a - lone be - long.  
all be - liev - ers by your cross and emp - ty tomb.  
saints in heav - en, with a glo - ry bright as day.

## 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.*

## Prayer of the Church *Setting Three*

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning,  
and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters  
and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

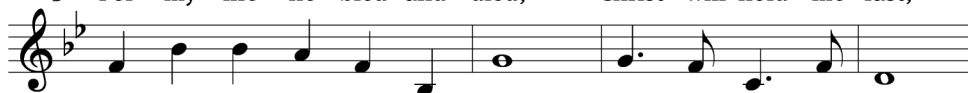
**Hear us for Jesus' sake.**

**Amen.**

# Hymn 813 He Will Hold Me Fast



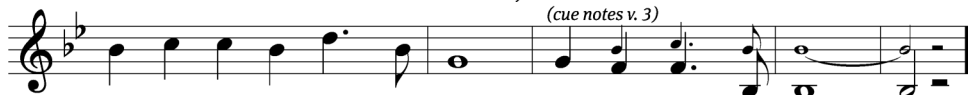
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)

## Refrain



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie Eleison*



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

### Thanksgiving

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
you have brought us safely to this new day.

Defend us with your mighty power,  
and grant that this day we neither fall into sin  
nor run into any kind of danger;  
and in all we do direct us to what is right in your sight,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen**



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

### Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**A - men.**

# Hymn 718

## Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road



1 Though thought-less thou - sands choose the road that leads the  
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, from him my  
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all, to him I  
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear; soon shall I  
5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet, soon walk through



soul a - way from God, this hap - pi - ness, dear  
life, my all, re - ceive, to him de - vote my  
look, on him I call; he will my ev - 'ry  
end my tri - als here, leave sin and sor - row,  
ev - 'ry gold - en street and sing on ev - 'ry



Lord, be mine: to live and die en - tire - ly thine.  
fleet - ing hours, serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.  
need sup - ply in time and through e - ter - ni - ty.  
death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.  
bliss - ful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

**WELS Connection** *a monthly update highlighting some of the work our larger church body is doing to carry out the mission of the church. Our church supports these efforts through our budgeted mission offering.*

