St. Paul Lutheran Church Mission Festival – October 16, 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.

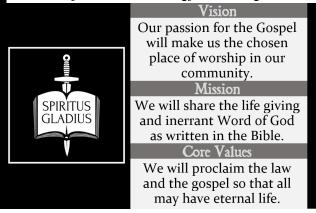
• **Communion**: guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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# **Our Focus Today...**

Today is our Mission Festival which means the focus is on the mission of the Church, to share, spread, and declare what the Lord has done. We have a life-saving message that needs to be shared across the world, across languages, across cultures, across the hallway, and across the street from us. By the work of the Holy Spirit we are to call God's *Elect home, but God's message isn't always* well received. Today, as we hear about sharing the Law and Gospel, be encouraged by the message we have to share. God Himself has made us citizens of Heaven. That won't change. So stand firm as you follow the Lord's mission for you, as you react to God's grace! While being a citizen of Heaven here on earth, there are still crosses to bear. Crosses that are heavy. Crosses that aren't fun. Crosses that go against the current of this world... but we have comfort in Christ. When our cross is to share the Word and it is rejected, mimic the heart of Christ and let it fuel your compassion for the lost and increase our drive to serve this important, meaningful message!



# -Mission Festival—

Assisting Rev Chett with worship this morning is **Seminarian Caleb King**, a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary



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

Pastor: In the name of the Father

Group: whose glory is declared by the heavens,

and of the Son

who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth, And of the Holy Spirit

who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. 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 mercy.

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

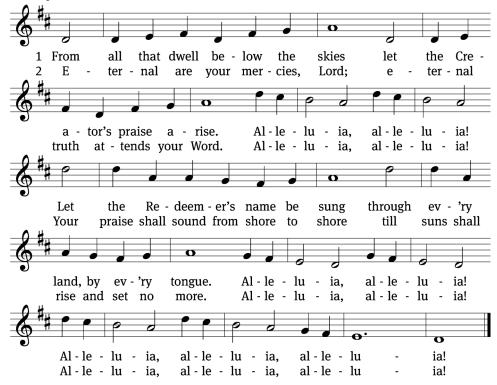
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.** 

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.** 

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen** 

Gloria hymn 605

From All That Dwell below the Skies



# Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of Your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

# First Reading Jeremiah 26:8–15

Jeremiah had a message from the Lord, a message that the people did not want to hear. We have a life-saving message that many do not want to hear. Let us pray for the boldness of Jeremiah, to share the Lord's message to all, even those who reject it.

<sup>8</sup>But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the Lord had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! <sup>9</sup>Why do you prophesy in the Lord's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the Lord and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord's house. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup>Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



Psalm 67	read responsively
Leader:	May Ĝod be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
Group:	so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
All:	May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
Leader:	May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
Group:	for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
All:	May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
Leader:	The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
Group:	May God bless us still,
	so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

#### Second Reading Romans 10:11-17

All have a desperate need to hear about their Savior. Listen as Paul reminds us of the importance of our mission work.

<sup>11</sup>As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

<sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Alleluia.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Alleluia.

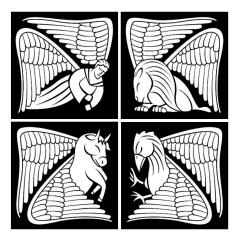
# Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-48

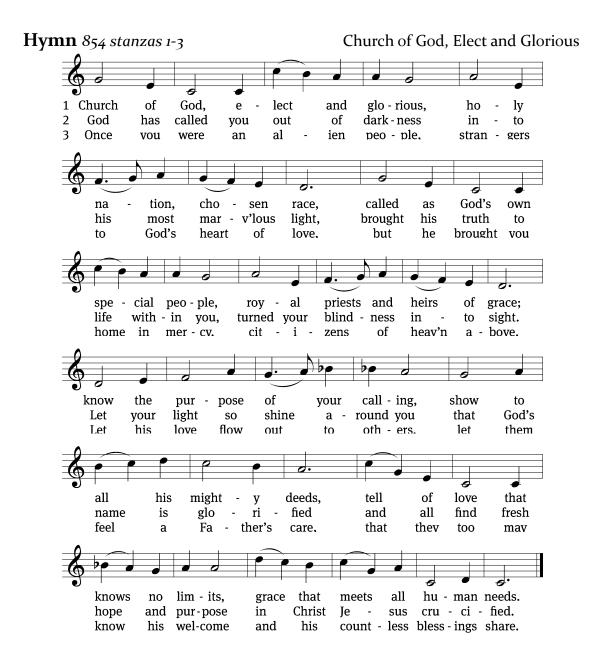
Jesus has revealed who he is to his disciples, helping us to understand that he is the Christ, the Savior of the world. We are his witnesses to tell others this good news!

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

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





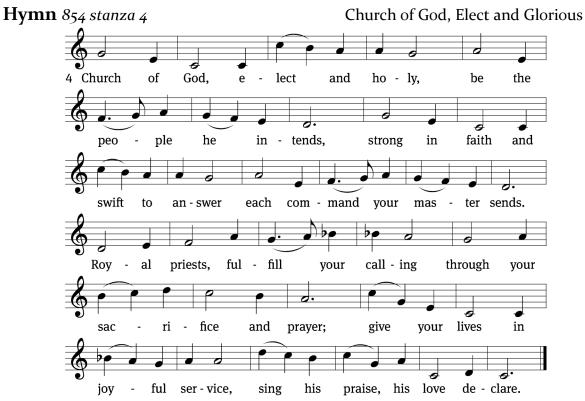
# Sermon Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Sermon Philippians 3:17-4:1





# 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 including Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.

#### May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.

Loving Lord, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given gifts to the Church in the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. According to your will, raise up more workers and send them into harvest fields in our land and around the world. By the power of your gospel, strengthen them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

#### May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

# for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Pour out your wisdom, O Lord, on all who train and prepare those who proclaim the everlasting gospel in their own communities and cultures. Through the power of the Spirit lead them to rely on the authority of your Word and to look for success in the witness of your love. Let them find support in their partners in ministry as we work together around the world.

# May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.

Spare those who serve your people far away from infections and injury. Provide medical facilities to diagnose and treat disease. Give help and comfort to all the sick in every land *[especially...]*. Bring healing and health according to your will. **May the nations be glad and sing for joy.** 

Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that your people may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people; remove governments that oppose the gospel. Bring relief to Christians who are persecuted. **For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.** 

Wherever we go, near or far, move us to share the gospel with eagerness and joy. Give us grace to be models to all so that our brothers and sisters might see our good works and glorify you. Plant in the hearts of your people a deeper desire to share the gospel with their lips and their gifts so that many more may come to know and believe the love of your Son.

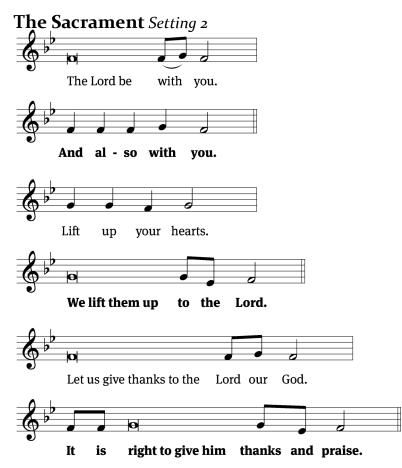
#### The land yields its harvest, and God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us, so that all the ends of the earth will revere him. Amen.

#### Anthem by choir

# 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.



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 in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



# **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

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 

#### Jesus, Lamb of God Setting 2

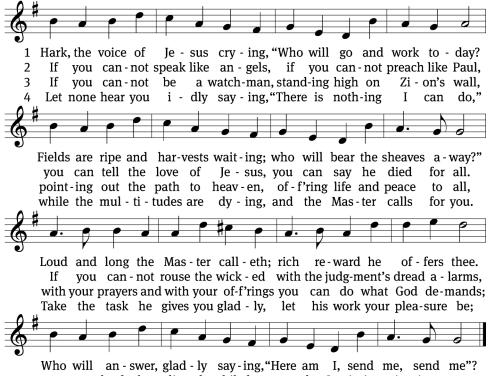


# Distribution of the Sacrament

#### **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.

Hymn 745 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? you can lead the lit - tle chil-dren to the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms. you can be like faith-ful Aar-on, hold-ing up the proph-et's hands. an - swer quick-ly when he call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"



#### Hymn 900 Lift High the Cross Refrain Lift till high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. 6 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol low where cap - tain trod, our 2 All new - born sol diers of the Cru - ci fied 3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev 'rv lan - guage tell 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Refrain Θ our King vic to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. bear on their brows the seal of him who died. of him who saves our souls from death and hell. praise to the Cru - ci fied for vic - to - ry!

# Thanksgiving

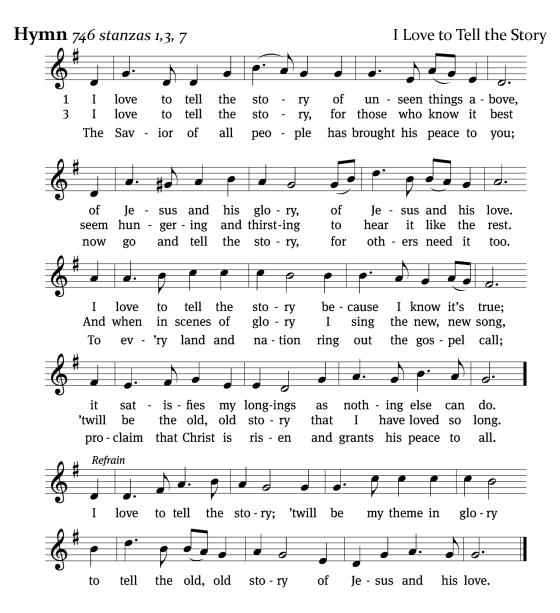
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

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.** 



# Announcements .

#### Thanks for joining us this morning!

Thank you for joining us this morning, it is a pleasure to have you here! After the service today there will be a very special presentation from Seminarian Caleb King. Hear about the experience and opportunities he had to share the Gospel in Linares, Chile by teaching English as a second language. During the presentation you may notice the wonderful smells of a potluck so you'll want to stay afterwards as we share a meal together.

# The Color on the Altar: Red

As our focus today is on sharing the Good News, the color on the altar is red. Red reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit. While we can share the Gospel, it is only by the work of the Holy Spirit that saving faith can grow.

# Thank You Seminarian King!

A HUGE thank you to Seminarian King for coming up here to preach and teach us. We are excited to have you here! Blessings on the rest of your year and for the service the Lord has planned for you!

#### What a Blessing!!!

We were told by the WELS Extension Fund (who we have our mortgage with) that an anonymous donor has graciously offered our church a matching opportunity. The anonymous donor will match your donations for paying off the mortgage from now until the end of the year, up to a total of \$20,000.

# Fall Cleaning: Saturday October 22nd starting at 8am

If you haven't noticed, it is fall. The leaves are changing colors and we are preparing for winter weather. Please come and help how you can on Saturday, October 22nd starting at 8am, as we take care of our church campus.

#### Trunk or Treat Sunday October 30th starting at 4pm

Since the city is having their annual Trick-or-Treat time and since our neighbors will be out and about walking past our church, we want to take advantage of this. If you are interested in either coming and handing out candy in our church parking lot or coming and helping with games, please let us know on the sign up sheet in the narthex. We will need lots of help running the games.

# Book Club Connecting Sinai to Calvary

Starting soon, there will be another opportunity to grow deeper in the Word. Join us as we read through Connecting Sinai to Calvary. This book sheds light on the religion, culture, language, geography, and everyday life of the Old Testament Israelites to help you better appreciate this portion of Scripture. Ultimately, the book demonstrates how God was intimately involved in the daily lives of his people, how he revealed his plan of salvation to them, and why Jesus is really the central figure of the Old Testament.

# Upcoming Events at St. Paul

- October 19 Wednesday Open Office @10am-12 noon Catechism Class @ 5:30pm
- October 22 Saturday Men's Breakfast Bible Study @6am Fall Cleaning starting @8am
- October 23 Sunday Worship Service @9am Sunday School @10:15am Open Forum and Voter's Meeting @10:15am
- October 26 Wednesday Open Office @10am-12 noon Catechism Class @ 5:30pm
- October 30 Sunday Worship Service @9am Sunday School @10:15am Bible Study @10:15am Trunk or Treat Evangelism Effort @4pm

November 2 Wednesday Open Office @10am-12 noon Catechism Class @ 5:30pm



Mission Festival TODAY

**Trunk or Treat** Evangelism Effort October 30th

Daylight Savings November 6th

Sunday, October 9th Attendance: 65 Offered: \$3,817.00	Snacks this week	Snacks next w	eek Communion Help: October: Austin R
General Fund: \$2,962.00 Mortgage Matching Total: \$7,290.00 given so far from our congregation before matching	Ushers this week Bob P Martin M James M	Ushers next we Jon L Trevor L Trent L Teagan L	eek Communion Clean Up Bernice F 10/16 Nancy F 10/16 Dawn G 11/6 Becky H 11/6
Shut In Visitors	October: Schleys	1	November: Angie Boughton

# ~THE LORD WILING~

