



St. Paul Lutheran Church

The 20th Sunday After Pentecost — October 23, 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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FAITH DEMONSTRATED THROUGH TOTAL DEPENDENCE

Last week we heard Jesus ask, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). As we consider Jesus' question, it might be easy to assume that any decrease in faith we observe in the world corresponds with an increase in secularism and disdain for God's Word. That type of unbelief certainly can be observed in our world. However, today we see there is another type of unbelief, a type that looks upright and moral. The absence of the faith Jesus seeks isn't always complete and total rejection of God or the Bible or even Jesus. It is possible for someone to have respect for Scripture and Christ, yet ultimately trust in his own goodness when it comes to his relationship with God. It is natural for us to want to believe that our relationship with God revolves around our obedience to his commands. We desperately desire to believe that, if we just apply the right spiritual advice and effort, we can earn God's approval and eternal inheritance. This, too, is unbelief, just as much as paganism or secularism. This week Jesus uses God's law for its chief purpose: to expose sin and crush our natural pride. In Christ's hands God's law is a powerful tool used to shape in us the faith he seeks—one totally dependent on God to do what only he can do.

Vision

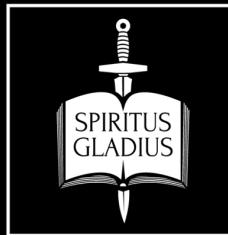
Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

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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—Morning Prayer—

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

Hymn 816

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;
 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,
 5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; you can nev - er fail.
 6 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus; nev - er let me fall.



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
 for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.
 trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.
 ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.
 Words which you your - self shall give me must pre - vail.
 I am trust - ing you for - ev - er and for all.

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—

We pray...

**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,



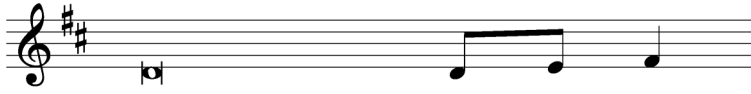
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



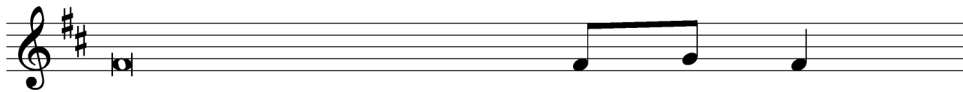
Pentecost The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:



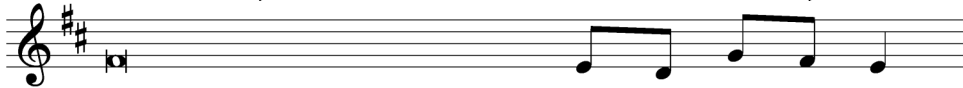
praise and thanks to God!

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

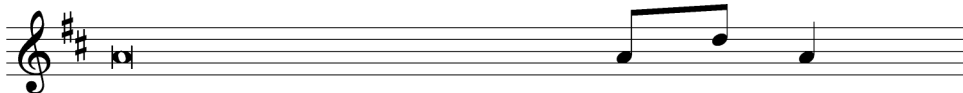
the music for this liturgy song can be found on page 208



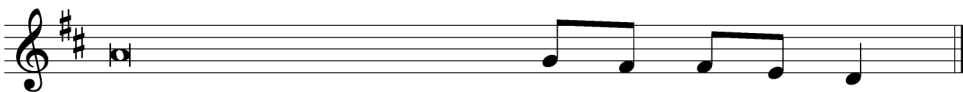
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



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.

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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 *Deuteronomy 10:12-22*

In his farewell address, Moses reminds the Israelites that they always have been and forever will be totally dependent on God's grace.

¹Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 *hymn 820*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
we fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - p'ning day.
still be our guard while trou - bles last and our e - ter - nal home!

Second Reading *1 John 2:15-17*

John encourages us to love and depend on our heavenly Father, not the world.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 22:37*

Alleluia.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading *Luke 18:18–30*

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

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him,

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

²⁸Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”

²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

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 717

What Is the World to Me



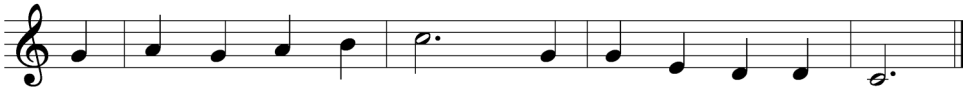
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Sermon *Luke 18:18-30*



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 510

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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 927

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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.*

—WELS Connection this week because next week is Reformation—

WHAT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR MAN IS
POSSIBLE
WITH GOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for joining us this morning!

Welcome, we are glad you joined us this morning! After the service, relax and enjoy some snacks. **Kids** can grab a snack and head downstairs for Sunday School! **Teens and adults**, we will gather back in the worship after a while for our quarterly Open Forum and Voter's Meeting.

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.

Lutheran Leadership Conference: *Registration is Open*

FYI: registration for the next Lutheran Leadership Conference is open. The event will be from January 16-18 in Chicago. Details are at **lutheranleadership.com** This time they have nearly 50 breakout sessions to choose from! Take a look!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

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

November 6 *Sunday*

Worship Service @9am
Sunday School @10:15am
Bible Study @10:15am
Trunk or Treat Evangelism Effort @4pm

November 8 *Tuesday*

Sisters in Christ starting @6pm

November 9 *Wednesday*

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

Big Events

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

Daylight Savings
November 6th

**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service**
November 23rd

~THE LORD WILING~

<p>Sunday, October 16th Attendance: Offered: \$0.00 General Fund: \$0.00</p> <p>Mortgage Matching Total: \$7,290.00 given <i>so far from our congregation before matching</i></p>	<p><i>Snacks this week</i></p> <p>Ushers this week Jon L Trevor L Trent L Teagan L</p>	<p><i>Snacks next week</i></p> <p>Ushers next week Jon L Trevor L Trent L Teagan L</p>	<p>Communion Help: October: Austin R</p> <p>Communion Clean Up Dawn G 11/6 Becky H 11/6 Dawn G 11/20 Becky H 11/20</p>
<p>Shut In Visitors</p>	<p>October: Schleys</p>	<p>November: Angie Boughton</p>	