

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



*The Twenty Third Sunday after
Trinity*

14/15/16 November 2020

Render to God the things of God: When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *“in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice”* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *“is better than jewels”* and *“better than gold, even fine gold”* (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *“end is destruction”* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *“to God the things that are God’s”* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *“riches and honor are with [Him],”* because *“enduring wealth and righteousness”* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *“we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* He *“will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself”* (Phil. 3:20-21).

The Divine Service

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12



I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.**

Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

**Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

**Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.**

**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.**

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



☐ Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



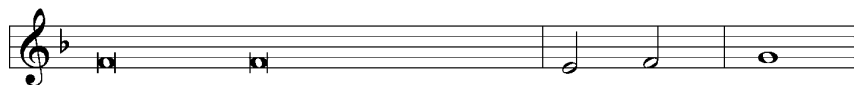
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

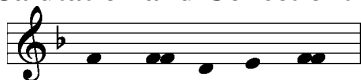


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

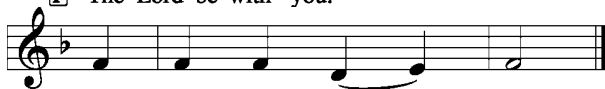


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

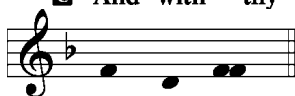
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:11-22

For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 44:7–8

You have saved us | from our foes*
and have put to shame those who | hate us.
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17–21

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Ps. 115:11



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

You who fear the Lord, trust | in the Lord!
He is their help | and their shield. *Alleluias Repeated*

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it

lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode



1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will



earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in
 scorn as - sail us, While You are
 stand se - cure ly; Temp - ta - tion's



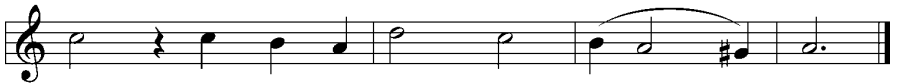
love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us



press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our



hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right



woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

Sermon

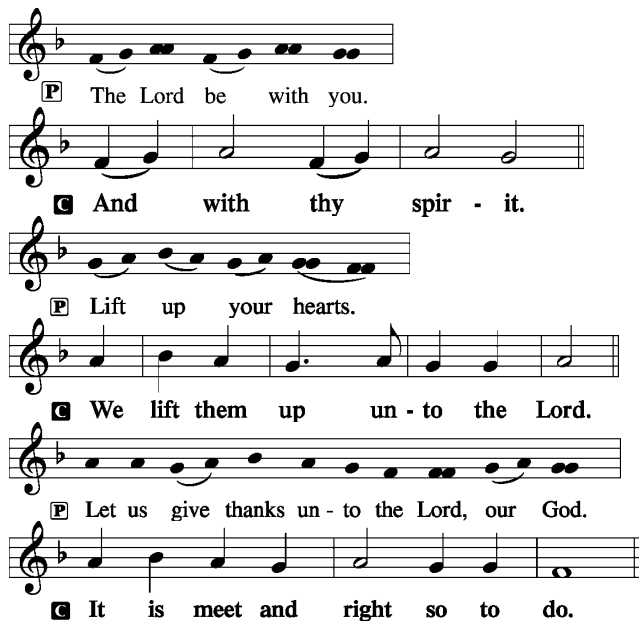
Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly, meet, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



☐ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ


A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

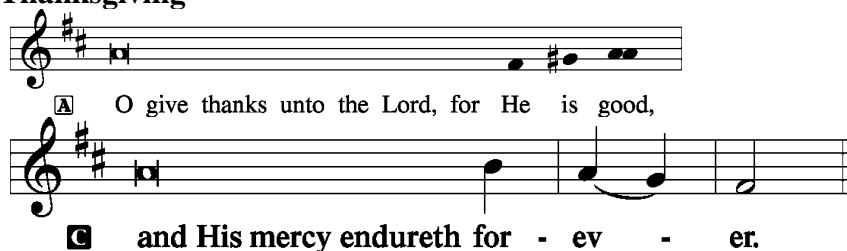
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, My Lord. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



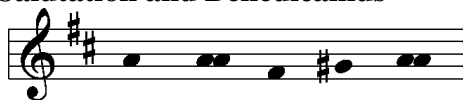
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

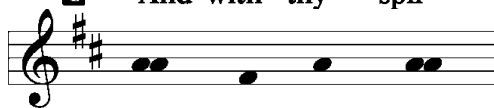
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

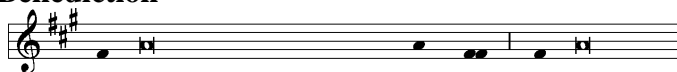


A Bless we the Lord.

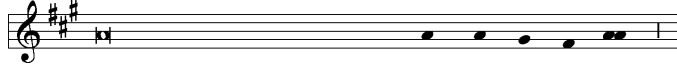


C Thanks be to God.

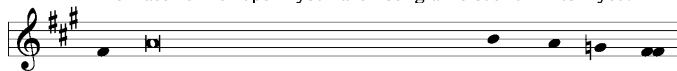
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

The Voters Meeting – is Monday Night at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Advent Service Registration – has started. The forms to signup are on the table in the narthex if you haven't registered online. Services are at 8:20am, 6:00pm and 7:30pm. If able to do so, School Parents are encouraged to attend the 8:20am service with their children. The time you register for will be for all three mid-week services.

Thanksgiving Services – If you plan on attending and still haven't registered, please contact Pastor Ball directly.

Bulletin Printed Early – The bulletin for Advent 1, the weekend of November 27, 28, 29 will be printed on Thursday, November 19. If you would like to have any announcement included with this bulletin, please contact the office by the morning of November 19. Thank You!

Advent Devotional – Pr. Weedon has written an Advent devotional as catechist for The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. These devotionals are available for families for free on the table in the narthex. Pr. Ball commented on the Gottesdienst blog that these devotions “are brief enough so that things don’t fall apart (either as children want to eat or as children melt down in post-dinner clean-up chaos), and at the same time be worthy of being called a devotion to the living God, whereby the souls of His children are fed.”

Bible Class - 2nd Peter – Our Wednesday Evening Bible class is studying 2nd Peter on Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Church or if you'd like to join via Zoom, just let Pastor Ball know.

Lutheran Witness Renewals – are now due. To renew or order a subscription to Lutheran Witness, please place your check for \$18.00 made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church in an envelope marked Lutheran Witness and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Please include your name and address with your check. Orders need to be turned in by November 16. Thank you.

Christmas Cookie Sale – The Ladies Aid, LWML and Board of Christian Life are sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Sale. An assortment of 3 dozen boxed homemade Christmas cookies may be purchased at \$15.00 per box. Cookies will be available for pickup in the church basement after services

the weekend of December 12, 13 & 14. Orders must be received by December 4th (only 50 boxes will be available). To place an order phone or text Serena Ball at (708) 369-8106 or Ann Schmidt at (618) 334-4277. Proceeds from the event will support our missionaries, Pastor Fritsche and Pastor Sharp. Cookies will also be provided to the shut-ins. Supplemental funding for the event received from THRIVENT.

Please Consider Scrip – With the upcoming holidays, please consider using Scrip for some of your purchases. Scrip is a gift card which you can use as cash at the store whose name is on it, or you can give it to someone else to use at that store. You pay no extra for the card, and it redeems at full value. The store where it is redeemed gives our school a percentage of the sale. It is a very good way to make a donation to our school with no extra money out of your pocket. If you don't use the full value of the card with your first purchase, the remainder can be applied to your next purchase. DK's is a local store that honors scrip, so if you are a regular shopper there, please consider using it. We have scrip for many other stores and restaurants too. Please check us out. A list of the cards available is on the table in the narthex for those interested in seeing what is available or would like to place an order. If there is a card that is not listed that you are interested in, please ask Mary – new stores are added by the company as they become available. You can purchase scrip or drop orders off at the Church office during office hours or if you have any questions or special requests contact Mary Klaustermeier at 618-488-7473 or Joanie in the Church office at 618-633-2202. Thanks so much! Our last order being placed before Christmas will be on Monday, December 14. Please note the office will be closed the week of November 23-27 for Thanksgiving Break.

MELHS After Prom – The committee is beginning to raise funds for the 2021 After Prom, with the first fundraiser to be held at MOD Pizza on today, Sunday, November 15, from 10:30am-9:00pm. The school will receive 20 percent back for dine-in, delivery or pick-up orders. Please RSVP here: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/163601>.

Theology for White Collar, Blue Collar & Clerical Collar – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Church Paraments & Vestments; Original Sin; The Passover; The Lord's Supper and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Philippians 3:19 – “**Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.**” There is danger in setting our minds on earthly things, serving mammon, and caring more for our bodily comfort than our spiritual well-being. God does not tell us to be faithful and generous in our stewardship of the things of this earth to ruin our fun. Rather, He tells us to give generously to teach us how to make sure the things of this world do not lay a hold of our hearts.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- For the spread of the Holy Gospel
- For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod
- For our country, that we might be at peace and live in harmony
- For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
- For those who live alone
- For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- For first responders in our communities
- For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19

Healing and Comfort for: DAVID BRYAN, hospitalized at Barnes; **SARAH HANKS**, recovering from hip surgery; **CRYSTAL WAGNER**, recovering from surgery; **BILL HUELSMAN**, Sonya Woods father, positive with COVID-19; **RICKEY MILLER**, Alhambra Care Center; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, spiritual and health issues; **CAROL CASE**, JW’s mother, hospitalized with pneumonia; **CLARA WEHREND**, recovering from broken hip surgery; **STEVE SCHWEIZER**, brother of Julie Johnson, cancer diagnosis; **KEITH QUADE**, son-in-law of Dave DeVries, recovering from COVID and health issues with mold; **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, ulcerative colitis; **NORMAN MICNHEIMER**, Neil’s father, health issues; **TIM DILLON**, grandson of Dave DeVries, severe headaches from falls; **EMILY KIEHL**, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; **SID PRESIDENT TIMOTHY SCHARR**, recovering from surgery; **BARBARALYNN DEVRIES**, niece of Dave DeVries, rehab for leg amputation and health issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, cancer treatments; **KIM TOBIN**, niece of Dave DeVries, drug issues; **TOMIKO JUEDEMANN**, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; **DALE GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, brain cancer; **KAY GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, radiation treatments; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **TINA THORLEY**, former St. Paul member and student, health issues;
STRENGTH FOR ALL PREGNANT MOTHERS