

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

17/18/19 October 2020

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing: The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. *"The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"* (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, *"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"* (Gen. 28:17).

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 - *responsively* * Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a



Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.

The Lord saved him out of all his | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*

incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

things that we have | heard and known,*

that our fathers have | told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the

LORD, | and his might,*

and the wonders that | he has done.

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.

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Kyrie



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

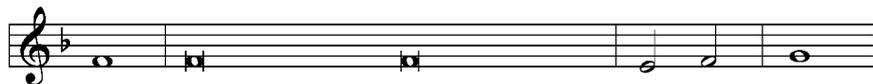


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ 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 Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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

Genesis 28:10–17

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is

none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 141:1–2

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten | to me!*

Give ear to my voice when I | call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore you,*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:22–28

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Ps. 98:1a



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

Sing to the LORD | a new song, *

for he has done | marvelous things! *Alleluias Repeated*

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

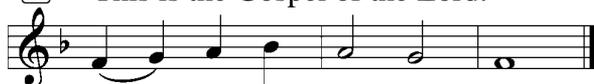


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed.

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic— “Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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.

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
 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.

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

Preface

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

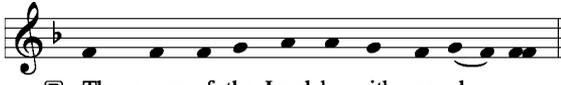
The Words of Our Lord

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



P 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

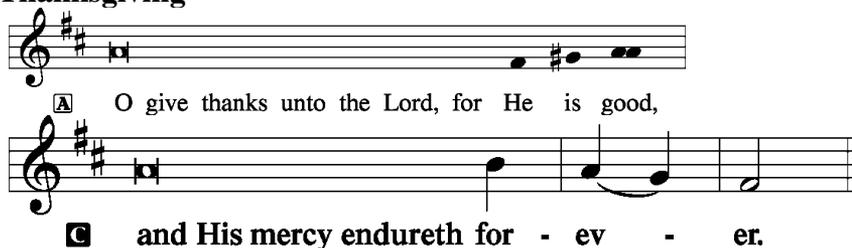
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity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

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.

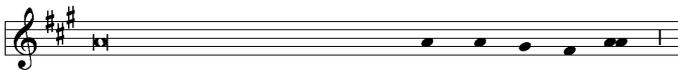


C Thanks be to God.

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Festival of St. James of Jerusalem is Friday – The Divine Service will be at 8:20am. If you would like to attend (and haven't already told Pastor Ball about chapel attendance) send him an email or text.

Thank you – for all of the cards, calls and prayers for me during my surgery and recovery. It was greatly appreciated and means a lot. Thank you also to Pastor Ball for always being there for me. God's blessings. Chloe Hellinger

Sausage Orders – The sausage orders need to be preordered and prepaid by Friday, October 23. The cost of the sausage remains the same as last year - \$3.50 per pound. Orders may be placed by calling the church office @ 618-633-2209, Mary Klaustermeier @ 618-781-7295 or Shirley Lueker @ 618-633-2497. All orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00-11:00am in the school gym.

Attention St. Paul Youth – We will be joining the "Forty days For Life" event, praying for the end of abortion in our country this afternoon. We will be meeting at 1pm at the church basement for preliminary instructions and then heading to the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood facility where we will pray and read through Scriptures from 2-4 pm. After that we will return to the church for pizza and to discuss what we experienced. Please call or text me if you are able to come or if you or your parents have any questions. It would be great to have a large group going to confess how precious a gift from God, life is, before a confused world. Sharon Braasch 618-910-9635.

40 Days For Life – From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 317 Salem Place Fairview Heights, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. All CDC COVID-19 requirements will be observed at the site. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Christy@coalitionforlifestl.com or you may visit www.coalitionforlifestl.com and sign up on our Vigil Calendar.

Thank you, St. Paul Congregation – for your donations of purses and items to fill them, for women's centers. We were able to take about 20 purses with items overflowing to Good Shepherd, where they assembled collections from all congregations. Your concern for homeless and abused women show such a caring heart; thank you! – St. Paul LWML

Family Bible Study Books – are available on the table in the narthex. If you didn't get one, pick one up and put it to good use at home. Parents can use them in place of Sunday School and tailor them to smaller children.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 1 Peter – St. Peter writes to Christians who are enduring trials for the sake of the name of Jesus. It will be good for us to hear the Word of the Lord and study it together. We are live and in person in the Church on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, or you can join on Zoom.

MELHS TRUNK-OR-TREAT – The Student Council at Metro East Lutheran High School is sponsoring a Trunk-or-Treat from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28 in the MELHS parking lot. You and your family are invited to attend. As an added bonus this year, the MELHS Drama Department will have a Haunted Drive as you leave the parking lot. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Sausage Supper – Sunday, October 25 at Trinity Worden – Curbside Carry Out Only - \$12.00 serving from 12:00-6:00. Liver, Pork and Blood Sausage, Ribs and Backbones sold at Parish Hall beginning at Noon on Sunday, October 25.

Open House – Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 1st from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon at Lutheran High. Come find out more about this dynamic ministry and take a tour, visit with faculty and administration, get information on financial assistance and scholarships, and get additional questions answered. This is an in-person event and masks will be required to enter the building and tour the facilities. For more information or to RSVP please contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

Real Reformation Radio – 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: Evangelical Buzz Words; The Ten Commandments & Proverbs; Original Sin; The Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave" and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFYO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Ephesians 4:24 – “... Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam: sinner, enemy of God, and destined for death and destruction. But in Christ we have a new self: forgiven, child of God, cleansed, and destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” and consciously exert effort to cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord’s House, faithfully supporting the ministry, and praying and reading Scripture daily are the works of the new self.

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: ***RICKEY MILLER***, moved to Alhambra Care Center; ***CAROL CASE***, JW’s mother, hospitalized with pneumonia; ***CLARA WEHREND***, recovering from broken hip surgery; ***STEVE SCHWEIZER***, brother of Julie Johnson, cancer diagnosis; ***ROSALEE COOK***, mother of Diane Schnare, recovering from broken hip surgery; ***KEITH QUADE***, son-in-law of Dave DeVries, recovering from COVID and health issues with mold; ***CARLA FAST***, friend of Cindi Weedon, COVID; ***SIDNEE SCHWARZ***, ulcerative colitis; ***JOE MEADE***, health issues; ***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, taking treatments for brain cancer; ***KAY GROTEFENDT***, friend of Paula Kipp, recovering from surgery; ***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***