

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

22/23/24 August 2020

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGY: **The Lord lifts up the Lowly:** *“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard”* (Gen. 4:1–15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast”* (Eph. 2:1–10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1–10). Therefore, *“everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b



God is in his holy habi- | tation; *
he settles the solitary | in a home.

**The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered; *
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God; *
they shall be jubilant | with joy!**

O God, when you went out before your | people, *
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

**Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up; *
God is our sal- | vation.**

**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.**

God is in his holy habi- | tation; *
he settles the solitary | in a home.

**The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.**

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;



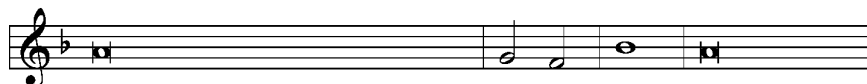
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



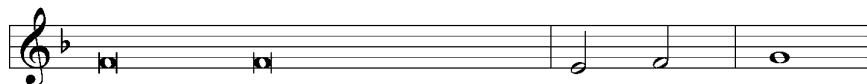
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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.

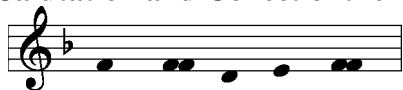


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

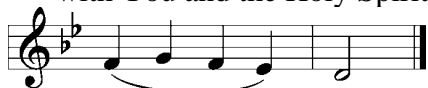


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 4:1–15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.

And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 28:7b, 1a, 2a

In God my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*

My heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry
to | you for help!

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Ps. 90:1



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

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place
In all gener-|ations. *Alleluias repeated*

Holy Gospel Reading:

Luke 18:9–14

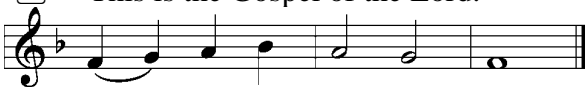
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

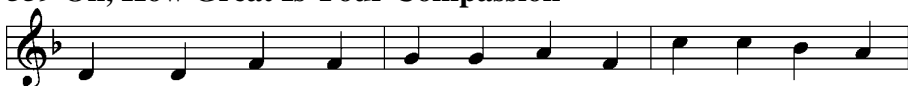
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,
 2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from
 3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness Your
 4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race
 sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.
 Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.
 truth a - hide. Then in You I will con - fide.



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy
 Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His
 There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!
 gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.
 gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.

5 I will praise Your great compassion,
 Faithful Father, God of grace,
 That with all our fallen race
 In our depth of degradation
 You had mercy so that we
 Might be saved eternally.

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.

Reception of New Members – Sunday 11:00am & Monday 6:00pm

Prayer of the Church

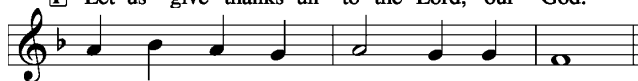
Service of the Sacrament

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.



G 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



G 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

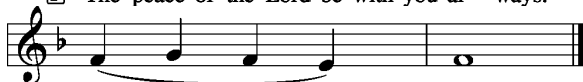
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C 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.

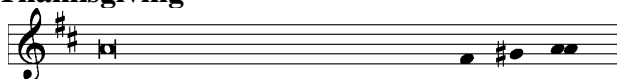
A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

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.

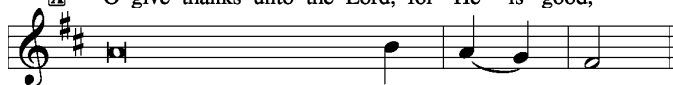
Nunc Dimittis

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.

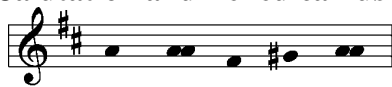
A Let us pray.

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 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.

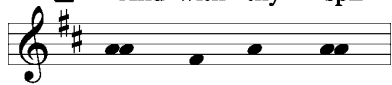
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

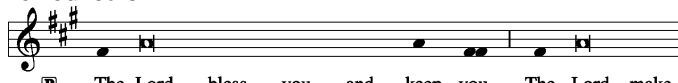


A Bless we the Lord.

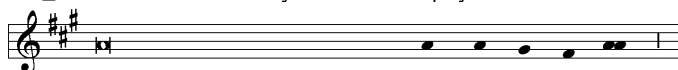


C Thanks be to God.

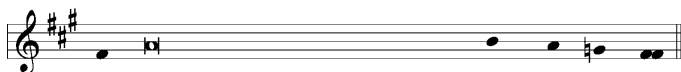
Benediction



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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

We welcome our new members – Pastor Martin (Tim) and Diane Schnare who transfer from Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran – Alliance, Nebraska and the Cervi family – Michael, Jessica, Elliott, James and Silas, who transfer from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran – Nokomis, Illinois.

Flowers – the bouquet of wild flowers have been given by Pr. and Cindy Gleason in thanksgiving to God for all the many blessings throughout their marriage.

Catechism for non-St. Paul students – Parents, if you would like your child to begin their catechism instruction toward receiving Holy Communion and being confirmed as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, please contact me. Class meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and we will begin on September 2nd.

The Festival of St. Bartholomew this Monday – There will be a Divine Service at 8:20am on Monday morning this week observing the Festival of St. Bartholomew. If you plan on attending and haven't already let Pastor Ball know, please contact him. Please note that the school children are spread throughout the church for chapel in assigned places, so if you aren't a parent or grandparent of school children (you'll sit with your children) wait for the children to be seated to find an open place to sit.

Dear Members of St. Paul – Thank you for your kind words, love and support as I commended my mom to Jesus care. – Kantor Muth

A message from our new Seminarian – My name is Peder Saethre and I am from Kingsburg, California. I am the youngest of five children in my family and I grew up as a Lutheran. Granted, I did not grow up Missouri Synod, but eventually I was drawn in by the confessional theology that is true to the Holy Scriptures. I am a first year student at Concordia Seminary St. Louis,

and I am 26 years old. Back at home I have a lovely girlfriend named Abigail (Abbie) who loves the Lord. I plan on marrying her in a few years time. We have been praying a lot about it, trusting God's plan for us. Some of my hobbies include cooking, gardening, singing, and fishing. Jesus is my Lord, and I am always humbled by the life lessons he has taught me in the amount of time I have lived. There is so much more for me to learn, and I look forward to being trained for effective ministry in His name. I am excited that this church not only becomes part of my training, but also something for me to experience and remember for years to come. Thank you for having me here, St. Paul! - God bless, Peder

Dear Friends – The very first note I type here, from my dreamy little cottage by the pond, is to thank the Ladies Aid and School Board for making this ol' teacher feel welcomed! Your gifts of food and provisions, and the gift certificates to DK's Market are much appreciated and I promise to do my best to serve your school to the best of my ability. Let me tell you, for this country boy from Idaho, living in such a lovely, restful, wooded location, with the deer, the songbirds and hummingbirds, and the water, is like a dream come true! It will make the likelihood of my making good on that promise much greater indeed! What is more, it is a perfect arrangement in which to get done some of the writing I've been too busy to attend to. So, again, THANKS! – **In Christ – Jim Tallmon** (I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from this first day – Phil. 1:3-5

Wednesday Night 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study – It isn't too late to join in. We are studying St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Just contact Pastor Ball and he will send you the zoom link. In September we will be going back to in person with Zoom option.

The next LWML meeting – has been changed to Monday, August 31 at 7:00pm in the church basement. We'll have Bible study and a short business meeting. All are invited. Information regarding the LWML Convention grant proposals, election of officers and amendments to bylaw changes are available to pick up in the church basement prior to the meeting.

Matthew Bible Study – LCMS Pastor Will Weedon is leading a Bible study on the Book of Matthew. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Loving Your Enemies and Giving to the Needy. You can listen at your

convenience at thewordendures.org, on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

Luke 18:11-12 – “**The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’**” The Pharisees got so much right but so much wrong. It’s a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord’s work, but none of it is of any avail if it proceeds from a prideful heart. After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord’s ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work.

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

Thanksgiving for: PR. & CINDY GLEASON, as they celebrate their anniversary

Healing and Comfort for: CRYSTAL WAGNER, undergoing test; **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, hospitalized at Childrens Hospital – ulcerative colitis; **NORMAN MICNHEIMER**, Neil’s father, health issues; **CHLOE HELLINGER**, preparing for surgery; **EMILY KIEHL**, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; **ARNOLD HENKE**, recovering from hip replacement surgery; **SID PRESIDENT TIMOTHY SCHARR**, recovering from surgery; **DANNY SNYDER**, grandson of Ruby Hering, seriously injured in an accident; **BARBARALYNN DEVRIES**, niece of Dave DeVries, rehab for leg amputation and health issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, cancer treatments; **KIM TORBIN**, niece of Dave DeVries, drug and health 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, hospitalized and taking treatments for sarcoma in her thigh – lot of pain; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **TINA THORLEY**, former St. Paul member and student, health issues