

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
26/27/28 September 2020

Jesus Calls Forth Life from Death: A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

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 - *sung responsively* Ps. 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5



Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*
for you | answer me.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

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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for to you do I cry | all the day.

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abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Kyrie



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

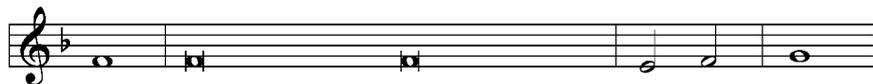


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

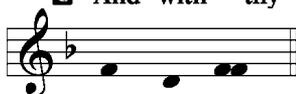
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

1 Kings 17:17–24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 102:15–16

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:13–21

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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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

Luke 7:11–17

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Soon afterward Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only

son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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.

758 The Will of God Is Always Best



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -
 2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -
 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this
 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am



ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;
 bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,
 fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,
 leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"



He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In
 I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His
 Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My
 Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I



time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -
 Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and
 fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing; All who be -
 now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and



pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
 day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
 lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
 hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

Sermon

Offertory



☐ 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



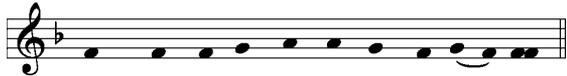
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the 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

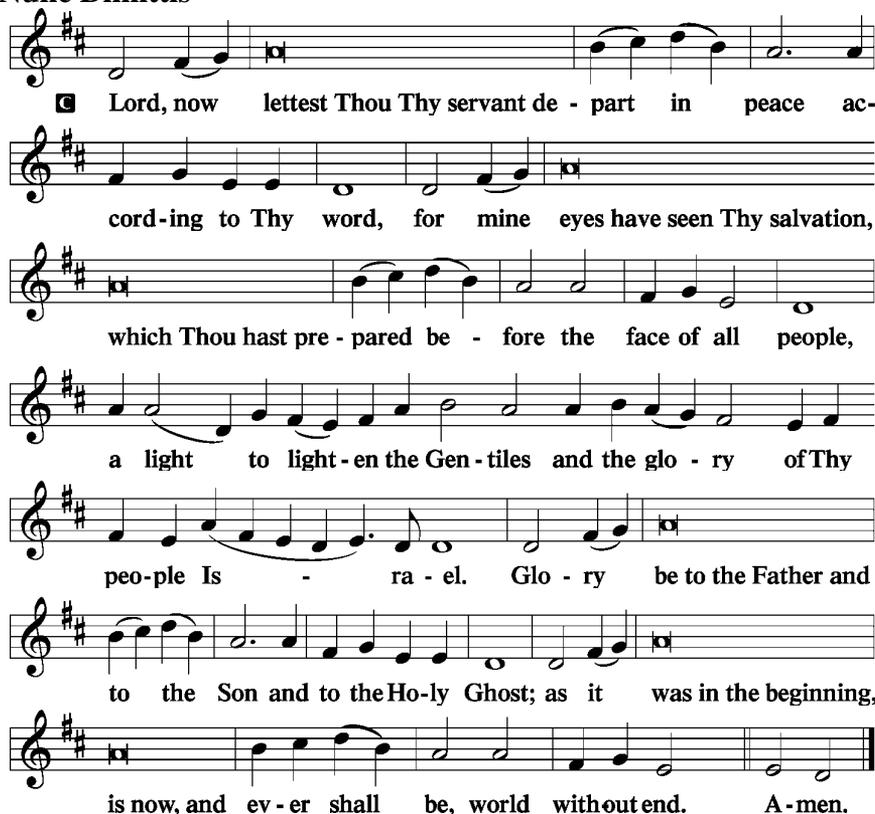
A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

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

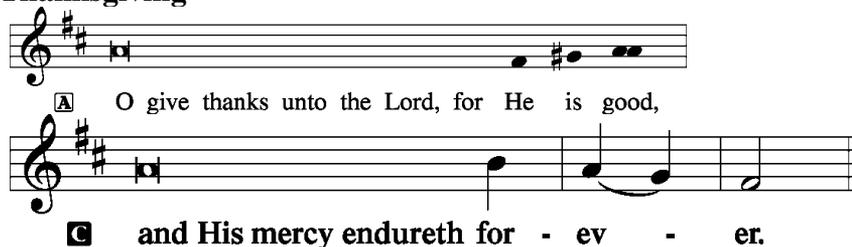
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity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

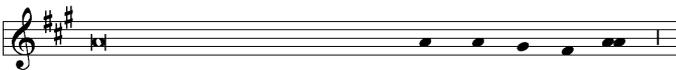


C Thanks be to God.

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Altar Flowers – are given by Dan & Beth Langendorf in thankfulness to God for all the blessings throughout 25 years of marriage.

The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels is Tuesday – 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.

Sausage Supper – As noted at the Voters Meeting the Sausage Supper has been postponed for this November. However, we are selling pork sausage. 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 – Please put October 18th from 1-6 pm on your calendar for a very important youth event! We will be joining the "Forty days For Life" event, praying for the end of abortion in our country. 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.

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 in on Zoom.

District LWML – couldn't have a "regular" convention this fall, but they are still doing an in-gathering of purses for homeless and abused women. If you would like to participate, get a new or slightly used purse and fill it with personal items such as: lotions, soaps, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hair

brushes, combs, perfume, tooth brushes, toothpaste, lip gloss, tissues - any personal item a woman would need or like. Purses and or items can be put in the box in the church basement by October 1. Thank you for caring for the homeless and abused.

Oktoberfest is October 2nd! – Order your to-go Oktoberfest Party Pack now. The customized St Paul Lutheran School soft-sided cooler will include root beer, Dots pretzels, Korte's jerky, apples, Krutas brownies, Oktoberfest mugs, and more surprises, while supplies last. Cost: \$75 to support St Paul Lutheran School. To order just email OktoberfestSPLS@gmail.com with your intent to purchase and how many party packs you want. If you don't have email, please call Angela Imhoff: 314-308-2452. Pick up and payment will be from 5:00 to 7:00pm on October 2nd at school.

Metro-East Lutheran High School – is currently accepting names of interested people for the position of School Secretary on our Edwardsville campus. The position would be a full-time 10 month (August 1st through May 31st) position with a starting date in early January 2021. If you are interested please send a letter of interest and a resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal at jay.krause@melhs.org or call the school office for more information at 618-656-0043.

Providing Artillery Support for the Church Militant on the Front Lines – 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 subjects include: Christian Survivors of Soviet Persecution; The Demolition of the Western Mind; Media Coverage of Religion; The Theological Foundation & Practice of Lutheran Day Schools; and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 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 3:14-15 – **“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”** We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.

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: *DAN & BETH LANGENDORF*, married 25 years

Healing and Comfort for: *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, hospitalized with COVID; *RICHARD BOSCH*, brother of Paul, hospitalized with COVID; *RICKEY MILLER*, hospitalized at SLUH with health difficulties *SIDNEE SCHWARZ*, ulcerative colitis; *NORMAN MICNHEIMER*, Neil's father, health issues; *TIM DILLON*, grandson of Dave DeVries, severe headaches from falls; *DORENE LANE*, friend of Dave DeVries, hospitalized with heart problems; *EMILY KIEHL*, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; *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 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, preparing for surgery; *THOMAS SEXTON*, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; *TINA THORLEY*, former St. Paul member and student, health issues