



*Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will return the evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness put an end to them.*

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 6, 2023

9:30 a.m.

[This Morning's Hymns](#)

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

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.

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

Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Psalm 54:4-5



Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*

in Your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by Your Name,*

and vindicate me | by Your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For He has delivered me from every | trouble,*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

*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.

Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

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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

P Glory be to God on high!

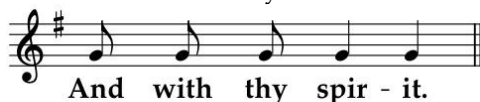
And on earth peace, good will toward men. We
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we
glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great
glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-
mighty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test-at the
right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For Thou on-ly art ho-ly, Thou on-ly art the
Lord. Thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly



Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God— the Fa - ther,
A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

2 Samuel 22:26–34

In those days King David said:

- ²⁶“With the merciful You show Yourself merciful;
with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified You deal purely,
and with the crooked You make Yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For You are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by You I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³¹This God—His way is perfect;
the Word of the LORD proves true;
He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.
³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
³³This God is my strong refuge

and has made my way blameless.
34He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Gradual

Psalm 8:1



O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is Your Name in | all the earth!
You have set Your | glory*
above the | heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

Brethren: 6Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 112:1



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,*

who greatly delights in His commandments! Alle- | luia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:



At that time: ¹Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World to Me

730

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory





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.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

- P** Let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

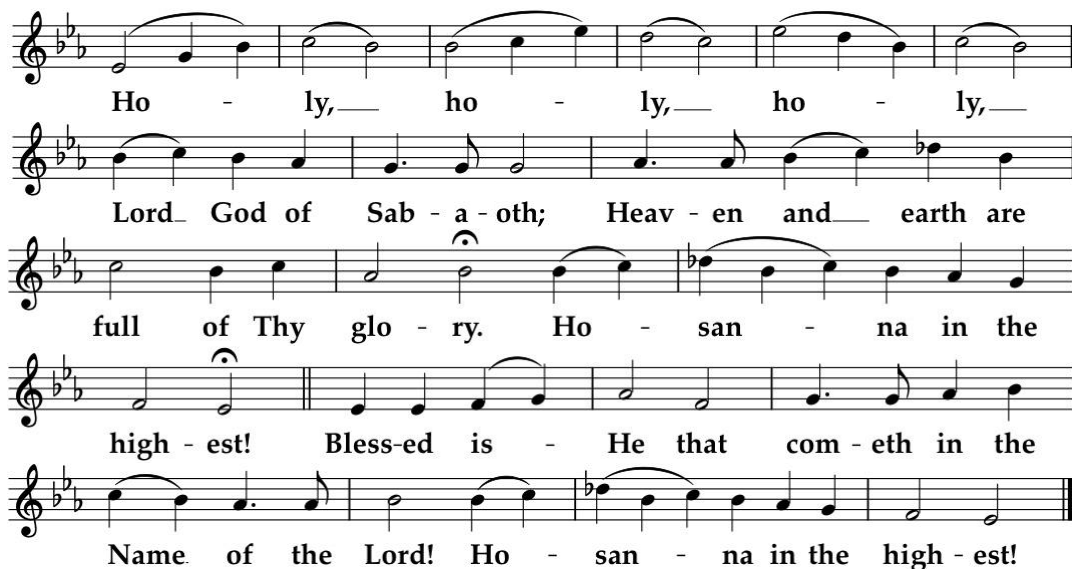


It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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 - en and earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless - ed is - He that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but ✠ deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

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 always.



Agnus Dei

A musical score for Agnus Dei in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 music features a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	637
We Give Thee But Thine Own	781
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	685
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	702

Stand

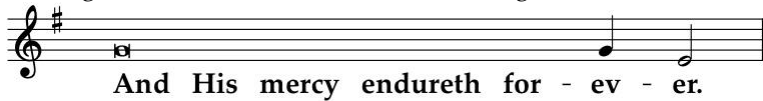
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace
ac - cord - ing to Thy Word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple,
a Light to light - en the Gentiles
and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. As it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

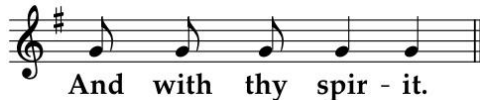


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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

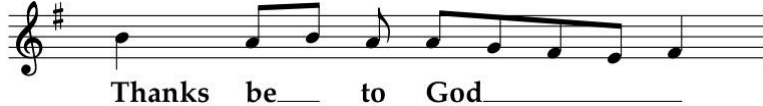


Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Hymn

Evening and Morning

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Flowers under the cross are given in celebration of

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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, August 6	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
Saturday, August 12	8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall
	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS

08/08 – Beulah Richards

08/10 – Edward Malsack

08/11 – Sharon Meyer

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study led by Pastor Proctor will be on hiatus until September 6, 2023.

SUMMER VISITATION

Please see the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter. The time slots are for visits with Pastor Proctor in his study at the church office. If your schedule doesn't permit a visit during one of the available slots, please speak with him to make a special arrangement.

TO SUPPORT THE PHOENIX RESCUE MISSION

During July and August, we will be collecting WATER BOTTLES & PLASTIC REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES. Place bottles on the "Social Ministry" cart in the narthex.

SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE

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: The Old Testament & Baptism; Denying Jesus' Divinity; Semtex & the Supernatural; No-Fault Divorce and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Barbara Sand, returned home and now receiving hospice care.

Darrell Ahrens, feeling ill.

Nigel Proctor, awaiting diagnosis for severe digestive issues.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Mary Howard, suffering from severe back pain.

Wayne Bartels – recovering from brief hospitalization

Debbie Dyjak – ongoing eyesight concerns

Jonathan Brant – recovering from surgery

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Rose Tressler – health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Kevin Stamm – recovering from surgery

Christopher Richards – recovering from fall

Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

PRAISE REPORT:

Michael Moreno, took his first steps on Sunday, after a long recovery from Covid related complications.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Anthony (Mary's son from LLA office) is suffering with mental health.

Nick Koontz, husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, **Joan**, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, **Marco**, serving in Guatemala.

PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, **Maggie, and children**, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

OUR SHUT-INS: **Anne Smith, Lois Carlson, Suzanne Berna**