



*Righteous are You, O LORD, and right are Your just decrees.
Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your statutes.*

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

October 1, 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 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Psalm 119:137, 124



Righteous are You, | O LORD,*

and right are Your | just decrees.

Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love,*

and teach me Your | statutes.

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*

who walk in the Law | of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep His testi- | monies,*

who seek Him with their | whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*

in keeping Your | statutes!

Then I shall not be | put to shame,*

having my eyes fixed on all Your com- | mandments.

*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.

Righteous are You, | O LORD,*

and right are Your | just decrees.

Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love,*

and teach me Your | statutes.

Kyrie



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

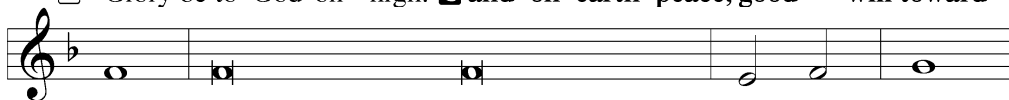


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

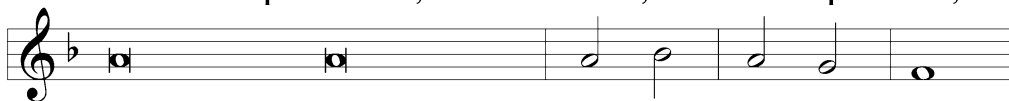
Gloria in Excelsis



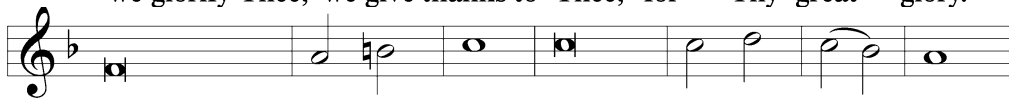
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;



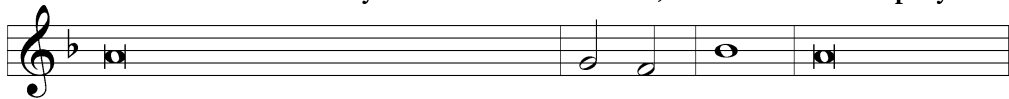
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



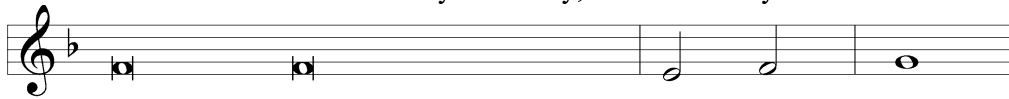
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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 Collects of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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.

Sit

Old Testament

Proverbs 25:6-14

In those days King Solomon said:

- ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
- ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
- ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
- ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.
- ¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
- ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
- ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest

is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 33:12, 6



Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom He has chosen as His | heritage!
By the Word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of His mouth | all their host.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren: ¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 116:1



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

I love the LORD because He has | heard my voice*
and my pleas for mercy. Alle- | luia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-11

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And He said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 *worshipped 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

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

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Sermon

Stand

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

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.



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 unto the Lord our God.



C 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'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.

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.



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.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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By Grace I'm Saved

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Beautiful Savior

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Stand

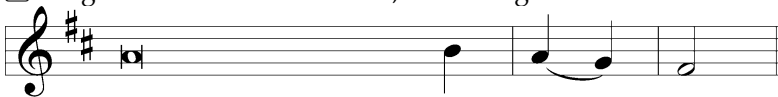
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy 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

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P 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 gracious unto you.

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



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

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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DUANE CHARLESWORTH

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and

DOLORES CHARLESWORTH

October 31, 1931 - September 19, 2022

- given by their children, their spouses, and all other family members



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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, October 1	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
Wednesday, October 4	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	4:00pm	Confirmation	Pastor's Study
Saturday, October 7	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY . . . OKTOBERFEST . . . PROCTOR FAREWELL

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, October 29, 2023, St. Paul Lutheran Church will celebrate the confirmation of 2 young men, enjoy an Oktoberfest-style luncheon following the Divine Service, and bid farewell to Pastor Proctor and his family. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the narthex for needed luncheon items.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.

At the end of each church year, it is requested the members of the congregation submit a Tithe/Commitment Card. This is your "Stewardship Commitment" towards the work and ministry of the church for the coming year. Your Tithe/Commitment Card can be found in your box along with a letter from our Head Elder. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment to the church for the upcoming year and return your Tithe/Commitment Card on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023.

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@stpaullutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Angela La Fae (daughter of Dennis Stonecypher) is very sick with issues in multiple systems.

Kathy Page (former member of St. Paul) is in the hospital with kidney stones and an infection.

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) fell recently and broke her arm.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Janet Nicol Smith** (former member of St. Paul) died September 16, 2023.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

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

Debbie Dyjak, preparing to serve in Latvia

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

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

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**