

*Have regard for the covenant, O Lord; let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.
Arise, O God, defend Your cause; do not forget the clamor of Your foes.*

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 3, 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 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: Psalm 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a



Have regard for the covenant, | O Lord;*

let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.

Arise, O God, de- | fend Your cause;*

do not forget the clamor | of Your foes.

O God, why do You cast us off for- | ever?*

Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your | pasture?

Remember Your congre- | gation,*

which You have pur- | chased of old,

which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your | heritage!*

Remember Mount Zion, where | You have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of Your poor for- | ever.*

Let the poor and needy | praise Your Name.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high!

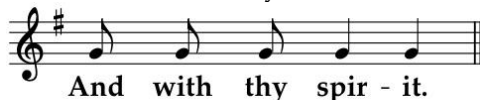
And on earth peace, good will toward men. We
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we
glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great
glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Fa-ther Al-
mighty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
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. Almighty and Everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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

Leviticus 19:9–18

In those days the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by My Name falsely, and so profane the Name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 77:14–15



You are the God who works | wonders,*

You have made known Your might among the | peoples.

You with Your arm redeemed Your | people,*

the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

Epistle

Galatians 3:15–22

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 88:1



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

O LORD, God of my sal- | vation;*

I cry out day and night before You. Alle- | luia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23–37

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



At that time: ²³Turning to the disciples Jesus said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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 *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

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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Sermon

Offering

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



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.



P Lift up your hearts.



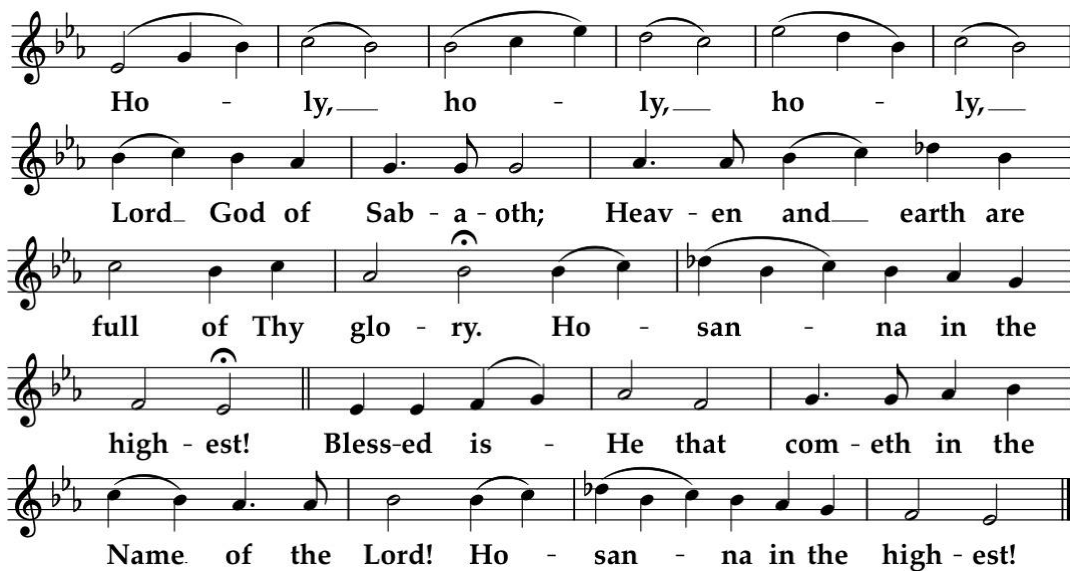
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



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.



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.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus	529
Chief of Sinners Though I Be	611
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Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling	630

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

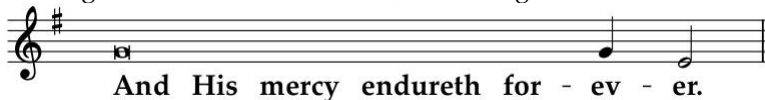
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace
ac - cord - ing to Thy Word,



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.



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

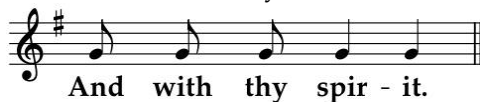
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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



A - men.

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

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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GLORY OF GOD

and in loving memory of

JOHN AHRENS

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- The Ahrens



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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, September 3	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
Monday, September 4		Church Office Closed	
Wednesday, September 6	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	4:00pm	Confirmation	Pastor's Study
Friday, September 8	9:30am	LWML Bible Study	Library
Saturday, September 9	8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall
	1:00pm	Barbara Sand Memorial	Sanctuary
	2:00pm	Reception	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS

09/04 – Dorothy Paxton

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

09/05 – Fred Lingenfelder

09/06 – Asher Dixon

BARBARA SAND MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Barbara Sand will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 1:00pm. Reception immediately following in Irmer Hall. Due to the memorial service, there will be no Matins that morning.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

The midweek Bible study and Confirmation class will resume on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The Bible study will begin at 1:00pm in the church library. The Confirmation class will begin at 4:00pm and will be held in Pastor Proctor's study.

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.

LUTHERAN BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE SERIES

How did the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod defend itself 50 years ago from a liberal approach to the Bible? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed several guests about the Lutheran battle for the Bible. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/battleforthebible.

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.*

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

Mary Howard – suffering from back pain
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:

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard’s stepdaughter) has been diagnosed with leukemia.
Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) fell recently and broke her arm.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Pam Werdabaugh** died August 27, 2023.
Family and friends of **Barbara Sand** died August 20, 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 LCMS officers, congregations & schools
Sunday School teachers & children Lexington Life Academy families & staff
Maryvale Preparatory 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**