## St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023

# **Divine Service Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, page 184** *Stand*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the \(\mathbb{H}\) 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.

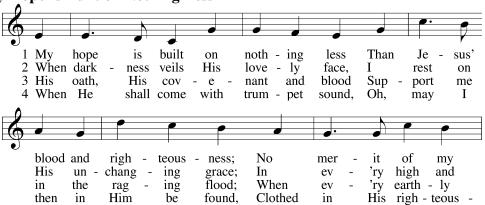
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

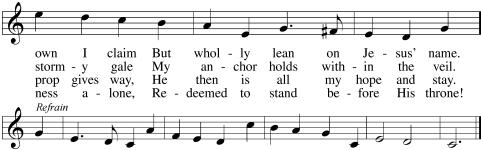
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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 A Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

## 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less





On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

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<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."
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- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm Heth

Psalm 119:57-64; antiphon: v. 89

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<sup>57</sup>The LORD is my | portion;*
  I promise to keep your words.
<sup>58</sup>I entreat your favor with all my heart;*
  be gracious to me according to your | promise.
<sup>59</sup>When I think on my ways,*
  I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;
<sup>60</sup>I hasten and do | not delay*
  to keep your com- mandments.
61 Though the cords of the wicked en- | snare me,*
  I do not for- get your law.
<sup>62</sup>At midnight I rise to praise you,*
  because of your just and righ- | teous decrees.
<sup>63</sup>I am a companion of all who | fear you,*
  of those who keep your precepts.
<sup>64</sup>The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;*
  teach me your | statutes!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle Romans 8:18–27

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew* 13:24–30, 36–43

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""...

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

- 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,

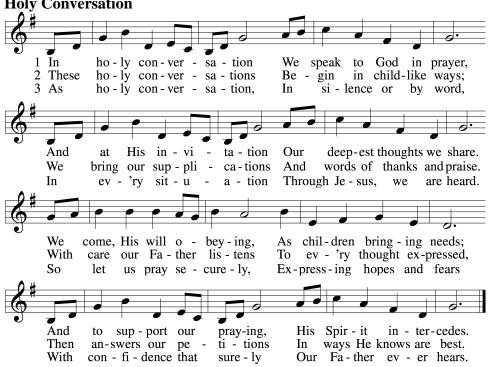
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life \(\frac{1}{2}\) of the world to come. Amen.

Sit





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## Sermon "Creation and You" Romans 8:18-25

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

## Offering

Stand

## **Prayer of the Church**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

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."

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 LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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#### **Distribution**

## **Concerning the Holy Communion**

We ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar or pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. The Scriptures teach that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17, Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may even do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not hereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations so we ask others to respect our practice. Those who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so.

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, but wish to receive a blessing, please feel free to come forward. Please stand with your hands behind your back to indicate that you would like a blessing.

#### 921 On What Has Now Been Sown



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#### 728 How Firm a Foundation

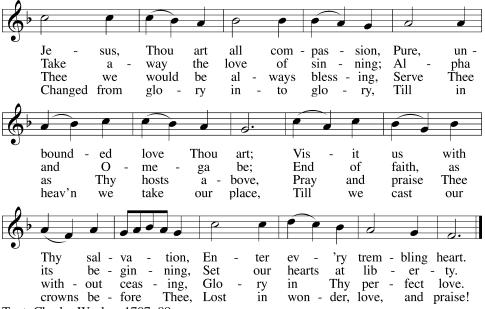


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## 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling





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Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C and His mercy endureth forever.
- 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 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 Amen.
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

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 Amen, amen, amen.

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## **Announcements**

**In our prayers** we pray for Donna Heilman and Christopher Downey who re undergoing treatments for cancer.

## **Upcoming Events!**

Wednesday Night Service and Bible Class are on summer break.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries** needs volunteers to work at the Iowa State Fair on one of these days: August 10,12,14,16 &18. The day is split up into four shifts: 9 AM – 12:00, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. It is desirable to have two people at the table during each shift. The table is in the Varied Industries Building that is air conditioned. LHM will provide two free fair admission tickets per shift. You are free to do anything else before or after you serve your shift. We also provide fair maps so you can find your way around. Please contact Dick Hoelz - (319) 363-1214 or <a href="mailto:rahoelz@imonmail.com">rahoelz@imonmail.com</a> – if you are willing to serve.

S'mores and Pours! Will take place at the Mons Home TONIGHT, Sunday, July 23, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. The Mons family will provide a fire in the fire pit, s'mores, and one "pour" item. Those attending are asked to bring food and a "pour" to share. Food can be sweet or savory. A "pour" can be beer, wine, whiskey, or soda. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket and lawn games.

Mission Trip 2024: We've got exciting news! We're going on a mission trip! A group of about 10 of us will be traveling to the Dominican Republic Summer 2024! We will be leading a VBS, in 2024, for a week and are excited to share God's word. We will be doing a variety of fundraising events over the next year to raise funds to cover flights, housing and food. We are kicking things off with a GiveSendGo! If you know anyone who would like to donate to a mission such as ours, please share this link around! We greatly appreciate any donations to support our mission! Thank you for your consideration!

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## **General Information**

**Cry Room**: If you are in need of a place to go with your children during the service, please feel free to use the bell tower. You will still be able to hear the service from there. Also, there is a changing station in the women's bathroom.

**Bulletin Announcements**: If you are in charge of an announcement for an event, please have it to the administrative assistant by 9:00 AM on the Thursday before the first Sunday you would like it to run. E-mail it to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com

**Lost and Found!** In the student center is a wicker storage cube which is the Chapel's Lost and Found. Any items left in the Chapel will be placed in this container. At the end of each month, the bin will be emptied and its contents will be donated to Good Will. All Chapelites are strongly encouraged to check the Lost and Found periodically so we don't donate something of yours!

**Auto Debit Offering Option:** If you would like to automate or update your existing auto-offering please visit <a href="https://stpaulic.com/giving/">https://stpaulic.com/giving/</a> or speak with Chapel Treasurer Patrick Streit, <a href="mailto:treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com">treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com</a>

## Calendar

**23 Today** Divine Service at 9:00 AM

Happy Hour Bible class

Voters' Assembly

S'mores and Pours at Mons Home - 6:30 PM

**28 Friday** Pastor leaves for LCMS Convention

**30 Sunday** Divine Service at 9:00 AM

Happy Hour NO Bible class

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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