

**St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 30, 2023**

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**Divine Service Setting Four, Lutheran Service Book, page 203**

*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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

Service of the Word

**554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful**



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,

O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
 Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
 The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
 For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
 May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our

ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
 ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

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## Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy;  
 Christ, have mercy;  
 Lord, have mercy.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

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**C 1 To God on high be glory  
 And peace to all the earth;  
 Goodwill from God in heaven  
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
 We praise and bless You, Father;  
 Your holy name, we sing—  
 Our thanks for Your great glory,  
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
 The Father's Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
 You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
 Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated  
 At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
 You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever,  
 Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit  
 Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory.  
 "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may 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.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2*

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his | people,\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the | righteous,\*  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to | do wrong.

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those | who are good,\*  
and to those who are upright | in their hearts!

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evil- | doers!\*

Peace be upon | Israel!

**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.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he

predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 13:44–52*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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.

*Sit*

### 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er  
 I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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**Sermon Guest Pastor Rev. Michael Wagnitz**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

**Preface**

P The Lord be with you.  
 C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

C **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

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## 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.

## 907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly

tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.  
 Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt.  
 Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80  
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### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.  
 Tune: French, 17th cent.  
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## 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;  
 Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
 Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;  
 His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.  
 His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

Tune: Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949

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*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 211*

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
 Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory  
 Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles  
 Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people,  
 Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,  
 All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit,  
 Forever Three in One;  
 For as in the beginning,  
 Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding  
 Through all eternity.**

### Post-Communion Collect

**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.**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **Acknowledgments**

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## **Announcements**

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

**The preacher and presider** this morning is Rev. Michael Wagnitz. Pastor Mons is in Milwaukee attending the LCMS Convention.

### **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 [rahoelz@imonmail.com](mailto:rahoelz@imonmail.com) – if you are willing to serve.

**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](mailto: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 <https://stpaulic.com/giving/> or speak with Chapel Treasurer Patrick Streit, [treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com)

## Calendar

**30 Today**                      Divine Service at 9:00 AM  
Happy Hour  
No Bible class

**6 Sunday**                      Divine Service at 9:00 AM  
Happy Hour  
No Bible class

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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