# St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 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 🛧 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.

## Kneel/Stand

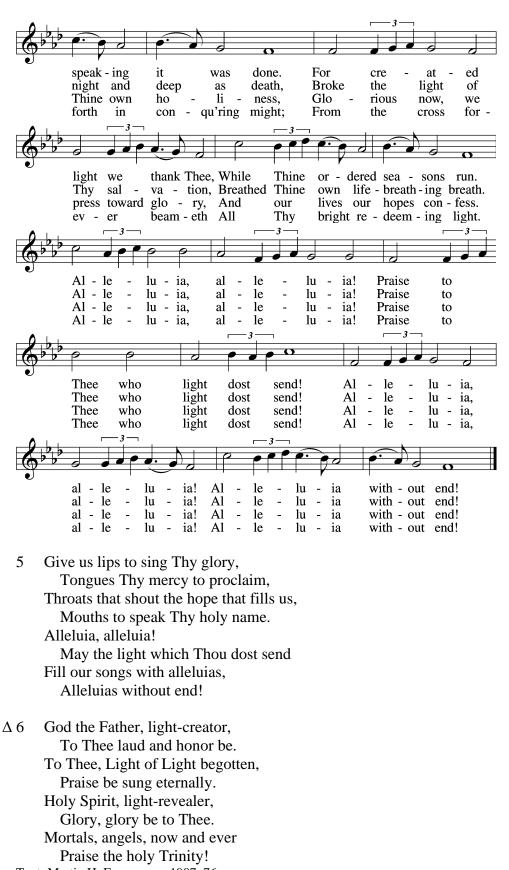
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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 承 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word





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Kyrie

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

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

С

P Glory be to God on high:

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, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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**

## Ezekiel 33:7–9

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

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

## Psalm

- <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\* whose sin is | covered.
- <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\* through my groaning | all day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\* my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\* I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\* you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

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* 13:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God. and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord. Α

C Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Alleluia

С Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter. Ρ

С Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you

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Matthew 18:1–20

turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Nicene Creed**

С

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

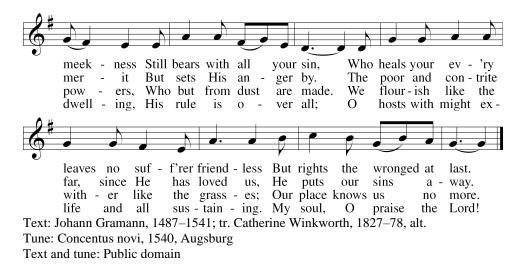
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

#### Sit

#### 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

1 My soul, now praise your Mak er! Let all with - in me 2 He of - fers all Of jus - tice, truth, and His trea sure 3 For as а ten - der fa \_ ther Has pit - y on his 4 His grace chil-dren's chil - dren re - mains for - ev And er, Who makes you full par - tak Of bless His name \_ er be - yond righ teous-ness, His love all mea \_ sure, His chil - dren here, gath God in His arms will All er shall prove That God for-sakes them nev Who yet er mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose у yearn - ing pit o'er dis - tress; Nor treats we us as who are His in child like fear. He knows how frail our in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His with - in; weak - ness, Re - news your life Whose grace and spir - it Finds His com - pas sion nigh; And high as flow - ers, And e - ven fade; The wind but so we cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -Who care are end less And saved you through the past; heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So We through them pass es, And all their bloom o'er. is er reign - ing, All Word— Our ev you who hear His -



#### Sermon "The Greatest" Matthew 18:1-4

# Stand

#### Offertory

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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

- 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, 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

C 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. LSB 194

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### Lord's Prayer

- 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

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 并 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  $\bigstar$  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

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**

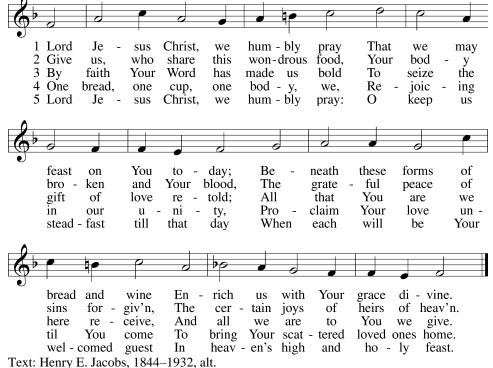
We ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar or pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. The Scriptures teach that Holy Communion is to be a confession 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.

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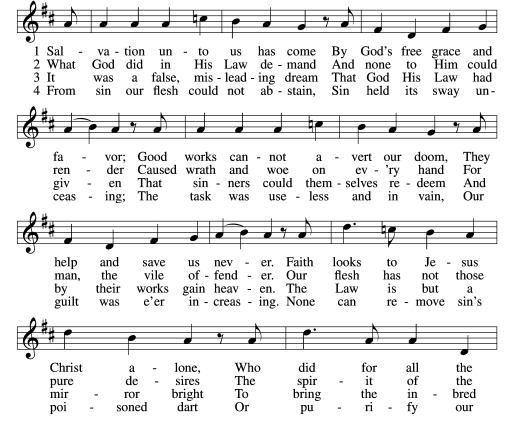
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623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



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#### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come





- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
  Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
  Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
  Your death is now my life indeed,
  For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
  Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
  But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
  Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
  The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
  And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
  For faith alone can justify;
  Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.

 Δ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit. O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow. Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg Text and tune: Public domain

#### 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



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#### Stand

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

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

- 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

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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

- A 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 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. Marie Ferderer who is hospitalized due to pregnancy complications.

# **Upcoming Events!**

**Young Women's Bible Study**. Join us via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 9am for a Young Women's Bible Study! While these Bible Studies will be focused toward teens and young adults, we welcome all to participate! Some weeks we will dive into a CPH Bible Studies while others will be a special topic session led by a pastor within the Iowa East. Email <u>hmraebel@gmail.com</u> for more information and join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month!

A Ladies Night will be held on Friday, September 22, at 6:00 PM. We would love to have you there for games, food, and fun!! More details to come! If you have any questions please reach out to Makaela Scott and/or Jenna Uden!

Voters meeting following Bible class on September 17

Hiking on September 17. Hiking at Squire Point! Meet at the chapel at 1:00 PM

**LWML** Welcome back! Join us at 5pm on September 17th for our first LWML meeting of the school year while we put together gifts for our favorite church workers and plan our next servant event!

Over 21 Crowd meets September 24 at 7:00 PM at Big Grove

# **General Information**

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**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 <u>https://stpaulic.com/giving/</u> or speak with Chapel Treasurer Patrick Streit, <u>treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com</u>

# <u>Calendar</u>

10 Today	Divine Service at 9:00 AM Happy Hour Bible class
12 Tuesday	Pastor at Circuit Meeting in Coralville 9:00 AM
13 Wednesday	Vespers at 7:00 PM Bible class at 7:30 PM
17 Sunday	Divine Service at 9:00 AM Happy Hour Bible class Voters' Assembly Hiking at 1:00 PM LWML at 5:00 PM

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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