# St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023

## **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

## 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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#### Kyrie

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

#### **Gloria in Excelsis**

- 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

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## 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 ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,

Zephaniah 1:7–16

near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

in all gener- ations.

#### Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\* from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
<sup>3</sup>You return | man to dust\* and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"
<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*

or as a watch | in the night.

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as | with a flood;\* they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:

<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;\* in the evening it fades and | withers.

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your | anger;\* by your wrath we | are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,\* our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;\* we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;\* yet their span is but toil and trouble;

they are soon gone, and we | fly away. <sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your | anger,\* and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number | our days\* that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

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

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- 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**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents: here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

Matthew 25:14–30

- 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

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2 These saints	of old re-ceived God's com-men - da - tion;
3 They call	to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let	us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,

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- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending, On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending; Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us— With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story; Past, present, future—You, the same forever— You fail us never!
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  Tune: Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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Sermon "Number Your Days!" Psalm 90:12

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

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 C 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 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**

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- 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

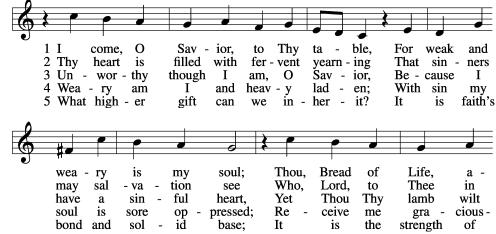
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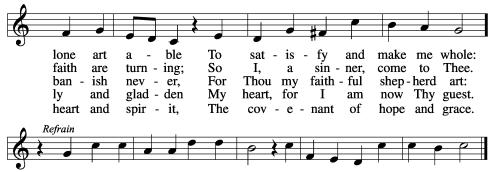
#### **Concerning the Holy Communion**

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.

## 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



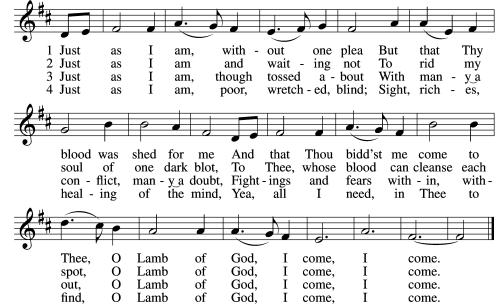


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good! Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

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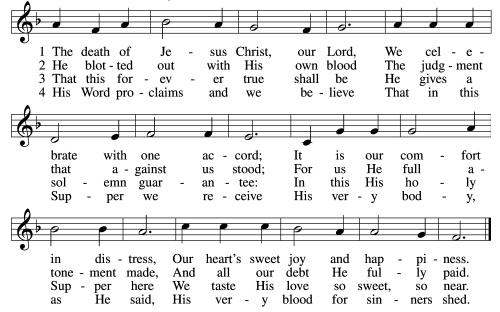
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#### 570 Just As I Am



- Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
   Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
   Because Thy promise I believe,
   O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
  Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68
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634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.
  Text (sts. 1–4, 6–8): Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; (sts. 1–4, 6–8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite Tune: Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien, 1742 Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

#### Nunc Dimittis C 1 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

- 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  $\clubsuit$  give you peace.
- C Amen.

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### Announcements

**In our prayers** we pray for Donna Heilman and Christopher Downey who re undergoing treatments for cancer. Tahlia Ferderer, who remains in neonatal intensive care.

Liberty Lecture Weekend. You are invited to join us for a Liberty Lecture Weekend! Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will speak in a Saturday workshop and preach at Sunday services on the topic of the Two-Kingdom approach to Godly Citizenship. Workshop December 2nd 9:00AM-1:00PM, services December 3rd at 8:00 and 10:45AM with Bible study at 9:30AM, King of Kings Lutheran Church, 3275 N Center Point RD Cedar Rapids, IA 52411. Lunch will be served on Saturday and there is no charge, just RSVP at <a href="https://www.kingofkingscr.org/contact-us/rev-gregory-seltz-phd-rsvp/">https://www.kingofkingscr.org/contact-us/rev-gregory-seltz-phd-rsvp/</a>

**Commuter Parking Spot Available January 1, 2024**. There will be a commuter spot for rent in the chapel parking lot on January 1, 2024. If you are interested please email: <u>stpaulschapel.iowacity@gamil.com</u> no later than Dec 1.

## **Upcoming Events!**

**Due to Thanksgiving break**, Sunday Morning Bible Class will not meet on November 19 or 26. There will be no Wednesday night activities on November 22.

LWML Ladies are invited! Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City

DORIS MONTAG - THE HISTORY OF ORDINARY THINGS

November 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

LWML sponsors Doris Montag with her signature talk about "A Lady and Her Legs: The History of Women's Shaving and Stockings." It is said she makes history FUN.

Doris is a collector, a storyteller and a free-lance curator whose passion is unlocking and sharing the stories in collections from her family or private individuals. She develops and installs exhibits in small museums, libraries, and public spaces. This work has evolved to One Woman Shows narrating the exhibits and entertaining listeners with her homespun humor.

Additionally, Doris researches and distills the history of antiques and other random things. These comprise her column, "The History of Ordinary Things", which is published monthly in <u>Mature Focus</u> which is available locally and 2 additional senior magazines.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Sellers consultant@ourredeemer.org or 319-331-3242

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

## **Calendar**

19 Today Divine Service at 9:00 AM Happy Hour NO Bible class
22 Wednesday NO Vespers at 7:00 PM NO Bible class at 7:30 PM

26 Sunday

Divine Service at 9:00 AM Happy Hour NO Bible class

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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