

**St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 16, 2024**

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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.**

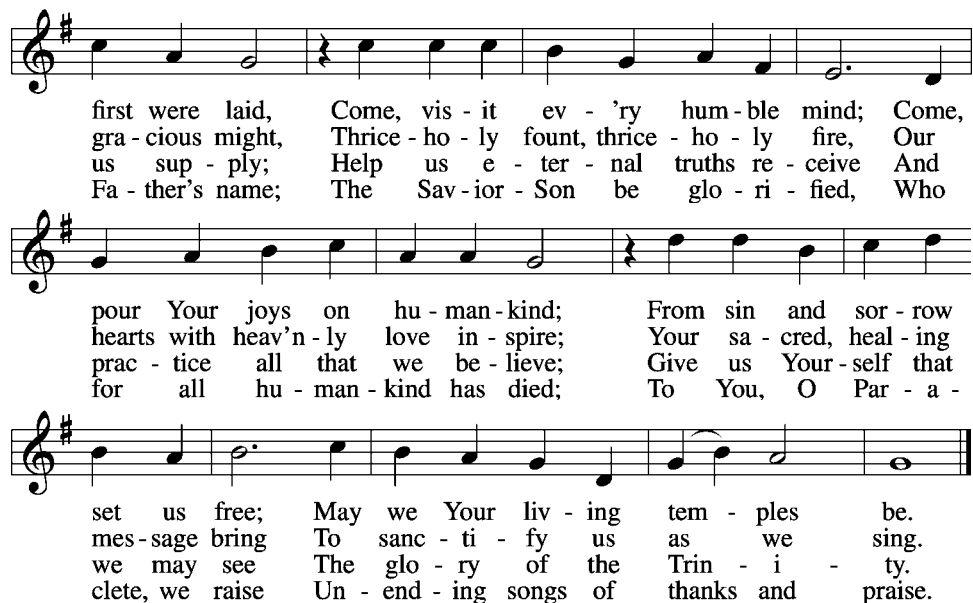
*Stand*

Service of the Word

**500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions  
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's  
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to  
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,  
 gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our  
 us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And  
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who  
 pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row  
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing  
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that  
 for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -  
 set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.  
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, 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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 17:22–24*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not | wither.\*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked | are not so,\*  
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**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**

*2 Corinthians 5:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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**

*Mark 4:26–34*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?  
<sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on

earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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*

### 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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## Sermon “The Mysterious Middle” Mark 4:26-29

*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  $\text{X}$  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.

### 792 New Songs of Celebration Render



1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To Him who  
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - 'ry  
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the



has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less  
in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a -  
Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a -



splen - dor; Come and a - dore the might - y One.  
bound - ing, Call - ing the whole world to re - joice.  
dor - ing, And find a voice to praise His name.



He has made known His great sal - va - tion Which  
 Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion Such  
 Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, Prais -

all His friends with joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to  
 sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that live in  
 es be His that nev - er cease: Just is our God, whose

ev - 'ry na - tion His ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.  
 earth and o - cean, Make mu - sic for your might - y King.  
 truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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### 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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## 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.**

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## Announcements

**In our prayers** we pray for Donna Heilman who is undergoing treatments for cancer.

## 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

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| <b>16 Today</b>  | Divine Service at 9:00 AM<br>Happy Hour<br>Bible class |
| <b>21 Friday</b> | Pastor at IDE LWML Convention in Cedar Rapids          |
| <b>23 Sunday</b> | Divine Service at 9:00 AM<br>Happy Hour<br>Bible class |

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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