St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel and University Center
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6th, 2026

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

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

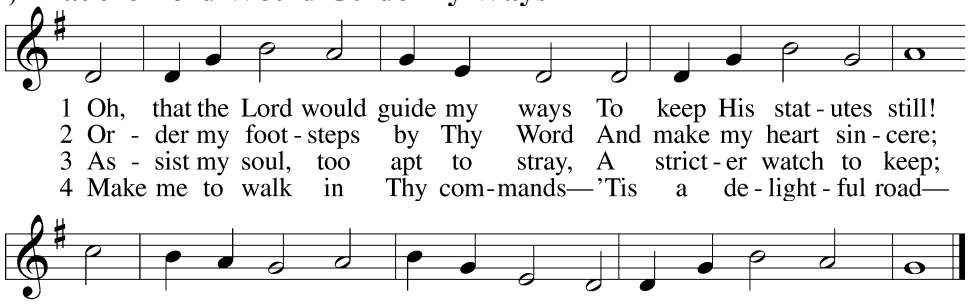
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



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Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

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*

7 "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. 8 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. 9 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 *Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1*

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

[3]For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.
[4]For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

[5]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.

[6]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.
[7]You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

Epistle *Romans 13:1–10*

[1]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. [2]Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3]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, [4]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. [5]Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6]For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7]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.

[8]Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9]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." [10]Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 18:1–20*

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

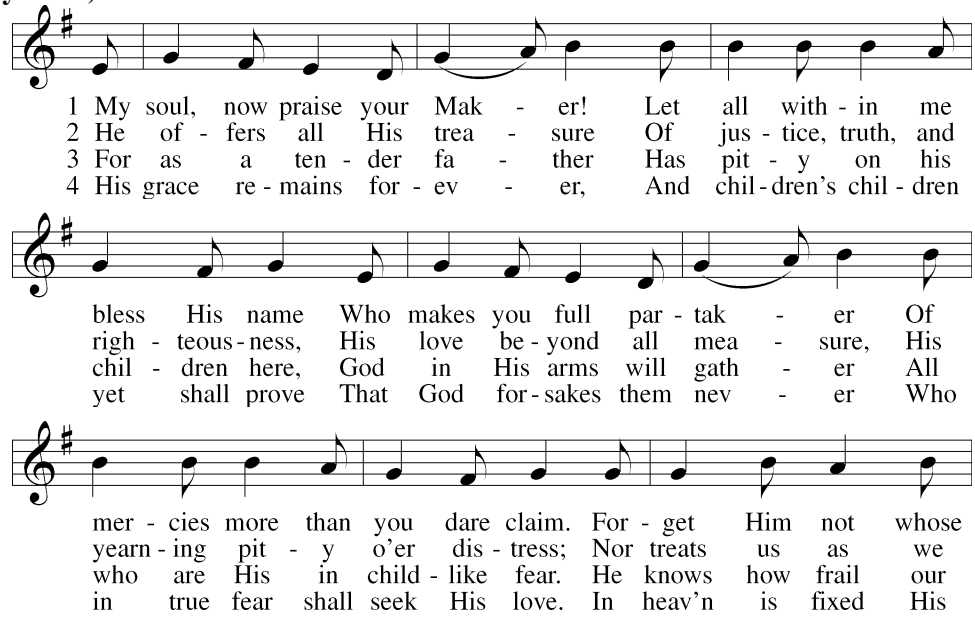
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

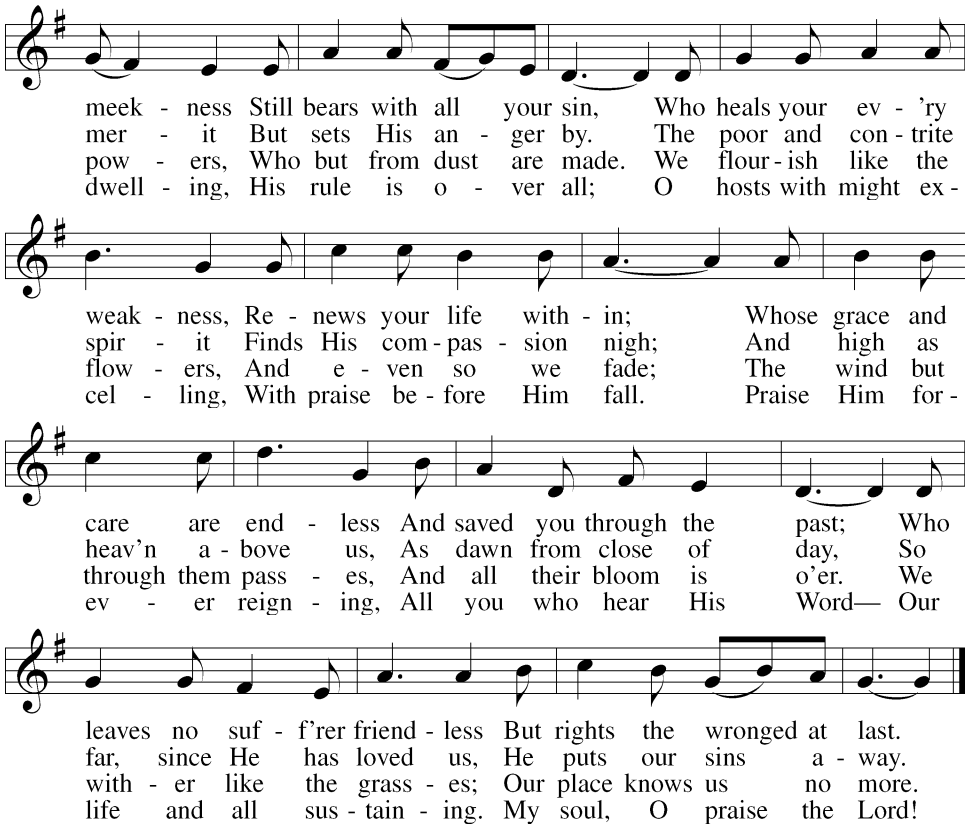
[1]At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
[2]And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them [3]and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you
turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4]Whoever humbles himself
like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
[5]"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, [6]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.
[7]"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! [8]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. [9]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.
[10]"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. [11]For the Son of Man came to save the lost. [12]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? [13]And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he
rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. [14]So it is not the will of my Father
who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.
[15]"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. [16]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. [17]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. [18]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. [19]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. [20]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 to You, O Christ.**

Sit

820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker





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Sermon

Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church
Stand

Offertory *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

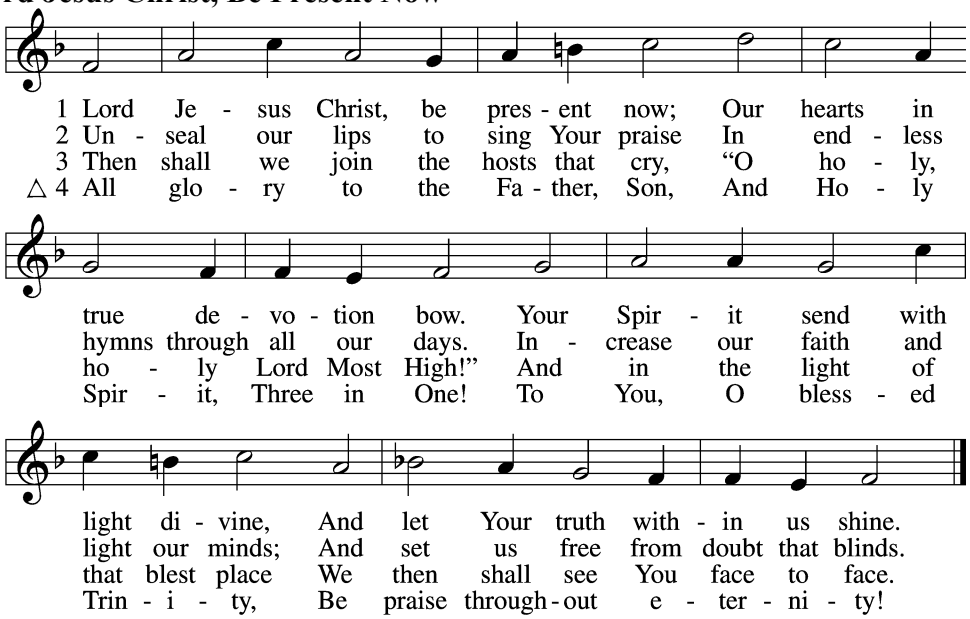
Sit

Distribution

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.

902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



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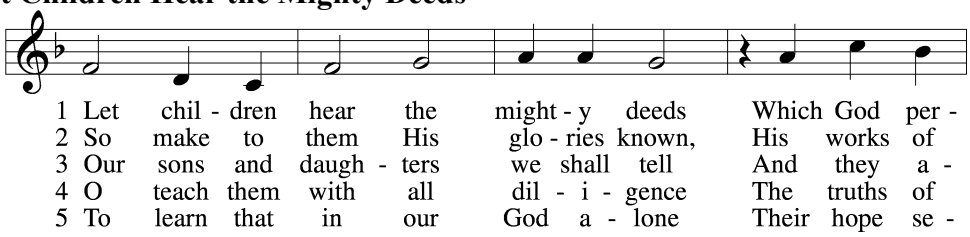
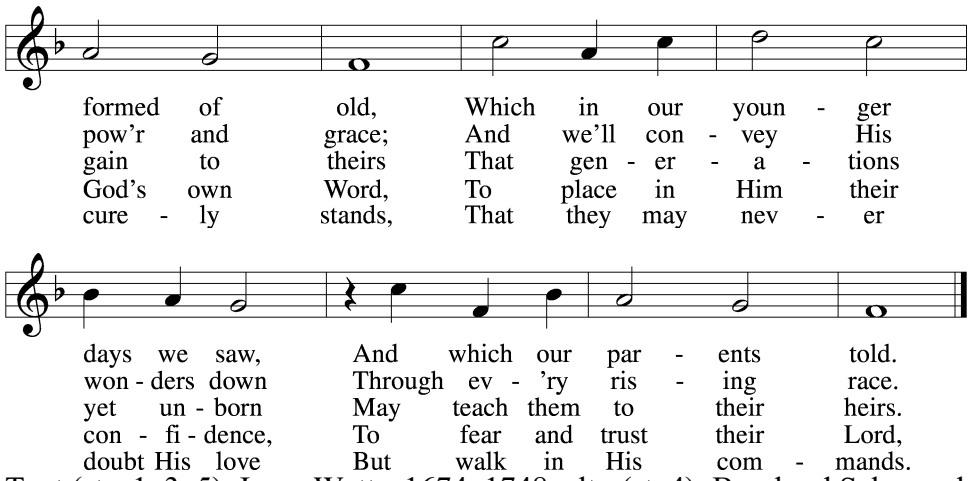

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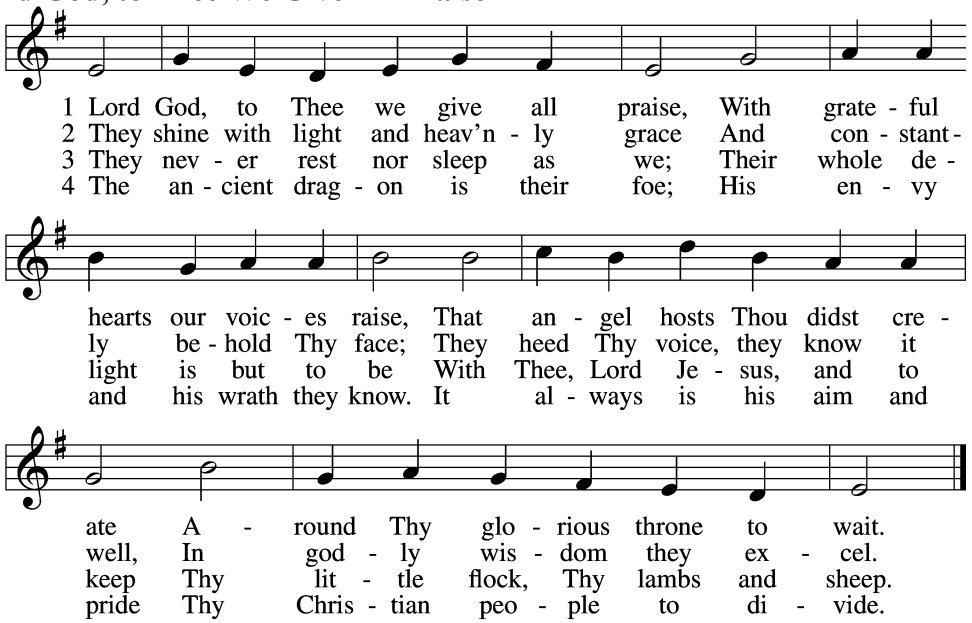

5 As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death has hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
No halt nor rest he ever knows;
He seeks the Christians to devour
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard His people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,
Whom all the angel hosts adore
With grateful songs forevermore.

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Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

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In our prayers we pray for John Ireland and Amy Dickmander who are undergoing treatments for cancer.

Upcoming Events!

Instruction in the Small Catechism continues after Bible Study. If you are interested in membership in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Lutheran doctrine, or would like to review the Catechism this class is for you!

September 13 at 5:00 PM
Pork Tenderloin Run. Bring money. Meet at Chapel

September 20 at 6:30 PM
Game night at the Chapel.

October 23-24 – Women's Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Location: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, 3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon, IA 52333

Join us as Sofia van Hattem, MA presents on "Pardon and Power for the Christian Life: The Role of Grace in Your Life."

Originally from Antwerp, Belgium, Sofia received her Master of Arts in Spiritual Care from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2026. Growing up in a pastor's family, she has been involved in the life and ministry of the Church from an early age. She has worked in the areas of worship & music leadership, youth faith formation, spiritual care & mercy work, event coordination & hospitality, administrative & organizational support, and cross-cultural ministry engagement.
With a heart for people and Christian formation, Sofia enjoys walking alongside others in their faith and exploring how God's Word shapes our everyday lives and relationships. At this retreat, we will reflect on God's grace as Sofia draws on her thesis on the role of grace in the Christian life.

Schedule:
Friday, October 23
6:00 PM - Arrive and get settled.
7:00 PM - Opening prayer
7:15 PM - Session 1
9:00 PM - Social Time
???? PM - Bed

Saturday, October 24
8:00 AM - Breakfast
8:45 AM - Prayer
9:00 AM - Session 2
10:30 AM - Camp activities
12:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 PM - Session 3
3:00 PM - Retreat officially ends

Your cost: $10

Sing-up on the sheet in the Happy Hour Room.

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 https://stpaulic.com/giving/ or speak with Chapel Treasurer Samantha Zoske, treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com

Calendar

6 Today	Divine Service at 9:00 AM Happy Hour Bible class Adult Instruction
7 Wednesday	Vespers at 7:00 PM Bible class at 7:30 PM
13 Sunday	Divine Service at 9:00 AM Happy Hour Bible class Adult Instruction 5:00 PM Pork Tenderloin Run

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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