

the TENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

August 13, 2017

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the CONNECT card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the WORSHIP card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and CONNECT cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

AS WE GATHER

What do you do in the midst of a storm? The right answer is: Take cover! But sometimes cover isn't enough. The disciples found themselves in a life threatening storm. Jesus said to them, "Take heart, It is I." As He was for the disciples, Jesus is for us. Jesus is our Protection and Refuge whenever we encounter life-threatening danger. He is Lord of wind and wave and of life and death. The world we live in tends to run for their own cover: drugs, alcohol, self-sufficiency. We have a Word to share with the world, and it is a gentle Word of Gospel: Take heart; trust in Jesus. There is so much that threatens our security, but only one Lord and Savior in whom we can place our total confidence. Real storms or even seeing them on the news give us an opportunity to share the One in whom we "take heart" and the One who is truly Lord of all. Share your confidence in him.

DIVINE SERVICE

Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below points us to make use of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* to follow along with the service. Keep it open for responsive elements.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Praise Team

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION (*Please stand as you are able*)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

(Silence for self-examination)

P Father of mercy,

C we confess that we are not the people You created us to be. We confess that we are by nature sinners and in rebellion against Your will. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done wrong and the good we have failed to do. We have sinned against each other and broken the bonds of fellowship. Forgive us of all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Forgive us of our sins, remove the evil from our hearts and minds, and teach us to follow You with willing hearts that we may amend our sinful lives.

(Silence for meditation)

P Through the mercy of God, in Christ Jesus our Savior, you have been made the children of God and received His mercy. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce God's grace to 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

SERVICE *of the* WORD

PSALM and SONG OF PRAISE “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

LSB 461

Psalm 18:1–6, 16–19 (antiphon v.46); *text from the New International Version*

L A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord. He sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

C The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my Savior!

- ♪ 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- ♪ 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

L I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of my praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

C The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my Savior!

- ♪ 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- ♪ 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

L The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

C The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my Savior!

- ♪ 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- ♪ 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

L He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

C The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my Savior!

- ♪ 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- ♪ 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Please be seated)*

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

EPISTLE READING

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to

Job 38:4–18

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Romans 10:5–17

shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” (st. 1)

LSB 545

♪ **Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav’n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke

to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will come to collect the CONNECT cards and any prayer cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Evening and Morning”

LSB 726

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Captain”

Praise Team

**1 Through waters uncharted my soul will embark
I’ll follow Your voice straight into the dark
And if from the course You intend I depart
Speak to the sails of my wandering heart**

CHORUS Like the wind You'll guide
Clear the skies before me
And I'll glide this open sea
Like the stars
Your Word will align my voyage
And remind me where I've been
And where I am going

2 Lost in the shallows amidst fear and fog
Your truth is the compass that points me back north
Jesus my Captain my soul's trusted Lord
All my allegiance is rightfully Yours

ENDING Jesus my Captain my soul's trusted Lord
All my allegiance is rightfully Yours

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

P For the people who are holy to the Lord and for all people according to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

(Brief silence)

(The response following each petition)

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

(Prayers conclude...)

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.

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, our God, through Jesus Christ, who is the Child of Your promise and the fulfillment of Israel's hope. He is the Lord who comes in the still, small voice of hope amid the shouts of fears and failure. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! 1. to verse 2. est!

Bles - sed is He who comes _ in the name of the Lord; _ Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho - ly is He!

_ Hea - ven and earth _ are full; full of Your glo - ry! Ho -

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us Your people and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish within us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. Gathered in His name and made bold by His example, we pray together as our Savior taught us:

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.

P Deliver us, O Lord from every evil of body and soul, guard us in hope, and help us be faithful that we may receive You when You come again in glory.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God _ You take _ a-way the sins of the world _ have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God _ You take _ a-way the sins of the world _ have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God _ You take a - way _ the sins of the world _ grant us ___ peace.

DISTRIBUTION *(You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers)*

Consider silently praying the following as you participate in the Lord's Supper today:

Before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

SONGS:

"Oceans"

1. **You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery,
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.**

2. **Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.**

Last Chorus: **I will call upon Your Name,
Keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine.**

"My Lighthouse"

1. **In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Chorus

**My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore**

Bridge **Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms**

Praise Team

Chorus: **I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.**

Bridge:

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You
would call me.**

**Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger In the
presence of my Saviour. Repeat**

Praise Team

2. **In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

3. **I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT *(Please stand)*

P Lord of all power and might, You sustained Your promise through the prophet's promise and Your chosen people until that Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. He has power over wind and wave, storm and struggle, so calm our troubled hearts in Him and sustain us in His peace until we reach the heavenly shores; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

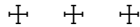
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717



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SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

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Praise Team Larry Bruce
Lisa Dove
Karin Kennedy
Organist Kay Kaepp
Sound Chris Pavka

Today - August 13

Acolyte Chayse Moore
Assistant Loren Green
Reader Toni Dalchow
Ushers Aaron Garn
Nickole Loomis
Kevin Luckert
Paul Meyer
Greeters Jason & Jamie Moore
Cookies Polzin & Moore
Counters Hobday & Moore

Next Week - August 20

Makayla Post
Chris Donbrock
Donna Hines
Merle Donbrock
Bob Malcolm
Patty Pipe
Larry Parks
Bill & Barb Tunison
Mobley & Neuendorf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Amy; Anne; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Josephine Ryndak; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Rusty Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Bev Beier; Paul Dove; Rick Kesler; Rhonda Kollmorgen; Trudy Miller; Mo Mourad; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Carol Yearling.

Shut-ins: Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Ugrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Offerings—Sunday 8/6-\$4,123.50 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$15; Total-\$4,138.50.

Worshippers— Sunday 8/6: 9am-86; 11:30am-12. Bible Study-22.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/13	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie Sunday School Teacher Training
	11:30am	Worship
	6:30pm	Small Group Leader Meeting
Monday 8/14	2:30pm	Fellowship Team Meeting
Wednesday 8/16	9:30am	Staff Meeting
Thursday 8/17	1:00pm	Service Team Meeting
Saturday 8/19	Youth	Retreat @ En Gedi
	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 8/20	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.

Sunday School Teacher Training If you're teaching Sunday School, or even substituting, please attend the teacher training TODAY, August 13 @ 10:30am, in Lupe's classroom.

Small Group Leader Meeting Today, August 13, 6:30-8:00 at the Bruce House. If you can't make it, please try to have someone from your group attend in your place.

St. Paul Rummage Sale August 25 & 26 Do you like to dust? Of course you don't. This is what you do. Just gather up all those little knick knacks that are causing you so much frustration and bring them to the church yard sale by August 23.

Green Volunteer Sheets Today you should have a green Volunteer Sheet for scheduled tasks in your mailbox. There are extras at the Ingathering Station. Please consider how you can serve and if any of the jobs on the sheet are right for you. Please remember you will remain on a volunteer list until you request to be removed.

The Master's Plan Curious? Missed it in the spring? There's a leader all ready to lead another session of this Small Group Study. Now we're looking for interested participants. Contact Larry with questions or to sign up. Let us know when you can meet and we'll make it happen!

Get our building ready for preschool Can you help with some small tasks? See the work orders on the bulletin board. There are a few things that need completed by August 20/21. Thank you!

Preschool Sonshine Kids Preschool is still looking for students to register in both afternoon classes. If you know anyone with 3 or 4 year olds, please encourage them to call the office for more info. Or they can check out the church facebook page.

Family Promise: an opportunity to serve St. Paul members are serving the homeless by providing evening meals on September 6, 7, 8. Can you help? Check out the bulletin board.

Reformation500 Worship Service Sign up by August 30 to get tickets for the Worship Service in Lansing on October 15. On the bulletin board, please fill out the sign-up completely. Hope you join us! Kay Kaepf is the ticket captain, so see her with questions.

Sunday School Begins August 27 @ 10:30am. Classes for all ages!

Adults

- Historical flavor with a contemporary relevance, beginning with Reformation Topics & brunch—Fellowship Hall with Larry Bruce
- Expository walk through the Gospel of John, focusing on the passion narrative and the resurrection—downstairs with Pastor Aaron
- Philippians: a study for Adults in a kid-safe environment: *bring your babies & toddlers with you*— Movement Room with Lisa Dove



Kids & Youth: downstairs

- 3yrs-K: Bible Stories
- 1-3 grade: Bible Stories
- 4-5 grade: Building My Faith
- 6-8 grade: Growing in Christ
- 9-12 grade: Teen Topics

Classes will begin promptly at 10:30am. Grab a beverage and a cookie, and join us.