

# *the* NINTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## August 6, 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

Martin Luther penned these wonderful words: "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all, but whatever I've placed in God's hands, that I still possess." Many times when we consider evangelism, we think about going out and placing pamphlets and other items in the hands of the people. But maybe we have it all wrong. Maybe the best evangelism is putting as many people in God's hands as possible. Who can you place in God's hands today? The disciples realized that in God's hands, food was multiplied. This is true of people in God's Kingdom as well. Take time - in prayer, in conversation, and maybe even in bringing someone to worship next Sunday - but take the time to put the valuable resource of people in God's hands - knowing that in His hands they will never be lost again.

# DIVINE SERVICE

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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 will lead you through our Divine Service in its entirety. We pray that it delivers your heart where you can receive the gifts God brings, and join the chorus of worshippers throughout time and place united in singing His praise as we gather this morning.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

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

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

**C Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Standing in the presence of Almighty God we confess our sinfulness.

**C Almighty God, we confess to You, that we are sinful from birth and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We deserve to be cast away and remembered no more, helpless to save ourselves. We plead for Your infinite mercy, for the sake of Christ Jesus. Forgive us our sin and make us whole again through the blood and righteousness of Christ. Keep us firmly grounded in the cross of Christ, that by faith, we may know Your eternal grace and mercy.**

P In the garden of Eden God granted freedom for all humanity. Through Satan's deception and mankind's disobedience, freedom was lost and bondage to sin became a perpetual reality. By God's design, Jesus compassionately acted to save us, giving His very life on the tree--the cross of Calvary. Jesus' sacrifice secures our eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto 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.**

### SERVICE *of the* WORD

L Give thanks to the God of gods,

P for his steadfast love endures forever.

L Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**MEN for his steadfast love endures forever;**

L to him who alone does great wonders,

**WOMEN for his steadfast love endures forever;**

L to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

L The Lord remembered us in our low estate,

**YOUTH His steadfast love endures forever;**

L He rescued us from our foes,

**MEN His steadfast love endures forever;**

L He gives food to all flesh,

**WOMEN His steadfast love endures forever;**

L Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**YOUTH His steadfast love endures forever;** *Psalm 136: 2–5, 23-26 ESV*

P May the God who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C Amen.**

P Greet those nearby with a sign of peace.

**ENTRANCE SONG** "This Is Amazing Grace"

*Praise Team*

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| 1 | <b>Who breaks the power of sin and darkness<br/>Whose love is mighty and so much stronger<br/>The King of Glory the King above all kings</b> | 2 | <b>Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder<br/>Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder<br/>The King of Glory the King above all kings</b> |
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*CHORUS* **(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

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| 3 | <b>Who brings our chaos back into order<br/>Who makes the orphan a son and daughter<br/>The King of Glory the King of Glory</b> | 4 | <b>Who rules the nations with truth and justice<br/>Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance<br/>The King of Glory the King above all kings</b> |
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*BRIDGE* **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (4x)**

**KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For heavenly peace amid the earthly trials of life and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace between the nations and that the work of the Church may prosper, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all here assembled to worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness and receive the blessings of His grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For ears to hear the Word of life and hearts that find contentment in Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For unity and peace that strife may not distract or hinder us from the work of God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P That Your will may be done on earth as in heaven; that we may rest in Your peace and quietness; and that You may defend us against all our adversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with You.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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)*

“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is  
not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;

*Isaiah 55:1–5*

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not  
know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to  
you,  
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One  
of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **EPISTLE READING**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the

*Romans 9:1–5*

Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could

wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them

belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** (*Please stand*)

*Praise Team*

C **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

Spoken: **Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.** (*Psalm 78:25*)

C **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13–21*

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

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

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something

to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

**THE NICENE 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** "O Living Bread from Heaven"

*LSB 642*

**SERMON**

**OFFERING** *Please bring your offerings and Mites forward*

**MUSIC OFFERING** "We Are An Offering"

*Praise Team*

1. **We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.**

*Chorus:* **All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
we give to You, we give to You.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You,  
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

2. **Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord , use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence for preparation and reflection*

*[after each petition]*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*[the 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 with your spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts and voices.

C **Rejoicing, we lift our voices in praise to God.**

P Behold the very feast of Christ, who is both host and guest. This very Sacrament is made possible by the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings, and death of Christ. Our complete forgiveness and life have been purchased by Christ on the cross. In Christ, God manifests in the flesh every grace and mercy that we may be satisfied with His holy body and blood--food of everlasting life.

**C Money and wages are not needed here! I bring no worthiness of my own to this table. It is only by God's Baptismal covenant with me that I come to this table. My faith is begun and nurtured alone by God through His very Word.**

**P Lord, 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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C Amen.**

**P Welcome to the table of the Lord.**

**AGNUS DEI "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (st. 1-4)**

*LSB 633*

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

#### **SONGS:**

*"Come to the Table"*

*Praise Team*

**Verse: Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.**

**Chorus: Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail scarred hand;  
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

*"Feed Us Now"*

*Praise Team*

- 1. Feed us now, Bread of Life, In this holy meal;  
Let us know Your love anew; We hunger for You.  
Feed us now, Bread of Life, Come and live within;  
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray**
- 2. Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good!  
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can understand  
How His mercy works in these? Yet Lord we believe.**

3. **God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near, In this heaven's meal.  
May we always feed on You - On the Bread that's true.**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*LSB 700*

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

*LSB 641*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this blessed Sacrament. Continually strengthen our faith that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to the Father, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*LSB 643*

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday 8/6	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship
Wednesday 8/9	3-7pm	Hope Cafe @ Fair
	9:30am	Staff Meeting
Saturday 8/12	1:00pm	Elders Meeting
	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
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