

# *the* THIRTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## September 3, 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

"Get behind Me, Satan." I'm sure glad Jesus said that to Peter and not to me! Have you ever been a hindrance to the Gospel? Have your thoughts, words or deeds ever led someone away from Christ, rather than to Him? We all must repent of the times that our sinful lives have done the very thing that Peter did in today's Gospel lesson. We have mismatched the Person of Christ and the work of Christ. The work of the Cross is sacrifice. It's less of me and more of Christ. (John 3:30) Self is the enemy of developing as disciples. Thanks be to God, Jesus puts our sin behind Him so we can follow Him as disciples. The cross we are to bear puts to death the things of this world so we can live the new life Christ has in mind for us to live for eternity. May God bless us with the labor of love in sharing the Gospel that puts us behind Jesus where we cannot hinder the Good News but share it boldly.

# 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 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 Father, the world advocates caring solely for one's self and diminishes the need to reach out to others. Even those of us who bear the name of Christ can become self-absorbed with worries and cares that have little to do with our immediate neighbors, our communities, or our church. We confess before You today that we are often guilty of failing to be genuinely concerned about other people, of failing to bear the burdens of others, and of failing to assist them in time of need. Hear our prayer and grant to us Your forgiveness:

**C Gracious Father, we stand before You today guilty of many things in thought, word, and deed. Our own selfishness weighs heavy upon our hearts. We know people who are hurting and in need, and yet we have failed to address those needs---choosing rather to use our time and resources to satisfy our own desires. Forgive us for our sin and empower us by Your Spirit's work in our lives to see those around us as You see them and use us to be a blessing to others.**

P Be of good cheer! God is gracious and has heard your confession of sin and promises to forgive all of us in our times of selfishness. That you may be assured of the forgiveness God has granted to you, I, as your pastor, called by God and ordained to speak His Word to you, announce His grace to you and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen, Thanks be to God!**

### SERVICE *of the* WORD

#### **PSALMODY**

*Psalm 26*

L Vindicate me, O Lord,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the Lord without  
wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.

**C For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in your faithfulness.**

**I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

L I hate the assembly of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O Lord,  
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**C O Lord, I love the habitation of your house**

**SONG OF PRAISE** "Better is One Day"

1. **How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

2. **One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells**

*ENDING* **Better is one day better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere  
Better is one day better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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*)

O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

**and the place where your glory dwells.**

L Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,  
in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**C But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

**My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great assembly I will bless the Lord**

*Praise Team*

*CHORUS* **Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere  
(Than thousands elsewhere)**

*BRIDGE* **My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You**

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?  
Therefore thus says the Lord:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is  
worthless,

### **EPISTLE READING**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for

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

**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: **Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

*(Matthew 16:25)*

**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 16:21–28*

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

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to

you shall be as my mouth.  
They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the Lord.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*Romans 12:9–21*

evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*Praise Team*

mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or

what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**C Praise to You, O Christ**

## **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 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** “Christ Be My Leader”

*LSB 861*

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY** “All for Christ I Have Forsaken”

*LSB 753*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please stand)*

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

*(Brief silence)*

*(The response following each petition)*

**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*(Prayers conclude...)*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SERVICE of the SACRAMENT**

*(begins on page 160 of the LSB)*

*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.**

*(if you wish to follow along with the Service of the Sacrament, it continues on p. 161 of the Lutheran Service Book.)*

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

**SONGS:**

“You Are My Vision”

*Praise Team*

1. **You are my vision, O King of my heart**  
**Nothing else satisfies, only You Lord**  
**You are my best thought by day or by night**  
**Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light**
2. **You are my wisdom, You are my true word**  
**I ever with You, and You with me Lord**  
**You're my great Father, and I'm Your true son**  
**You dwell in-side me, to-gether we're one**
3. **You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight**  
**You are my dignity, You're my de-light**  
**You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower**  
**Come raise me heavenward, O power of my power**
4. **I don't want riches or man's empty praise**  
**You're my in-heritance, now and al-ways**  
**You and You only, the first in my heart**  
**High king of Heaven, my treasure You are**
5. **High king of Heaven, when victory's won**  
**May I reach Heav-en's joy, O bright Heavn's Son**  
**Heart of my own heart, what-ever be-fall**  
**Still be my vision, O ruler of all** *(REPEAT last 2 lines)*

“Yes, and Amen”

*Praise Team*

1. **Father of kindness You have poured out grace**  
**You brought me out of darkness**  
**You have filled me with peace**  
**Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need**  
**Lord I can't help but sing**
2. **Beautiful Savior You have brought me near**  
**You pulled me from the ashes**  
**You have broken ev'ry curse**  
**Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free**  
**Lord I can't help but sing**

*CHORUS*

**Faithful You are**  
**Faithful forever You will be**  
**Faithful You are**  
**All Your promises are Yes and Amen**  
**All Your promises are Yes and Amen**

*BRIDGE*

**I will rest in Your promises**  
**My confidence is Your faithfulness**  
*(REPEAT)*

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

*LSB 685*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** “Thank The Lord” *(Please stand)*

*LSB p. 164*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*LSB p. 166*

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB p. 166*

**CLOSING SONG:** “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

*LSB 718*

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick  
**Secretary** Renee Taden  
**Preschool** Lisa Dove  
**Teachers** Courtney Eaton  
**Helper** Michele Broughman  
**Banners** Sue Elkins  
**Altar Guild** Norma Meyer

**Worship Coordinator** Larry Bruce  
**Admin. Assist.** Laura Oswood  
**Praise Team** Larry Bruce  
 Lisa Dove  
 Karin Kennedy  
**Organist** Kay Kaepf  
**Sound** Jimmy Powell

**Today - Sept. 3**

**Acolyte** Carmen Bruce  
**Assistant** Rick Taden  
**Reader** Barb Vainner  
**Ushers** Ron Patch  
 Chris Pavka  
 Dianne Pavka  
 Bill Tunison  
**Greeters** Clarence & Elaine  
 Walters  
**Cookies** Moore & Walters  
**Counters** Taden & Dayton

**Next Week - Sept. 10**

Ashley Mobley  
 Mark Dalchow  
 Kay Guenther  
 Rick Taden  
 Cal Keokuk  
 Clarence Walters  
 Andy AcMoody  
 Rhonda Kollmorgen &  
 Bonnie Polizin  
 Cake - Luckerts  
 Hobday & Moore

**Sunday School Teachers**

**3yr-K** Donna Hines  
**1st-3rd grade** Kelsey Burroughs  
**4th-5th grade** Lupe Meyer  
**6th-8th grade** Laura Oswood  
**9th-12th grade** Chris & Lisa Mobley

**Adult Sunday School**

**Philippians** Lisa Dove (a study for  
 adults in a kid-safe  
 environment)  
**Reformation** Larry Bruce (brunch)  
**Gospel of John** Pastor Aaron

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

*Family & Friends:* Harriet Jenner; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Darren Vance; Carol Yearling.

*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of God for the birthdays of Craig & Marnie Wood.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of our great grand daughter, Holly Elizabeth, born Tuesday to our grandson, Nick, and family, wife, Lisa, and son, Charles. May God show her His blessings for all of her life. Vic & Kay Guenther

## **ABUNDANT BLESSINGS**

*Offerings*—Sunday 8/27-\$3,192.25 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$10; Yard

Sale-\$1,338.51; Altar Flowers-\$20; Network for Good-\$140; Total-\$4,700.76.

*Worshippers*— Sunday 8/27: 9am-103; 11:30am-16. Sunday School: adults-44; kids-17.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am** *Grab a beverage and a cookie, and join us.*

**Kids:** downstairs to the right - begins with music in the blue room, then break out into classes

**Youth:** downstairs to the left - 6-8 grade in classroom #2; 9-12 grade in Youth Room

**Adults:** 3 options - check the bulletin board for details and locations

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

**Green Volunteer Sheets** TODAY is the last day to turn in your sheets. 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.

**Ready, Set, Go!!** Kids aged 2-18 can “drive” in the Reformation 500 Road Rally Race. You will receive a box, instructions to make your car, and a few items you can put on your car. The rest is up to you. Decorate it and return on race day, September 9, get your car’s number, and take off.

**Family Promise: an opportunity to serve** Can you provide a meal for the homeless? St. Paul members are serving the homeless by providing evening meals this week: September 6, 7, 8. Check out the bulletin board for details and to sign up.

**Potluck & Voters’ Meeting** Next Sunday, September 10

12:30 - Potluck: bring a dish to pass. Beverages, plates, cups, etc. are provided

1:15ish - Voters’ Meeting: All members, 18 years of age and older are encouraged to attend and participate. If you haven’t been before, check in with Dan or Laura before the meeting.

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

Sunday 9/3	Green Volunteer Sheets Deadline
	9:00am Worship
	10:30am Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am Worship
Monday 9/4	Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday 9/5	2:00pm Reformation 500 mtg.
Wednesday 9/6	9:30am Staff Meeting
	4:45pm Family Promise
	7:00pm Youth Hangout & Pizza (6-12 graders)
Th 9/7 & Fri 9/8	4:45pm Family Promise
Saturday 9/2	9:00am Men’s Bible Study
	10:00am Book Club



Sunday 9/10

6:00pm Reformation 500 Road Rally Race  
9:00am Worship  
10:30am Sunday School Classes for All Ages  
11:30am Worship  
12:30pm Potluck  
1:15ish Voters' Meeting