

The Divine Service

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

AS WE GATHER

The three Readings today all tell of the contrasts between people who have faith in Christ and those who do not. The important message is that we recognize God's gracious blessings and so reflect them as we live. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15) and warns about one who is "not rich toward God" (v. 21). When in Ecclesiastes "the Preacher" sees vanity all around, he writes, "to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy" (Ecclesiastes 2:26). In the Epistle, Paul promises that we who, in our Baptism, "have been raised with Christ, . . . will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1a, 4b). We have been given not only physical life but also eternal life.

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake for gives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

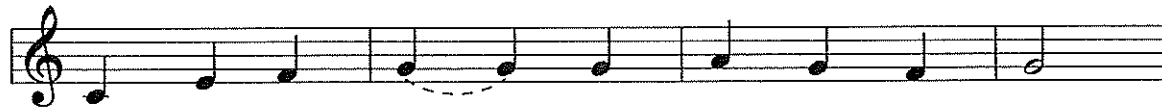
PROCESSIONAL HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411, verse 1 & 3



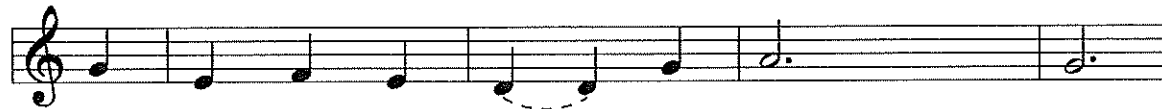
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jer. 23:16-29

Reader: ¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Heb. 11:17-31; 12:1-3

Reader: ¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixth chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Is Exalted"

VERSE

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

CHORUS

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

SERMON

"Don't Worry"

Pastor Scott Henze

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (†) everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Merciful God,

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements. For those who prefer a non-alcoholic option please know that the center of the communion tray is white grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**


The minister and congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



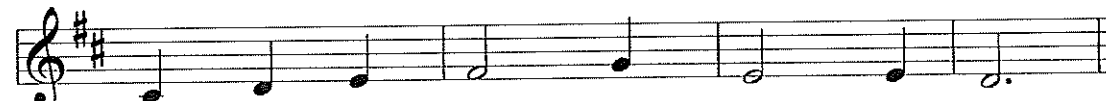
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



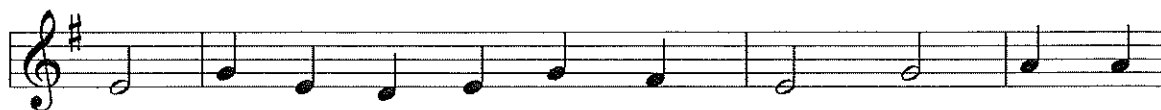
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

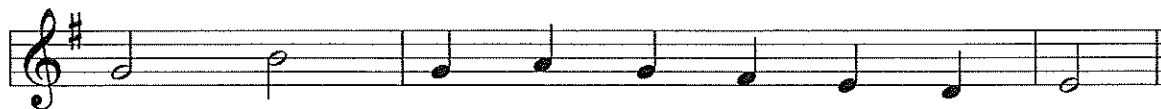
LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



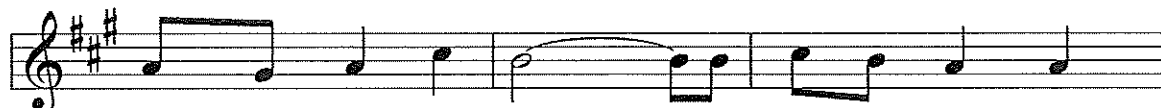
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

LSB 720



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

NUNC DIMITTIS



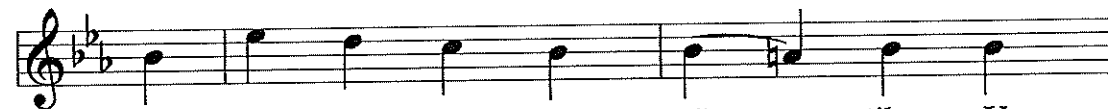
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Jeremy Becker, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Leader: Heavenly Father, we want to begin this new school year as we begin each day, with your blessing and guidance.

People: **Watch over our students, the owners of these backpacks, as they take the next steps in their education.**

Leader: You have called these children to be your own by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Their backpacks will be filled with books, but fill their lives to overflowing with your countless, daily blessings.**

Leader: When they feel overcome by the stress and anxiety and our spirits seem low...

People: **We pray that these students will know that you share the blessing of your heavenly kingdom with us.**

Leader: When they encounter sadness or grief, whether at school or at home...

People: **We pray that these students will know that you provide the Spirit of comfort to all who are mourning.**

Leader: When they serve you humbly, not asking for blessings in return...

People: **Remind them that you bless the meek and humble with an inheritance that overflows our world.**

Leader: Keep their hearts and minds pure as a reflection of your love for them...

People: **Bless them, we pray, to see your face in the face of friends, teachers, parents and others who surround them this year.**

Leader: When they encounter persecution or bullying, particularly when they are standing up for what is right and holy...

People: **We pray that their faith in your blessings and promises is strengthened and that their behavior and faith shines as an example to others of what it means to be your royal children.**

Leader: Throughout each day of this school year, bless these children richly with a constant reminder of the heavenly reward you have promised them through the sacrifice and victory of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Each one is a precious child in your kingdom and a blessing to behold. We thank you for blessing our lives through them. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Fight the Good Fight"

LSB 664, verses 1 & 4



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as...

People: Disciples making disciples.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

If you have a prayer request we invite you to come up to the altar following the worship service to pray with a member of our prayer team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

All are welcome at St. Paul. There is something for every age! Invite your friends and neighbors!

August 20

Church Workday– Come help spruce up the grounds before school starts. Service hours for teens are provided.

August 24

Youth Ministry Kick-Off– Come hear about all confirmation and youth events. 6:30 PM for students and parents.

August 28

Volunteer Training– We need you! Come learn to be an usher, serve communion or assist with the altar guild.

September 10

Discovering Life With God –This one day class is a great introduction to what Lutheran's believe or teach. It is open to anyone wanting to deepen their faith or as a pathway to membership at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

September 11

Preschool Open House Fun Day! All are invited as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Hot dogs, Hamburgers, bounce houses and more! Tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and preschool families.

September 13

Loss of a Spouse Grief Share Group-this new ministry will help those experiencing a loss of a spouse process grief. 7:00 PM in Room 201/202.

Saturday, October 8

First Communion Instruction, 9:00 AM –1:00 PM for youth 10 years old or in 5th grade. This one day class instructs students in the meaning of Holy Communion. Children will be invited to take their first communion on Sunday, October 9.

Sunday, October 9

Blessing of the Animals! 4:00 PM; All are invited to bring your pet for this special blessing in honor of St. Francis Day.



**Blessing of
the Animals**

**Sunday, October 9
4:00 PM**

Pet Parade, Music, Raffles and Fun!

**Bring your pet for this special blessing
in honor of St. Francis Day**

**IDOLATRY IS PUTTING
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING
BEFORE GOD.**

“Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and
with all your mind and with all your
strength” (Mark 12:30).



Amen!

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 AM