

# The Divine Service

The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost  
July 30, 2023

## AS WE GATHER

*"All things work together for good," today's Epistle proclaims, "for those who love God" (Romans 8:28). That means us! But how does it happen that we love God? God predestined, called, justified, and glorified us, all because He loves us. He loved us so much that He "did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32). By faith we are part of God's people. By the grace of God, the Kingdom has been revealed to us like discovered treasure in a field or a pearl of great price, as Jesus teaches in two parables in the Gospel. Although as sinner-saints we may not perfectly endure tribulation, distress, and persecution, on the Last Day, by grace we shall be considered righteous because of all that God has done for us.*

### Prelude

### Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✝) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

People: **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: **have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

Pastor: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in (✝) Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## Processional Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 821, verses 1 & 4



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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## 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


*Cantor: In peace, in peace...*

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Cantor: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the ... Refrain*

*Cantor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the ... Refrain*

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - - - men.

# Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast"

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3  
*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
 make us peo - ple of God; to make  
 all things new. *to Refrain*

### Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, People: give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### Today's Scripture Readings

#### The Old Testament

*Deuteronomy 7:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>"You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Romans 8:28-39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Processional (Stand as you are able.)**

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

### "In Christ Alone"

#### Verse 3

#### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

#### Verse 4

#### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Sermon            "That's My Future?"            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:**    God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given us and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.    *From Sundays and Seasons, © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.*

***A word about Holy Communion:***    *We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**Pastor:**    The Lord be with you.

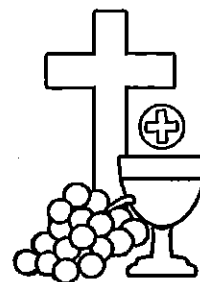
**People:**    **And also with you.**

**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.**





## Proper Preface

### 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

#### The Peace of the Lord

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

**People: And also with you.**

*(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord).*

### Agnus Dei

*(Congregation may be seated following the Agnus Dei)*



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us pence, grant us peace.

Hymns during Distribution:

"When Peace, like a River"

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.



"In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



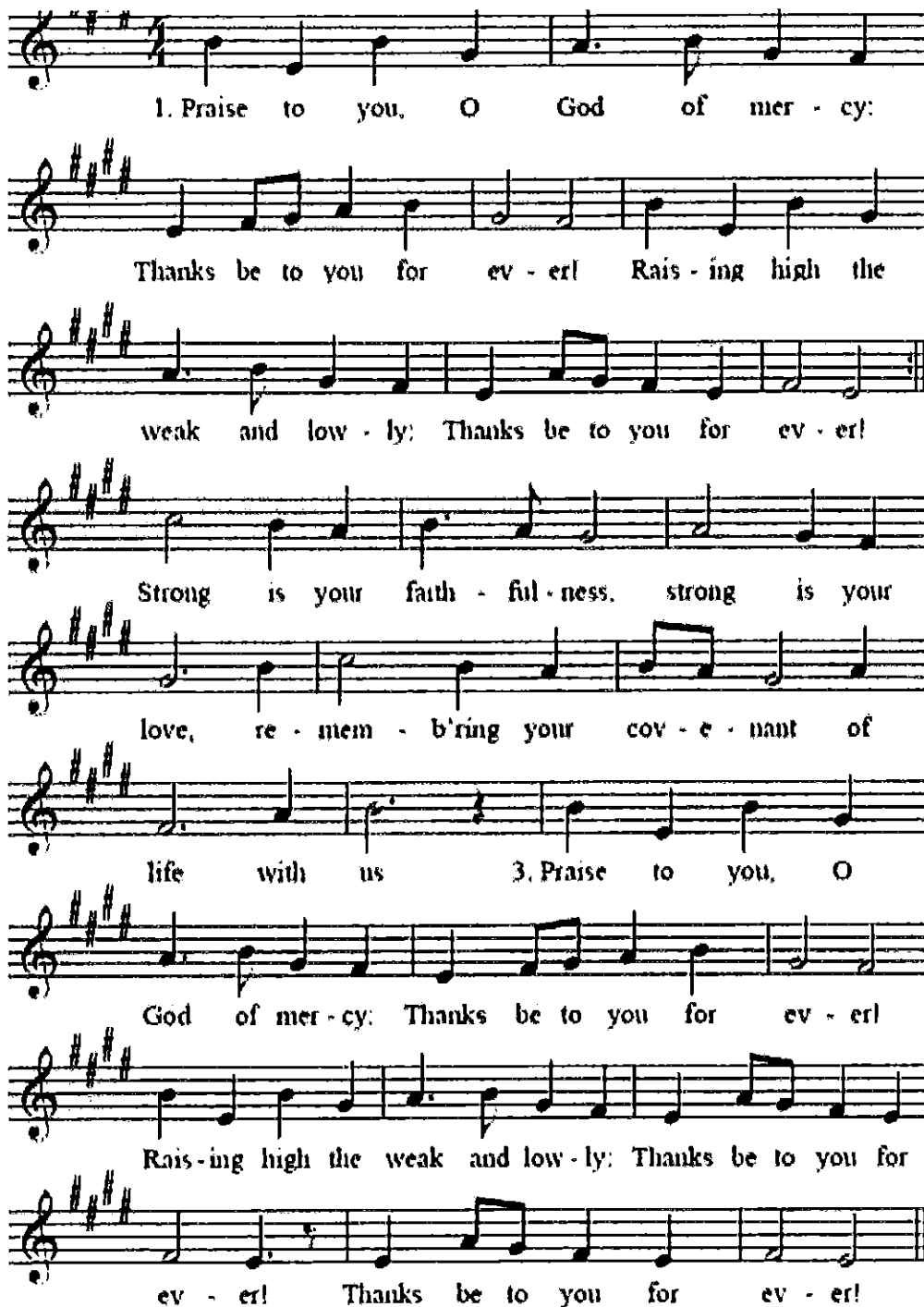
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Closing of the Table

### Post-Communion Canticle:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Strong is your fath - ful - ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
life with us 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

### Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

## Benediction

### Recessional Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922, verses 1 & 4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

## 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!**



**Calling All Students!**  
**Sunday, August 13**  
**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Bring your backpack to church for a special  
blessing before the new school year begins!**

## Mark your calendars!

**Sunday, August 6 - College Sending Service** 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – All college students are invited for this special blessing before you head back to school.

**Sunday, August 13- Blessing of the Backpacks!** All students bring their backpacks this day for a special blessing.

**Saturday, August 19 - Church Workday**; 9:00 AM to 12 Noon – Help is needed to spruce up the church grounds before school begins. Service hours for teens are provided.

**Wednesday, August 23 - St. Paul Child Enrichment Center Preschool Begins**  
Preschool classes for children ages 18 months through 4 years old. Space is filling fast!

**Sunday, August 27 - Volunteer Training Sunday** - In between services we will train new volunteers to serve as ushers, communion assistants, hospitality team, altar guild, AV Assistants. Please come and choose a place to get involved!

**Wednesday, August 30 -Youth and Parent Kick-Off Meeting** All students 6th grade through 12th grade and their parents are invited to come hear about all the fun events and service opportunities planned for this coming year at 6:30 PM.

**Sunday, September 3 -College Care Packages** – 9:45 AM in between services. Come help pack a box for the college students.

**Sunday, September 10 - Preschool Teacher Installation and Bounce House Sunday** - Come meet the St. Paul teachers and enjoy the fun and fellowship following the late service.

**Saturday, September 16 - Discovering Life With God** This one day class is a great introduction into what Lutherans believe and teach. It is open to anyone wanting to grow in their faith or join the membership here at St. Paul.



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Call the church office at 943-384-9096 if you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister.

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**Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School for children and youth : 9:45 AM**

**Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM**



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