

The Divine Service
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020



Blessing of the
Backpacks

AS WE GATHER

The earthly ministry of Jesus was for the most part in a restricted geographical area. For the three years of His public work, He traveled in the area of Judea and Galilee with a singular sojourn through Samaria. But at least on one occasion, He went beyond familiar boundaries north to the district of Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon. There He brought healing for the daughter of a Canaanite woman, a person seen as a Gentile and an inferior by the Jews of His home area. The love of Jesus broke down barriers and reached across divides. As people who have been sought out by Jesus, we seek ways to extend His love as the Holy Spirit works in and through us.

Preservice

"How Beautiful"

Kelsie Templin

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

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

Opening Sentences

Pastor: We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

People: **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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

This is most certainly true.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

People: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Processional Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571 verses 1,2,6



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Pastor: ¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed ⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

Pastor: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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People: Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day **"As We Break the Bread"**

Adult Choir

Sermon **"You Dog!"**

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"

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

Blessing of the Backpacks and College Sending

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...

6 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

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Benediction

Recessional Verse "Jesus Shall Reign" *LSB 832 verses 1,4,5*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope and pray you had a chance to see Christ in a very personal and real way. If you have a prayer request or would like to talk to the pastor or one of our Stephen Ministers contact the church office at 954-384-9096 or by email at office@stpaulweston.org.

Amen!

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

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

St. Paul Child Enrichment Center

Now enrolling for the fall. Preschool classes for children ages 18 months through 4 years old. We are almost at capacity!

Youth Family Forum-Info on Youth Ministry & programs for 6th to 12th graders and parents on August 26 Via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

High School Spirit Night –Every Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Beginning Sunday, August 30 at 9:45 AM -10:15 AM Via Zoom

Login in for a lively opening with songs and Bible stories. Then students will break out into Zoom groups by age with their teachers. Hope to see you!

Middle School Teen Night– Friday, September 4 at 7:00 PM Via Zoom.

Sixth Grade Confirmation –Begins Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM.

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 4, 4:00 PM; Outside here at St. Paul spread out on the front lawn area. Bring your pet for this special blessing in honor of St. Francis Day. Pet parade, music, raffles and more!

First Communion Instruction - Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 AM. This one day class for children entering 5th grade or youth turning 10 years old or those who missed the training last year. Students and at least one parent are required to attend together.

Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 30; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM

Decorate your car, bring some treats and come on out to the St. Paul parking lot! Food, Fellowship and fun at a safe distance!