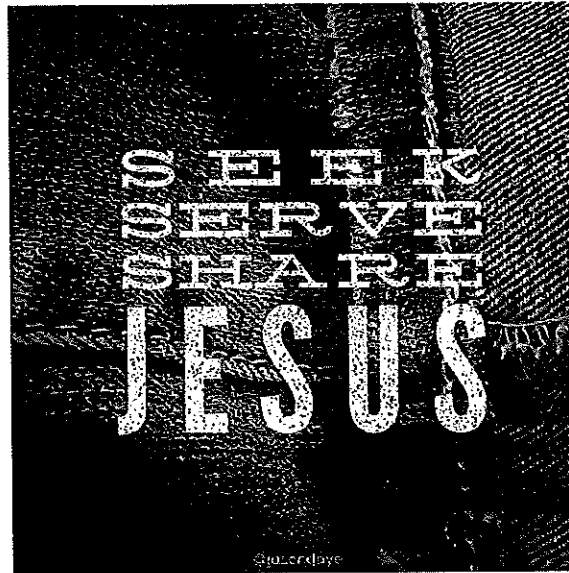


# The Divine Service

## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### August 23, 2020



#### **AS WE GATHER**

Acknowledging Jesus as the Christ is central to our confession of faith as individual Christians and vital in our worship as the gathered people of God. In our use of that divine title, we echo the words of the angel who spoke to the shepherds in the field outside of Bethlehem with the Gospel message, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). We are blessed in knowing that Jesus, the Christ, is not only God in person in human form but that He is God for us. St. Patrick poetically spoke his confession with the words "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me." As we confess Jesus as the Christ this day, we are joining with saints and angels as well as with the sisters and brothers that surround us gathered for worship!

#### **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 Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People: Gracious God, with contrition and repentance, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Processional Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644 verses 1,3,5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

## Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

Pastor: "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

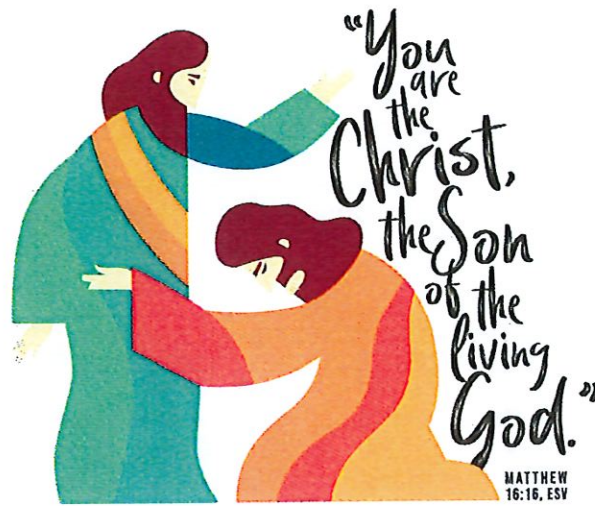
*Romans 11:33-12:8*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:13-20*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

"Built on the Rock"

LBS 645 Verses 1,4,5



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



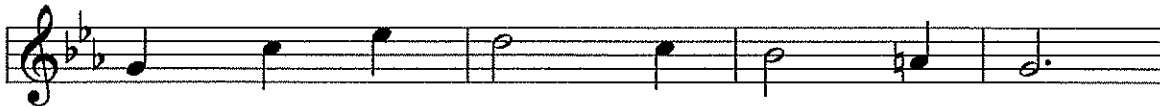
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Sermon

**"Seek, Share, Serve"**

*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.**

## **Benediction**

Recessional Verse "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

662 verses 1 & 4



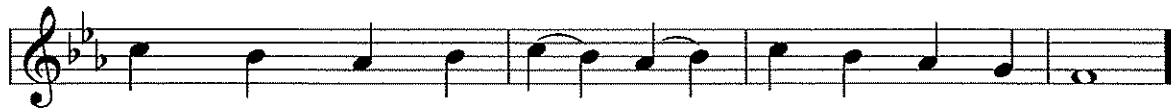
1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



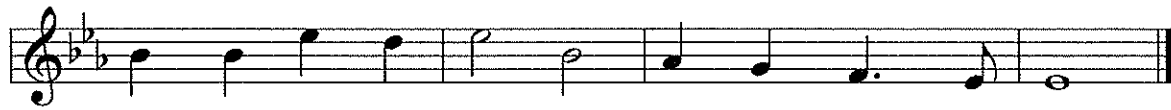
Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.



## **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](mailto:office@stpaulweston.org).*

*Amen!*

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

# UPCOMING FALL 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!

**Men's Group** - Via Zoom. Monday evenings at 6:30 PM.

**Youth Family Forum**– Info on Youth Ministry and programs for 6th-12th graders and parents on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 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 an introduction to the lesson of the day. 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.

**Presidents Equip Conference** -September 24-26; This virtual conference enables you to choose from a wide variety of speakers and breakout sessions from the Florida – Georgia District of the LCMS. Register Today!

**Discovering Life With God** - Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 AM. This class is a great introduction to what Lutheran's believe and teach. It is open to all and serves as a path to membership here at St. Paul.

**Blessing of the Animals** - Sunday, October 4, 4:00 PM 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.

**15th Annual St. Paul Golf Tournament** -Saturday, October 24 at Eagle Trace Golf Club in Coral Springs. Sign-up today!

**Trunk or Treat** - Friday, October 30; 6:00 PM –7:30 PM  
Decorate your car, brings some treats and come on out to the St. Paul parking lot! Food, Fellowship and fun at a safe distance!