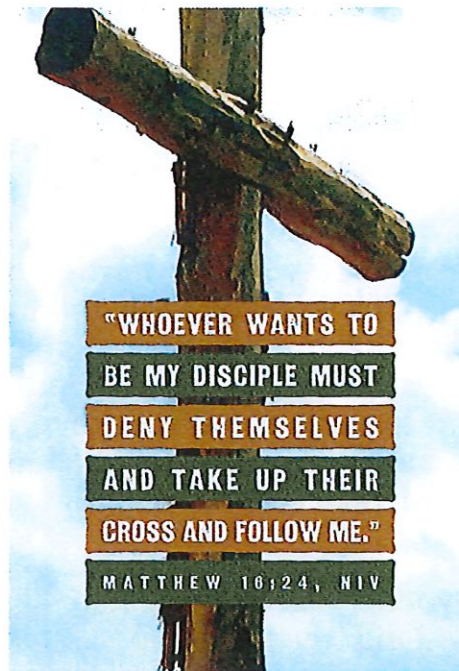


The Divine Service

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020



AS WE GATHER

Some voices in our world today claim that good needs evil in order to help what is right truly express itself. The Bible takes a different view, giving us God's perspective on good and evil. That which is truly virtuous doesn't depend on evil. No, quite the opposite, that which is good—God and His love in Jesus Christ—actively dispels evil at the cross. By His resurrection from death's grave, Jesus crushes evil and guarantees that it has no power over those who trust in Him. Remaining in Christ's love, we respond to the evil in our world, even the evil that comes directly at us through the wrongdoings of our enemies, with the goodness of forgiveness. Instead of retaliating against evil ourselves, we allow our good and gracious God to respond to it, and overcome it, in our loving Savior.

Call to Worship /Check In

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.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

People: we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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 "Christ Be Thy Leader" LSB 861 verses 1,2,3



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Pastor: ¹⁵O 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. ¹⁶Your 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. ¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore 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, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And 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. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

Pastor: ⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible,

so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To 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." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹From 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. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."
²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For 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? ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Truly, 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."

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



Hymn of the Day

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

LBS 685 Verses 1 & 4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Sermon

"Jesus is My Hero"

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

790 verses 1,3,5



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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

Call the church office at 954-384-9096 for more information.