



**First Responder Sunday**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 16, A+D 2022**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## Confession and Absolution

**869 With the Lord Begin Your Task**

*sts. 1–3*

*Stand*

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

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Exhortation**

*LSB 151*

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

**C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**Absolution**

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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**869 With the Lord Begin Your Task**

sts. 4–5

**Kyrie**

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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



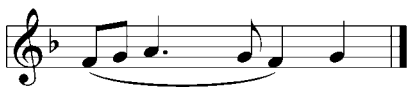
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

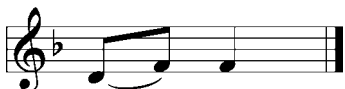
- P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1–11*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for First Responder Sunday is from the third chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup>a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Ephesians 2:8–10*

**A** The Second Reading is from the second chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one

may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*



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

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 17:5–10*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

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**C** 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.

*Sit*

### Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*

*Stand*

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

sts. 1–2

**Prayer of the Church**

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

# Service of the Sacrament

**Preface***LSB 160*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Lord's Prayer**

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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**

**The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





*Silent Prayer after Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## 744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1–5

Stand

### The Communion Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.

### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### A celebration of First Responders

- P** Members of the household of God, we gather today to give thanks for those who run toward danger when others run away.

The author of the Epistle of Peter wrote churches in Asia Minor who were suffering religious persecution: Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God

may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. –1 Peter 4:11

*Pastor lifts up book:*

**P** As Peter advises, “whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes.” This book, titled “Strength for Service to God and Community” is designed to remind first responders of the strength that God provides.

In 1942, a book titled *Strength for Service to God and Country* was published for members of the U.S. Armed Forces following the attack on Pearl Harbor. One million copies of that book were given to troops from the beginning of World War II to the end of the Korean War. In 2001, the book was republished and expanded and nearly 500,000 copies of that book have been distributed primarily to U.S. service men and women.

This new book, *Strength for Service to God and Community*, follows the same pattern of daily Scripture readings, meditations and prayers, but it is specifically written for first responders instead of combat troops.

**P** Let us pray:

**P** Lord, we ask your blessing upon these books and those who will receive them. May these public servants feel your restoring power as they read these daily meditations after stressful and frightening days. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** I invite all first responders to come forward; this invitation includes fire fighters, police officers, EMT personnel and volunteer or professional first responders.

*After group assembles in the chancel:*

**P** Let us pray. Thank you, God, for these committed servants. We will never know of all the times they have faced life-threatening situations or endured life altering experiences. We pray that these

books will provide inspiration and spiritual renewal at the end of each day of service. Amen.

- P** On behalf of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church I offer you tokens of our appreciation for your service.

*Books are presented.*

- P** People of St. Paul Thornton: What is your response to these community servants?

**C** **We have too often taken your service for granted. We have failed to recognize the hours, days and years you have contributed to make this community safe, and we have failed to thank you for healing those broken in body and spirit. As you read the prayers and devotions in these books, know that we will be praying for you.**

- P** We thank you, God for these our sisters and brothers. We now entrust them to your care. Go in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## 965 God Bless Our Native Land

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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# Thanksgiving Blessings

Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need for Thanksgiving. However, due to the continued impact of the Corona Virus, we will continue to purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of the items you would normally be purchasing, it would be much appreciated.

Please make your donations for the Thanksgiving Gift Cards by Sunday November 13th so we have time to purchase cards and send them to the families.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry





# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

October 16, 2022

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Carrie Pearson

Donald Pearson

Joseph Pearson

Paulette Pearson

Scott & Donna Pfeifer, Family Sarah, Michael

### BIRTHDAYS

Coral Middleton, 10/17

Margaret Tatgenhorst, 10/18

Jayden Wisely, 10/19

Daniel Zander, 10/21

Barry Diekelman, 10/22

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Sella, 10/20

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pam Dobberstein, Paul Dobberstein, Sandy Ovalle, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen and Gene Wiltjer.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

## NEWS UPDATE

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The bulletin for today and the eternal light for this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paramedic Debbie Bloom by Dave Bloom.

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St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday October 19, to review *Irish Cowboy* by DW Ulsterman. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. We also order lunch for after the meeting. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

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**Reformation Day** is on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate with a shared meal. Brats, hot dogs, dessert & drinks will be provided. Please Bring a Side to Share.

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**Christ For You this week on KFUE.org:** Study Joshua 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Daniel 2-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and join us for Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT at kfue.org. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

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“By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!” Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •  
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I'M WORRIED.



# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

October 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance 12, 11 Communed, 11 Online



Basket	0.25	
Envelopes	<u>1,130.00</u>	
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>1,130.25</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b> _____
Offering Needed	<u>1,640.00</u>	
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$-509.75</b>	



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Responders Sunday
	11:00 am	Coffee &... BARBEQUE
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00 am	Book Club
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Sun, Oct 16, 8:45 AM</b>	<b>Sun, Oct 23, 8:45 AM</b>
Pastor	Pastor Buss	Pastor Dobberstein
Usher	Louis Sella	Bill Sommer
		Norma Allen
Lay Reader	Dave Bloom	Norma Allen

## DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



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