

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, A+D 2023



## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 4 – Page 203 Lutheran Service Book

#### Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have "mercy on your fellow servant" and "forgive your brother from your heart" (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we "are the Lord's" (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will "stand before the judgment seat of God," we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also "will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand" (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends "to bring it about that many people should be kept alive" (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: "I will provide for you and your little ones" (Gen. 50:21).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

### **Confession and Absolution**

496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

#### Stand

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

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### Exhortation

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- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

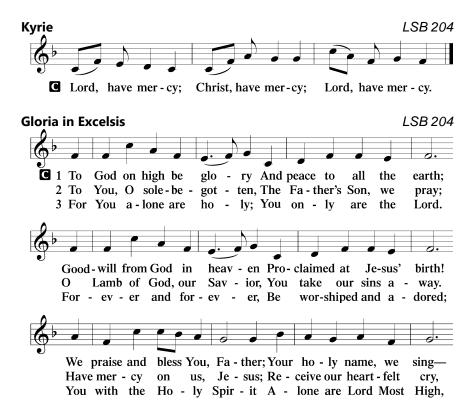
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# Service of the Word

#### Introit

#### Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9

- P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
- **G** I have fled to you for refuge!
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- **G** In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
- **G** for no one living is righteous before you.
- **G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
- **G** I have fled to you for refuge!





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

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#### **Old Testament Reading**

#### Genesis 50:15–21

The Old Testament Reading for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fiftieth chapter of Genesis the First Book of Moses.

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

#### Epistle

#### Romans 14:1-12

A The Second Reading is from the fourteenth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

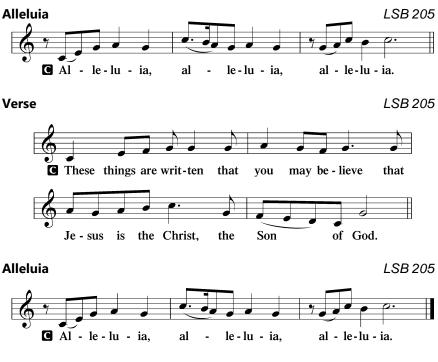
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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



#### **Alleluia and Verse**



#### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same

servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Apostles' Creed

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.

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#### 719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

#### Sermon

#### 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.

#### **Musical Offering**

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#### Prayer of the Church

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

### Service of the Sacrament

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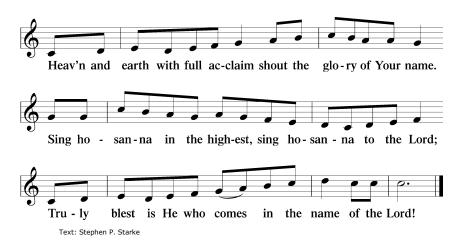
#### Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### Lord's Prayer

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

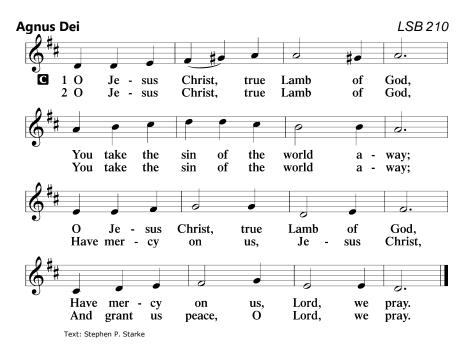
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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#### **Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just 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.

#### 727 On Eagles' Wings

#### 895 Now Thank We All Our God

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#### The Communion Dismissal

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- C Amen.

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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

- 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 Amen.

#### 816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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# Come join our Church





Hot Dogs, Hamburgers

Bring your favorite Salad or Desert to share Located at Church this year Fellowship, Games

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am till ?? Bring a chair and spend the day

Any questions contact Church Office Office: 708-877-6564 Church Cell: 312-533-1896 office@splcms.org







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. 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.

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

September 17, 2023

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

#### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Tracy Middleton, Family Jacob, Travis Tina Morse, Family Alexis, Austin Lisa Niemann Richard Niemann Steven Nowicki

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Dominic Ramirez, 9/17 Antonio Ramirez, 9/20

#### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeanette Ramirez, 9/19 Jean Wiltjer, 9/22

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Gloria Wiltjer, 9/23

#### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Gene Allen, Janice Abel, Bob Brandy, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Judy Peterson, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, 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, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

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### NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday October 11, to review *Kitty My Rib* by E. Jane Mall. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

**Christ For You this week on KFUO.org:** Begin the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study The Cause of Sin in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/23 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and study Leviticus 18-22 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

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**We'd love to see** you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at https://www.splcms.org/worship.

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

## The Unmerciful Servant

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### **GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION**

#### **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

September 10<sup>th</sup> Attendance 19, 18 Communed, 1 Online

Budgeted Total	1,322.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$100.00
		Social Ministry	25.00
		Church Maint	10.00
Envelopes	1,320.00	Luth. Church Charity	35.00
Basket	\$2.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00

**Budgeted Total** Offering Needed

1,322.00
1,233.00
\$89.00



Today

# This Week at a Glance

9:30 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Coffee &
10:30 am	Bible Discussion

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

9:30 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Coffee &
11:00 am	Church Picnic

SERVANT SCHEDULE

#### Pastor Usher Lay Reader

Sun, Sep 17, 9:30 AM Pastor Dobberstein Louis Sella Norma Allen

Sun, Sep 24, 9:30 AM Pastor Buss Bill Sommer Mary Sella

#### DONATIONS





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