

For I do not  
understand my own  
actions. For I do not do  
what I want, but I do  
the very thing I hate.

Romans 7:15 ESV

*Welcome to*

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## ***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

July 9, 2023

### **Welcome!**

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Noble, or anyone here at St. Paul's.

### **As We Worship**

**Prepare** for worship in stillness and prayer.

**Enjoy** worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

**Close** worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

**After** worship, the service begins!

Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

***A special welcome*** is extended to all our guests. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Everyone** is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance and hand it to the usher as you leave.

**Prelude** "*Variation on a Theme by Corelli*" Aaron David Miller

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

### **The Order of Worship**

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Divine Service Setting Three

## Entrance Hymn

*“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”*

LSB #868

## Invocation *(please remain standing)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart  
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching  
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all  
my sins and iniquities with which I have ever  
offended You and justly deserved Your temporal  
and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry  
for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray  
You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of  
the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of  
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious  
and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a  
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the  
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the  
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 91:2, 9-10; antiphon: Ps. 91:1*

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
C **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

P I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
C **my God, in whom I trust.”**

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
C **the Most High, who is my refuge—**

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
C **no plague come near your tent.**

All **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.**

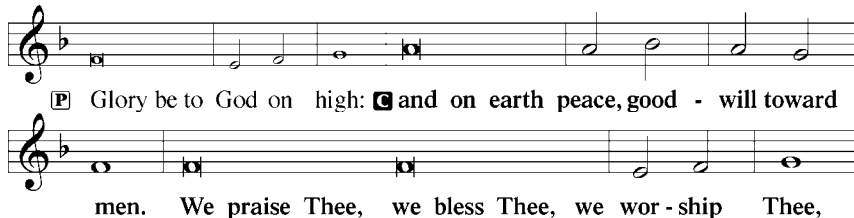
P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
C **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

### Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the

wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C      Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C      Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*Romans 7:15-25a*

<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law

of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am!  
Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to  
God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Alleluia** (*please stand*)



### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 11:25-30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup>  
chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the  
wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>  
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have  
been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the  
Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the  
Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>  
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give  
you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am  
gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**All** 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.

*(be seated)*

## Children's Message

Hymn of the Day    *"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"*    LSB #684

Sermon    *"I Just Don't Understand"*    Text: Romans 7:15-25a

Presentation of the Offering *(please stand)*

## Offertory ~ Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*(be seated)*

## Commissioning of Stephen Minister

## Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy,    **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we  
need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died  
and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All 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 *(please stand)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you  
and (+) give you peace.



**Sending Hymn**    *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*    **LSB #662**

## Silent Prayer

(be seated)

**Postlude** “*Altho’ I Speak with Angel’s Tongue*” Diemer

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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