

I have told you these things,
so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart!
I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Welcome to
SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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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, members and guests, are asked to please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to the usher as you leave.

Prelude "*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*" Franklin D. Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

Entrance Hymn “*Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won*” LSB #490

Invocation (*please stand*)

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

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

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon
Him in prayer and praise, 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.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You
declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your
one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us
our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our
midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer
and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 98:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1

P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

C **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

P My heart is in anguish within me;
C **the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

P But I call to God,
C **and the LORD will save me.**

P Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my complaint and moan,
C **and he hears my voice.**

P He redeems my soul in safety
from the battle that I wage,
C **for many are arrayed against me.**

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 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
C **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



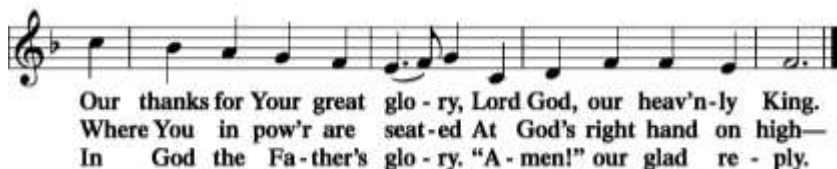
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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)

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

Epistle

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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

Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)





Holy Gospel

John 16:23-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"Jerusalem the Golden"

LSB #672

Sermon

Apostles' Creed *(please stand)*

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 ever-lasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory



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 -



Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

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

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Benedicamus *(please send)*

P 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.

Sending Hymn "God Bless our Native Land" LSB #96.

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude “*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*” Wayne L. Wold

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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