"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 ESV

Welcome to SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

August 10, 2025

"In Nomine Iesu"

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Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us.

The love of Christ comfort you and the love of His people encourage you. We pray you know Christ's love through us.

So that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, *members and guests* alike are asked to please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Please hand them to an usher as you leave the sanctuary.

Matins, an Order of Worship for the morning, originated around the 4th Century. Christians observed 'times of day' for private devotions. These private "hours" developed into public services. Matins is marked by the thought of praise to God as Creator and Redeemer. We hope you enjoy the Service of Matins.

We pray you have been blessed through this worship and will join us again soon.

Large print hymnals are available for your use. You can find them under the guest registry podium or ask and usher.

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Ringing of the Bell ~ A Call to Worship

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book -Matins page 219

Opening Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB #702





- We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
- in the midst of your temple. \mathbf{C}
- Р As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
- Your right hand is filled with righteousness. \mathbf{C}
- Р Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
- in the city of our God, his holy mountain. \mathbf{C}

- P Within her citadels
- C God has made himself known as a fortress.
- P Let Mount Zion be glad!
- C Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!
- P This is God, our God forever and ever.
- C He will guide us forever.
- 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 We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
- C in the midst of your temple.
- P As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
- C Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you."

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the

latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Acts 20:37-38

²⁷[Paul said:] "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You

yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.""

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

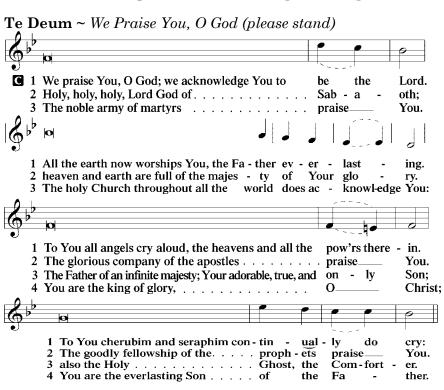
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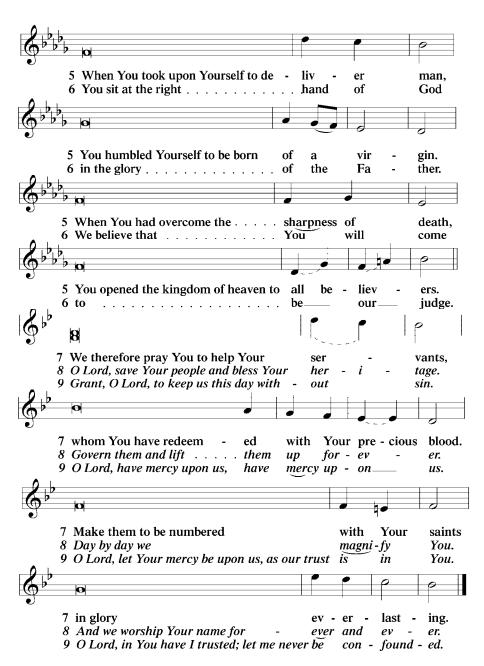
Children's Message

Responsory Hymn "In God, My Faithful God" LSB #745

Sermon "Listen to the Right Voice" Text: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Please rise as we present the Offering and Sing Te Deum





(be seated)

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 people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
- 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.

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.

Collect of the Day

- P Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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 (please stand)

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

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB #924

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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