



**Welcome to**

**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

***Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity***

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"In Nomine Iesu"

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**Welcome to everyone**, especially first time visitors to our congregation. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us.

### **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!

**All visitors** are welcome! We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that you have felt welcomed and comfortable here at St. Paul's. We hope that you will worship with us again.

**All members and guests** are asked to fill out the registration card in your pew rack and place it in the basket on the table as you leave.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

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

### **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book –  
Divine Service One

## Hymn of Invocation

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

LSB #895

### 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 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.*

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

All 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.

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.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 74:1–2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a*

P Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];  
C **let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**

P Arise, O God, defend your cause;  
C **do not forget the clamor of your foes.**

P O God, why do you cast us off forever?  
C **Why does your anger smoke against  
the sheep of your pasture?**

P Remember your congregation,  
C **which you have purchased of old,**

P which you have redeemed to be the tribe  
of your heritage!  
C **Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**

P Do not forget the life of your poor forever.  
C **Let the poor and needy praise your name.**

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 Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];  
C **let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**

P Arise, O God, defend your cause;  
C **do not forget the clamor of your foes.**

### **Kyrie**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us  
pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

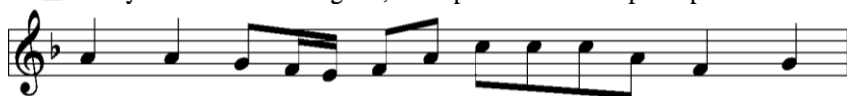
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**G** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



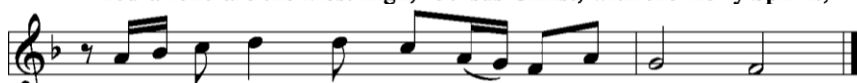
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

*(be seated)*

Choir Anthem     *“Lord, Be With Us On This Day”*

By Jay Althouse

## First Reading

*2 Chronicles 28:8–15*

<sup>8</sup>The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. <sup>9</sup>But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. <sup>10</sup>And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the Lord your God? <sup>11</sup>Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.”

<sup>12</sup>Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war <sup>13</sup>and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring

upon us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” <sup>14</sup>So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. <sup>15</sup>And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*Galatians 3:15–22*

<sup>15</sup>To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

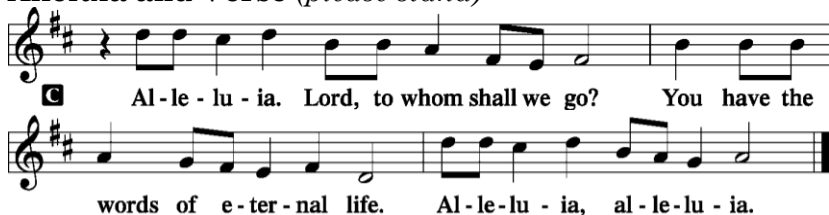
<sup>19</sup>Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup>Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:23-37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

<sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to



the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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

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

*(be seated)*

## **Children’s Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

LSB #683

**Sermon** *“What Does Christianity Look Like?”* Luke 10:25-37

### **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 everlasting. Amen.

*(be seated)*

## **Presentation of the Offering**

### **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 All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

**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 stand*)

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.**

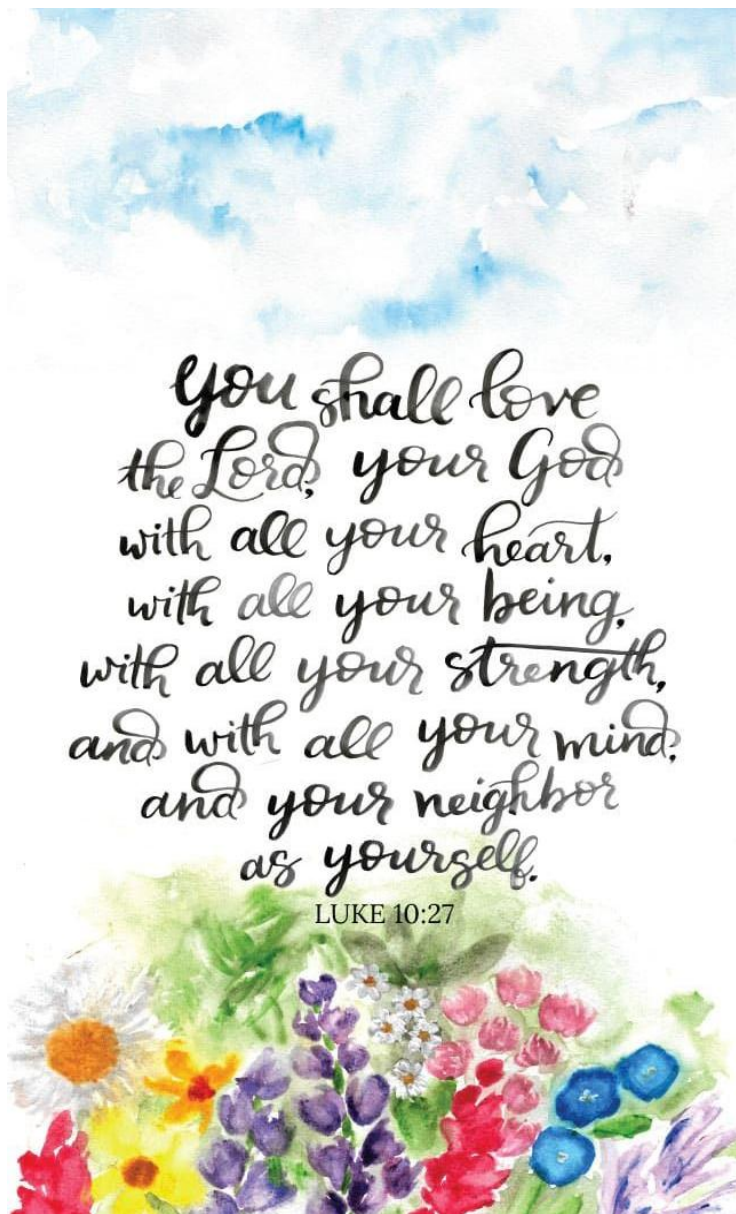
**Sending Hymn**      *"Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia"*      LSB #466

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Postlude**

**"Soli Deo Gloria"**

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You shall love  
the Lord, your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your being,  
with all your strength,  
and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor  
as yourself.

LUKE 10:27