



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 Lemke, 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. *Members and guests* are 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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – page 151
Divine Service Setting One

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.

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 punish-
ment. 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 an
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

Ps. 119:9-16; antiphon Ps. 119:12

P Blessed are you, O Lord;

C **teach me your statutes!**

P How can a young man keep his way pure?
C **By guarding it according to your word.**

P With my whole heart I seek you;
C **let me not wander from your commandments!**

P I have stored up your word in my heart,
C **that I might not sin against you.**

P Blessed are you, O Lord;
C **teach me your statutes!**

P With my lips I declare
C **all the just decrees of your mouth.**

P In the way of your testimonies I delight
C **As much as in all riches.**

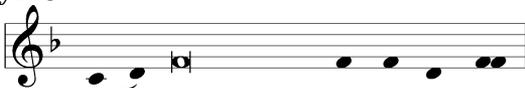
P I will meditate on your precepts
C **and fix my eyes on your ways.**

P I will delight in your statutes;
C **I will not forget your word.**

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 Blessed are you, O Lord;
C **teach me your statutes!**

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



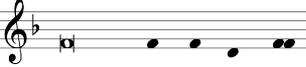
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



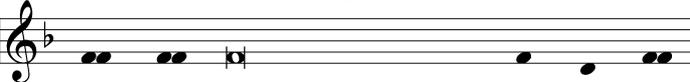
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis



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



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 O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 *“Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man”*
 By Williams/Braman

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3-9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if

they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

(be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LSB #575

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 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 Church 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.

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 on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

"May We Thy Precepts Lord Fulfill"

LSB #698

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

