



He who  
has ears,  
let him  
hear.

Matthew 13:9



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***Welcome to***  
**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

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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, a Pastor, 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!

**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 or hand it to an usher as you leave.

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Thank you for joining us today. Come again soon!  
You are always welcome here at St. Paul's!

**Prelude “Dove of Peace”** Cherwien  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship ~ *Ring of the Bell***

### **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 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 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. 103:15-19; antiphon Ps. 103:8*

P        The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C        **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P        As for man, his days are like grass;

C        **he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

P for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
**C and its place knows it no more.**

P But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
**C and his righteousness to children's children,**

P to those who keep his covenant  
**C and remember to do his commandments.**

P The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
**C and his kingdom rules over all.**

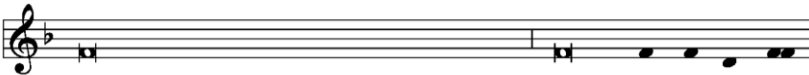
**All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Kyrie

  
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

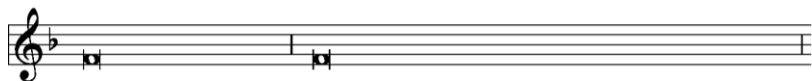
  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

  
**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.



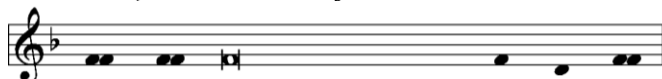
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



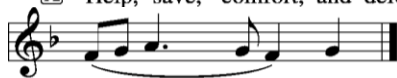
let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

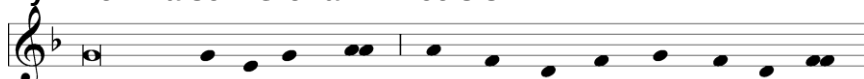


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

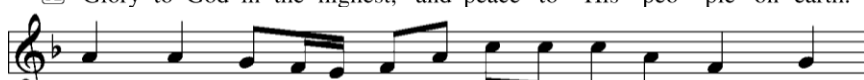


**G** A - men.

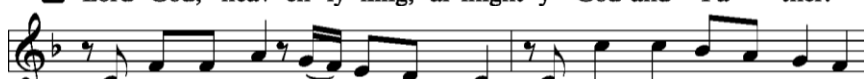
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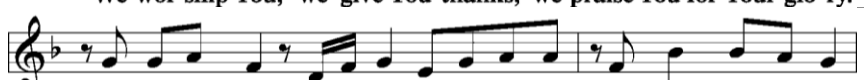
**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



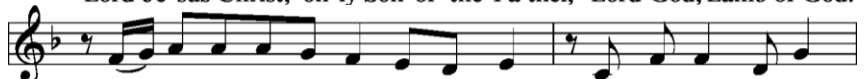
**G** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



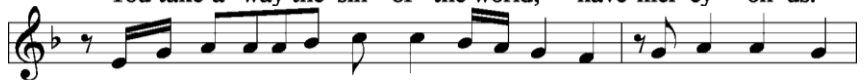
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



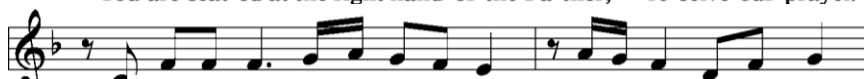
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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,



### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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)*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

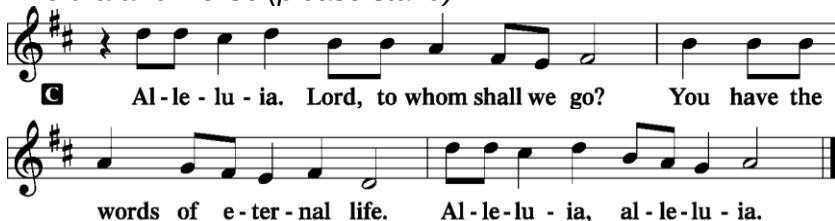
Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse (please stand)



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

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

*(be seated)*

## **Children’s Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”* LSB #545

### **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**



## 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.**

## 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.**

(*be seated*)

**Sending Hymn** “*For the Fruits of His Creation*” LSB #894

## Silent Prayer

**Postlude** “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” Burkhardt

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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