

Welcome in the name of Jesus! As we begin another school year in our Day School and Preschool, we do so under the theme: "Sent to Serve." Today we reflect upon a couple of significant truths about God's kingdom as we consider our place in the kingdom of God.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Order of Worship

The Opening Hymn

LSB 497

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the $\bar{\text{T}}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.**

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

C **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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

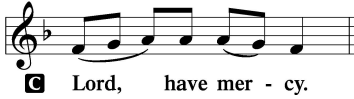


C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



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



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



The First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging Him on a cross.³¹ God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were

scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

Hebrews 11:24-26

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". A square copyright symbol (©) is located at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:17-28

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, He took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸ “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death ¹⁹ and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day He will be raised to life!” ²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him. ²¹ “What is it you want?” He asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your kingdom.” ²² “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. ²³ Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from My cup, but to sit at My right or left is not for Me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by My Father.” ²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

The Sermon Hymn

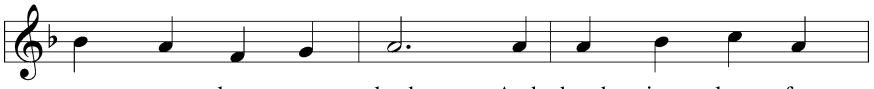
LSB 857

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant

Way



1	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser - vant	way	Wher -
2	You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,
3	No	gold -	en	scep -	ter	but	a	You
4	You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride
5	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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Sermon Text

Matthew 20:17-28

Sermon

“Truths about God’s Kingdom”

1. Being part of God’s kingdom entails _____
 _____ (John 16:33; Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy
 3:12).

2. Being part of God’s kingdom entails _____
 _____ (Philippians 2:5-8; Romans 12:10, 14, 21).

The Hymn of Response

LSB 661

The Son of God Goes Forth to War



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
 2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,
 3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,
 4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?
 Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.
 Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
 A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joice, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,
 Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor-tal pain,
 They met the ty-rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
 They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol-lows in His train.
 He prayed for those who did the wrong— Who fol-lows in his train?
 They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol-lows in their train?
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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Prayers

The Theme Hymn for the School Year

(To the tune of Crown Him with Many Crowns)

“We Have Been Sent to Serve”

We have been sent to serve by Christ, our Servant King,
 Who gave His life that we might live; New life to others bring.
 Our Lord and Master's grace impels each faithful one
 To hold the lost in His embrace; each daughter, ev'ry son!

No longer slaves to sin we serve in lowliness.
 Through Word and water we begin a life of holiness.
 May we, through servanthood, proclaim Lord Jesus' love,
 So all might know that God is good, and trust the Lord above.

To those who are ignored, who live with troubled hearts,
 May we, as servants of the LORD, tend them till fear departs.
 May they, by grace, be blest through faith in Jesus Christ,

Who gave His life so all would rest in His great sacrifice.

Our ransom has been paid for Christ, who conquered death,
Rose from the grave, came to our aid, with His life-saving breath.
He reigns as LORD of all; He shall return again.

Until His coming, heed His call that all might heaven gain.

^ To God the Father sing a high doxology;

Unto Christ Jesus ever bring a hymn sung glor'ously!

Then to the Sprit raise psalms of unending joy,

As we, with willing spirit, praise our LORD and God on high!

The Commissioning of Our Preschool and Day School Staff

Lord's Prayer

C **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

LSB 166

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 T give you peace.



The Closing Hymn

LSB 685

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT Fall is upon us. School is starting in some form, and it's time to begin choir rehearsals again. Both bell choir and adult choir will resume on Sunday, September 13th. Bell choir at 5:00 in the balcony; adult choir at 6:00 in the balcony. If you are interested in bell choir please contact Ellen Augustine (574-536-4648) so music can be marked for the appropriate number of ringers. Adult choir will rehearse and perform without masks and side by side, so please make sure you are comfortable with this arrangement. If you have questions or concerns please let me know. You may call/text the number above. Hope to see many of you on September 13th to praise the Lord in song.

ON VACATION : Pastor Wonnacott and family are on vacation August 15-16.

BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of August 13, 2020 - \$84,100
This amount represents just over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.
June preliminary operating budget fund donations – \$47,297
June preliminary operating budget fund spend – <\$46,569>

Calendar of Events

THIS SUNDAY **August 16, 2020**
Sunday School and Bible Classes 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

MON:

SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!!

Board Meetings..... 7:00 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel..... 9:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY..... **August 23, 2020**

Sunday School and Bible Classes 8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am

Special Need for School Reading Curriculum

St. Paul's School had planned an Auction Fundraiser this summer to fund the next step in updating the School's Reading

Curriculum. The goal was to complete the entire remainder of the school's need of \$14,000. As we couldn't hold an auction this year due to State of Indiana Coronavirus restrictions, we are holding a "Non-Auction Fund Drive" to obtain the funding needed. If we do not receive the entire amount this summer, we will move forward with 2nd and 3rd grade updates for \$7,000. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Reading Program" and place it in the Offering Box or in the Church Secretary's box in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to update our school's curriculum.
St. Paul's School Board

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday evenings for an in-depth study of the book of Judges, September 16 through November 11 from 6:45 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. Registration forms are located on a table in the Narthex. Join us for an evening of enlightenment and fellowship!

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY

August 30th is Lay Ministry Sunday, when the Board of Lay Ministry will direct the worship service and we will have 3 members of the congregation speak about their lives in Christ.

Please plan on attending this special service!



After the service, PTL invites you to join them in the Bethany Room for a special "Sunday Sundaes" Bar. The Sundae Bar will be available for a free-will offering to PTL. Due to the Covid-19 virus, numerous fund raisers for PTL, such as the Fireman's and Blueberry Festivals, have been cancelled. Here is an opportunity to help support an organization that makes student life here at St. Paul's more fun!

SCRIP cards will be available for purchase during the Sundae Bar as well. Traditionally, SCRIP purchases are made available

on the 1st Sunday of the month, however, the 1st Sunday is the Labor Day weekend so the date was moved forward.

Servants for Today's Worship

Administrative Pastor: Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-0306

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Elder: Hank Kiefer

Ushers: Jim Mitchell & Rod Schroeder

Acolyte: Ian Russell