Good morning and welcome to our time of fellowshipping with God as a family of believers. Today's worship time has us consider that which is to bind us together, namely the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

#### **Preparation for Worship**

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

#### Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- $\mathcal{C}$  who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- $\mathcal{C}$  But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

**Introit** (read responsively)

Psalm 103:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all His benefits,

<sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquity,

Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

<sup>5</sup> Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD executes righteousness

and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known His ways to Moses,

His acts to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always strive with us,

nor will He keep His anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, **nor punished us according to our iniquities.** 

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,

so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.



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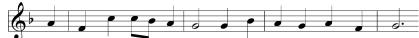
© 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a-lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray together:
- C Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, that they may trouble us no more; we, too, will gladly those forgive who hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our community to serve each other willingly. Amen.

# **The Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent

messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, <sup>17</sup> 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." 'Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

<sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. <sup>21</sup> Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\mathcal{C}$  Thanks be to God.

# The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**5** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\mathcal{C}$  Thanks be to God.

#### **Alleluia and Verse**



# **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 18:21-35

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

# C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup> Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. <sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>27</sup> Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>30</sup> And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. <sup>32</sup> Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' <sup>34</sup> And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

<sup>35</sup> "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

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

#### **Nicene Creed**

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

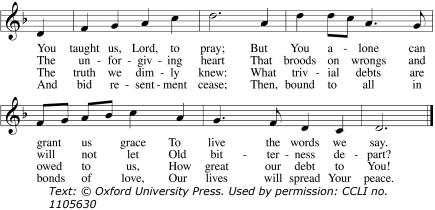
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.





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#### **The Sermon Text**

Matthew 18:21-35

The Sermon	"Forgiveness Has No Double Standard"
1. Forgiveness is	
2. Forgiveness is	on the
	out on the
3. Forgiveness	is forgiveness

# The Prayers of the Church

#### (9:30) Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Micah Wildauer

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface** LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- $\mathcal{C}$ And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts. Ρ

- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

# **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.

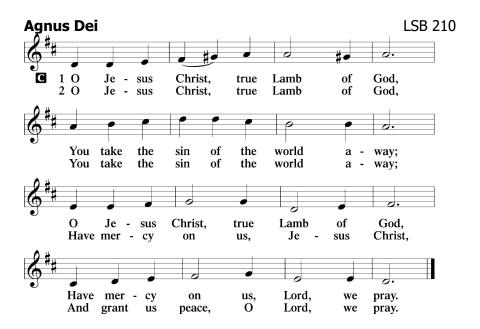
#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\top$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Pax Domini**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### **Distribution Hymns**



Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor; Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.

Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

"For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"

If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banguet truly blest. Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you

How much God's wondrous love can do.

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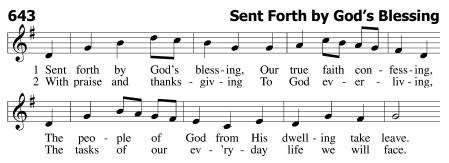


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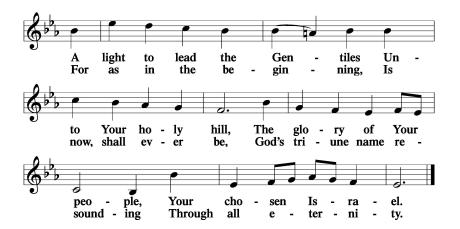
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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### $\mathcal{C}$ Amen.

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P Let us bless the Lord.

#### $\mathcal{C}$ 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 T give you peace.

#### C Amen.

# **The Closing Song** "Freely, Freely"

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received: Freely, freely give. Go in My name, and, because you believe, Others will know that I live."

<sup>2</sup> All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name; And in Jesus name I come to you To share His pow'r as He told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received: Freely, freely give. Go in My name, and, because you believe, Others will know that I live."

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#### **BUDGET INFO:**

Operating budget fund balance as of Sept.10, 2020: \$93,400 This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

#### Calendar of Events

THIS SUNDAY	September 13, 2020
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	11:15 am
Bell Choir	5:00 pm
Adult Choir	6:00 pm
MON:	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	4:30 pm
TUES:	
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	4:30 pm
WED:	
Day School Chapel	8:05 am

Anniversary Committee Meeting	4:00 pm
LifeLight	
Youth Night	7:00 pm
FRI:	-
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
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NEXT SUNDAY	September 20, 2020
Sunday School & Bible Classes	1 /
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Sunday School & Bible Classes Worship Service	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:15 am

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

For Grade 4 through High School: The Youth Board will continue to host different themed Game Nights (this past week was "Who is your Neighbor?") on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm here at the soccer field/gym. We're not referring to your average games, but possibly games you have not heard of or played before. Come check this out, and bring a friend. Parents / Guardians will need to sign waivers that can cover the entirety of the month's activities.

For High School Youth: Football season is upon us, and what goes better with football than Tailgating? We will host a Tailgate meal on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm prior to the Bremen HS Home Football Game. Tailgate will be at 515 Poplar Drive and Youth Board will provide all of the food – we just need HS Youth to show up and bring a friend as we gear up in support of our local team, band, and cheerleaders, which includes some of St. Paul's very own. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway so we can plan accordingly. Youth (and/or parents) will be responsible for themselves if they are able obtain tickets to attend the football game.

For more information on either of these activities, please see our Youth bulletin board in the hallway. If there are any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
OUR GOAL for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

# CURRICULUM was MET! A mighty blessing! ~ St. Paul's School Board

#### Servants for Today's Worship

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

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Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Carly Dietl

Elder: 1st- Lewis Haug; 2nd- Jon Rettinger

# Sunday School Offerings Fall Quarter September 6-November 22

#### Pre-K -Grade 2 Nazareth Room

This class will be studying the Old Testament from Adam and Eve to Moses and the promised land. The Class will be taught by Barb Middaugh and Kelly Thornton.

# **Grade 3-5** Grade 2-3 Classroom

This class will be studying the Old Testament from Adam and Eve to Moses and the promised land. Teaching this class will be Joanna Fox.

#### **Grades 6-8** 6-8 Grades Classroom

Our curriculum for this class is called Christian Character Connection. This Class will be taught by Jeanette Rettinger

#### **High School** Principals Office

Todd Haug will continue with series that he left off with in March when we had to shelter in place due to Covid 19.

#### Adult Class Bethany Room

Terry Miller will continue with the study of Apologetic getting into how to defend your faith when you are challenged.

The Board of Christian Education Thanks all of the teachers that have given of themselves to teach this last quarter.

# LifeLight starts next Wednesday. Do you have your workbook?

See the church secretary for assistance See you Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm



# School and Youth Group Car Wash

When: Saturday, September 26th from 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Where: St. Paul's Church and School Parking Lot

Free Will Donations Benefiting Camp Lutherhaven

The school theme this year is "Sent to Serve." It is based on Matthew 20:28 which states, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." One of the many ways that we can "serve" is by helping a friend in need. Each quarter throughout the 2020-2021 school year, our school will be participating in an

activity to benefit various ministries. Our St. Paul's Lutheran School and Youth Group have teamed up to help the ministry at Camp Lutherhaven for the 1st quarter.

Like so many other ministries, businesses, and families, Camp Lutherhaven has been, and continues to be significantly impacted by COVID-19. Lutherhaven has already lost over \$30,000 because of retreat and school group cancellations this spring and summer. However, an even larger effect is the loss of over half our summer camp programs. This is significant because 65% of Lutherhaven's annual income comes from Summer Camp, so any lost weeks take an enormous financial toll. In all, Lutherhaven projects to be \$150,000 to \$250,000 below budget this year.

Lutherhaven has received a generous Matching Grant of \$50,000 from The Lutheran Foundation to help with the financial challenges associated with COVID-19. This means any gift YOU give to Lutherhaven between July 1st and December 31st will be matched 100% up to \$50,000!