


**I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know Me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there
is none besides Me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.**

Isaiah 45:5-6



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The overall theme of the time after Pentecost is growing in faith. That, of course, means growing in our relationship with the one true God. The Propers for this Sunday spell out the implications of this in the First Commandment, according to Luther's threefold explanation in the Small Catechism: fear, love, and trust in the true God. The one true God wants us to fear and honor Him above all things, for all other gods are useless idols. All people are welcome in God's House!

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. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven." We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) located just outside the sanctuary.

The Divine Service

There are three major parts that together make up the Divine Service: Confession and Absolution, Service of the Word, and Service of the Sacrament. This guide will give you a simple idea why God comes to us in this way and how we respond to His great love. Today we look at:

Confession and Absolution

Invocation: God's invitation at the beginning of the service to remember our Baptism.

Confession and Absolution: We admit to God our sins, and He in His mercy forgives (absolves) us.

Opening Hymn 908 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

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. *(Luke 18:13)*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Adult Choir "Shepherd, Tend Your Sheep"

1. Shepherd, tend Your sheep lest they stray away.
Shepherd, tend Your sheep 'til the break of day.
God above with heav'nly love guards us ev'ry day,
By God's hands we are led from all danger we are protected.

2. Shepherd, tend Your sheep lest they stray away.
Shepherd, tend Your sheep 'til the break of day.
Trust in God with your heart, be not forsaken.
Look to God, follow God; through all darkness you will be guided.

3. Shepherd, tend Your sheep lest they stray away.
Shepherd, tend Your sheep 'til the break of day.
We like sheep gone astray lose our way in darkness.
God alone tends the sheep, giving love that we might love others.

4. Shepherd, tend Your sheep lest they stray away.
Shepherd, tend Your sheep 'til the break of day.
God, my Shepherd fails me never.
I will sing praises in God's house forever.

Shepherd, tend Your sheep lest they stray away.
Shepherd, tend Your sheep 'til the break of day.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5

P The LORD is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C **From where does my help come?**

P My help comes from the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved;

C **He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, He who keeps Israel

C **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C **He will keep your life.**

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

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 your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:14)

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to His anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of My servant Jacob,
and Israel My chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know Me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know Me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides Me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 91:11, 103:1

P He will command His angels concerning you

C **to guard you in all your ways.**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

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

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in His talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show Me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G 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 † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Sermon Text

Isaiah 45:1-7

Sermon "Trusting Against All Odds"

There Is No God like Our God.

1. Throughout the world, people _____ .
2. But with the one true God, it is the _____ .
3. This true God, Christ, is alone the _____ .
4. Unlike the other gods or "saviors," our God is _____ ,
always (v 7).

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Hymn 341 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Prayers

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

(Colossians 3:1)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Psalm 136)

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 saying:

Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 208*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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 *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)*

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Hymn 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Hymn 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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.

Closing Hymn 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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Special Voters' Meeting immediately after the worship service today, October 22nd, to deal with General Fund shortfall.

Altar Flowers are given by Tara Andrews in celebration and thanksgiving for Wayne & Robin Spicher's anniversary. We rejoice and praise our heavenly King who provides us with His many blessings

Meals on Wheels Door Offering: We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, **we will have a door offering on October 29th after the service.** Checks may be made payable to St Paul's Lutheran Church with Meals on Wheels noted in the memo section. If you have questions about the program, you may contact Joanna Fox.

LWML will be holding an ingather for the Ft. Wayne Seminary from November 1st – Thanksgiving Eve (November 22nd). We will be collecting non-perishable food, diapers, and hygiene products. A collection box will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance.

For those who would like to give their offerings to the Lord electronically, there is a QR Code link posted next to the offering box in the Narthex.

Calendar of Events

TODAYOctober 22nd, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Fall Pastor's Conference October 22nd - 24th

Bell Choir Practice5:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice6:00 pm

MON: ~ Fall Break No School ~

Parish Planning Council..... 7:00 pm

TUES:

Altar Guild Meeting at Elaine's House.....6:30 pm

WED:

Day School/Preschool Chapel..... 11:00 am

LifeLight 6:45-8:15 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class5:00 pm

New Member 2.0 Class..... 7:00 pm

FRI:

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY - Reformation SundayOctober 29th, 2023

Congregational Potluck Breakfast 8:00 am

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Circuit Reformation Service – Reception to Follow.....3:00 pm

No Bell or Adult Choir Practice.....

Mark your calendars to enjoy fellowship and worship with us on

Reformation Sunday, October 29th - beginning with a Breakfast

Potluck in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am followed by Sunday School

and Bible Classes at 8:30 am, and the Worship Service with the Youth

participating at 9:30 am. **Then, at 3:00 pm there will be a Circuit**

Reformation Service here at St. Paul's with Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard as

the guest preacher. Pastor Rohde - circuit visitor, Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer

– Calvary, Plymouth, Pastor Bill Carney – Redeemer, Warsaw, and

Pastor Wonnacott will also be participating in the service. Light

refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

Altar Guild will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 24th, at Elaine's house.

Special Concerns: That we believe that God is in charge even in a world that does not believe in Him.

For Pastor Rafael & Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

Pray for all Christians who are suffering from war and the trials of this world as they shine the light of their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Welcome bags will be going out on Monday, November 13. We will pack bags at the church at 5 pm with deliveries to follow. **We are asking for the following items to be donated: cheese and cracker packets, microwave popcorn, post it note pads, bottled water, individually wrapped life savers.** Your donations may be placed on the table by the TV in the Narthex. We also are looking for people to help pack and deliver bags. This is an interesting way to meet new neighbors and generally only takes about an hour! Lastly, we ask for your prayers for the group going out and also for our new neighbors. Thanks!

YOUTH NEWS

Campfire Night - for Youth in Grades 4-8: Our Youth Board is sponsoring our annual Campfire Night on Saturday, November 4th from 5-7 pm at the Spicher Home. Come join us for food, fun, fellowship....and of course, a campfire. We encourage Youth to sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan accordingly.

SCHOOL CORNER

St. Paul's Preschool and Day School are enjoying Fall Break through Monday this week!

School resumes on Tuesday. . . with Parent/Teacher Conferences and the **Bourbon St. Pizza/Subway fundraiser on the 24th (Tuesday)!** Visit either the Bourbon or Nappanee Bourbon St. locations or Bourbon Subway, bring your coupon, and the PTL will receive a portion of the sales. Thanks for your support of PTL!

If you are looking for some free entertainment, attend the Bremen High School and 5th Grade (some of our students) **Band Concert on October 30th, BHS, 7:00pm.** We are also looking forward to the students singing at our church service on **October 29th.**

Other upcoming fall activities include a Family Game Night for students and their families on **November 3rd,** and the **Pilgrim Meal on November 14th.** Watch for more details.

We are also looking for volunteers in the school to assist with Reading, Math, Writing (K and 1st), driving in the morning for band, backup Chapel pianist on Weds (11:00 am), and additional cleaning assistance once a week. **We appreciate all the help our volunteers provide!** Please contact Mr. Nathan Miller or the school office if you are interested. Volunteers do have to have a background check (school provided).

We thank you for your continued prayers this school year.

Please remember to give to the SGO!

We will continue to use SGO scholarships to assist with tuition, so **please continue to give, and remember you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations!**

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, **and NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship October 22, 2023

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Todd Haug & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Karli & Kayli Miller

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship October 29, 2023

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Richard Sickman

Acolyte: Abby Wildauer

Elder: Mike Gumz

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz



St. Paul's PTL in conjunction with
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 Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - all day.**

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This coupon may be copied. Give copies to all your friends and
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Questions??? Call the school office at 546-2790





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