THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



October 20, 2024

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave
9:00am | Choir Practice
9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Adult Forum
10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave and Online

11:30am | Coffee Hour

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Sign up for Weekly Update newsletter by going to our website at <u>www.stpaularlington.org</u> and clicking on SUBSCRIBE.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Lydia Zuehsow and Kelli Oliver, *Altar Guild* Beatrix C. and Jordan M.C., *Acolytes* Dan Ries, *Lector* Elizabeth Heichler, *Deacon* Bev Hjorth, *Cantor* Dan Ries, *Usher* Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast* Peter and Hollie Schmidt, *Coffee Guild* When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the \boxtimes , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Toccatas in D minor and D major

J. Pachelbel (1653-1705)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

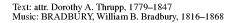
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

* GATHERING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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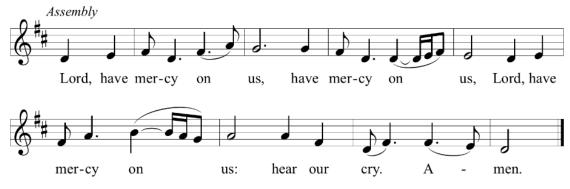


*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

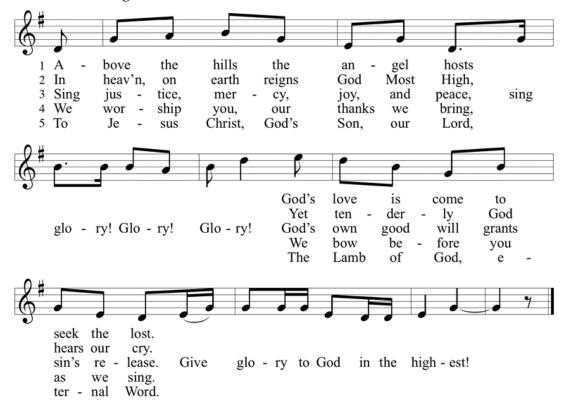




Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie Music: My FATHER, How LONG, African American spiritual

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Above the Hills the Angel Hosts"



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Gloria in excelsis Music: The DEVIL'S NINE QUESTIONS, Appalachian traditional

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

C urely he has borne our infirmities \mathcal{J} and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (read responsively 8:15 am service)



Because you have made the | Lord your refuge, and the Most High your 1 habitation, no evil ' will befall you, nor shall affliction come ' near your dwelling. For God will give the angels charge ¹ over you, to guard you in | all your ways. Upon their hands they will ' bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. You will tread upon the lion ¹ cub and viper; you will trample down the lion ⁺ and the serpent. I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me; I will uphold them, because they | know my name. They will call me, and I will ⁺ answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ⁺ honor them. With long life will I ' satisfy them, and show them 1 my salvation.

SECOND READING

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews 5:1-10

Psalm 91:9-16

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 service)



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

* GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are

you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

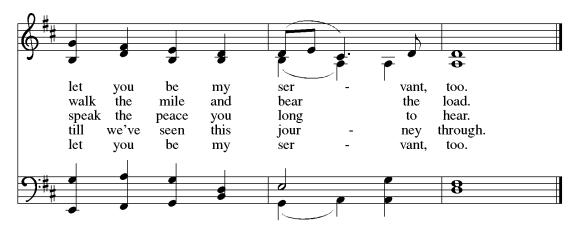
SERMON "Fear and Security"

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Let Me be Your Servant" ELW 659 Will you 1 let me be your ser - vant, let me be as 2 We are pil - grims on а jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time 4 Ι will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ Pray to you? that Ι may have the grace to road; help on the we are here to each oth er _ of Ι will hold your fear; my hand out to you, Ι will laugh with share your you. joy and sor row Pray Christ to you? that Ι may have the grace to

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Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953 Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, especially the New England Synod's new Bishop, Nathan Pipho, pastors, and deacons, with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace, especially Dan, Kai, Lynn, Marilyn, Meredith, Owen, Paul and Susan. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you, especially Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

* PEACE

Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM (10:30)

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Atwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I will keep them unto the end.

MEAL

* OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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* GREAT THANKSGIVING

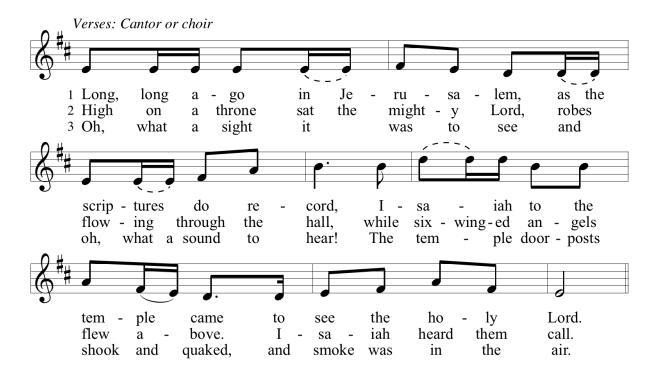
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

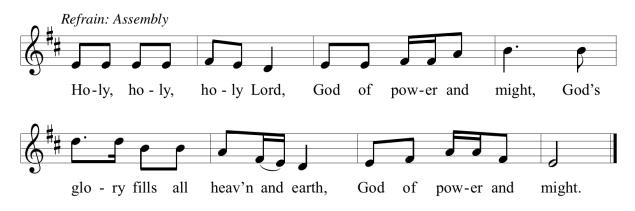
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

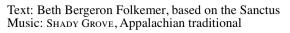
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:15 service sing in unison)







In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

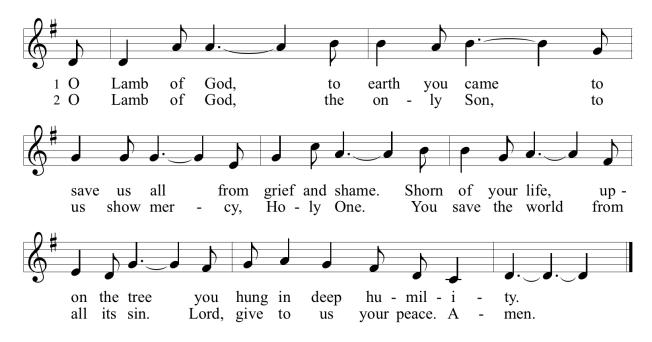
* LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy name,	who trespass against us;
thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread;	and the power, and the glory,
and forgive us our trespasses,	forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

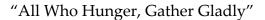
All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



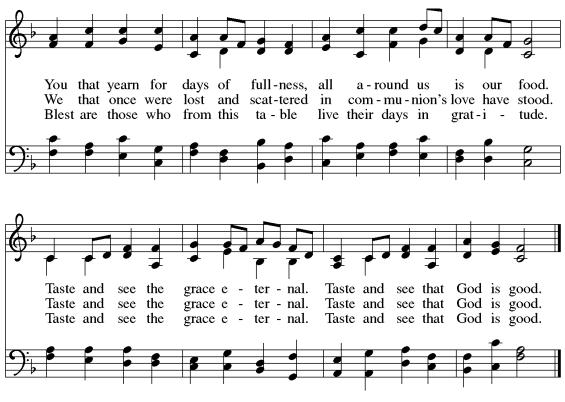
Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei Music: The Suffolk Miracle, Appalachian traditional

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 service)



All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly 1 man - na is our bread. All who hun-ger, nev-er seek-er, 2 strang-ers; be а wel-come guest. 3 All who hun-ger, sing to -Je - sus Christ is geth - er, liv - ing bread. wan - d'ring. Here in truth we Come from wil-der - ness and will be fed. roam-ing. Come from rest-less - ness and Here in joy we keep the feast. long - ing. Come from lone - li - ness and Here in peace we have been fed.

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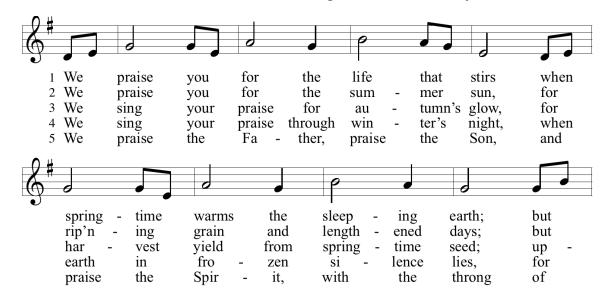
Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

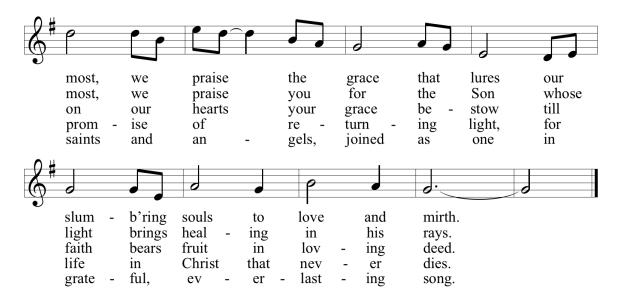
* TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (10:30 service. Sing verses 3 and 5 only.)





Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

May God bless and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and + give us peace. **Amen**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C major

J. Pachelbel (1653-1705)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS at **SAINT PAUL**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY | Sunday, November 3

As we have done in years past, there will be a time in the worship service to remember our loved ones. You are invited to bring a photograph or memento of a loved one who has died to place on a table up front and light a candle. Cards are available if you would like to write the name of a Saint.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF DONATION OPPORTUNITY

We've all read headlines or heard reports from loved ones about Hurricane Helene's and Milton's paths of wreckage across the southeastern US. To help those who are affected, consider donating to Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA that supports local short and long-term recovery efforts, using the QR code.

LUTHER LEAGUE PUMPKIN DECORATING

AND HALLOWEEN CRAFTS | October 20, 7:00-9:00

5th graders and above are invitees to join us for a fun evening of decorating, snacking, and socializing with the youth. This is a great time to socialize and reconnect as we get ready for Halloween. Please RSVP.

THEOLOGY ON TAP AT MIGHTY SQUIRREL BREWERY | October 27, 4:00-6:00

Join Vicar Sam for a time of community at a local brewery, Mighty Squirrel, **411 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham**. All are invited to grab a beer or seltzer (non-alcoholic options available) and gather for a relaxed conversation about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

SUPPER CLUB AT ST. PAUL | November 2, 6:00, ongoing

Bring a dish to share with our community. We will be starting a Supper Club on the 1st Saturday of the month. Come when you are able, and enjoy some time with other members of the congregation. All are welcome to join!

AUTUMN ADULT FORUM | September 22 - October 27

The Gospel of John – A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth and the Life. As so many of us have found, the Gospel of John can be problematic. But its beauty and depth also form some of the core tenets of our faith. Pastor Liz will be the primary leader of this six-week session on the Gospel of John.







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