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Whoever **WELCOMES** one such child
IN MY NAME welcomes me.

MATTHEW 18:5, NRSV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Henry Witte

Elders: Tim Draube & Randy Johnson **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Randy Johnson Team

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Cheney Neff

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER When His disciples wanted to know who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus pointed to a child as an object lesson for true humility. One who assumes the posture of complete dependence—having nothing, yet needing everything—is valued by God. Our gracious Savior calls us to such humility, repentance, and faith this day. As we come before Him to receive forgiveness and new life through His very presence in His Word and at His Table, we, too, assume a posture of penitence. This posture doesn't point to ourselves and our supposed worthiness; no, it points to Jesus and His sacrifice for us, the unworthy children of the Father. As the only perfectly humble child of God, Jesus stoops to serve us today and fill us with the forgiveness we desperately need.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You. Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences- *Psalms 92:1-2*

P: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C: to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P: to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

C: and Your faithfulness by night.

P: The Most High God gathers us to praise His name and declare His love together!

Opening Song "I Worship You, Almighty God"

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. I worship You, O
Prince of Peace,

That is what I want to do. I give You praise for You are my righteousness.
I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. (Repeat)

There is none like You.

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First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-9

(The watchman warns the wicked to turn from his way.)

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

The Epistle Romans 13:1-10 (Love is the fulfilling of the law.)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities who resist what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?

Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed,

revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

(Jesus calls the children of God to humility and repentance.)

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.

⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen,

take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Baptism: Jade Noelle Bottger

The Song of Instruction “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat last line)
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The Word

Guest Pastor: Pastor Henry Witte
“Living As The Father’s Children” Matthew 18:14

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul’s members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Proverbs 11:24—One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Offertory “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (chorus twice)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name.

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The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Braxi Gomez, Rebekah Ramirez, Doris Hill, Elli King-Peters, Brooklyn Koll, Ashley Marks, Holland Mc Kay, Piper Mc Kay, Michelle Winkel, Kevin Woehler, Kennadi Woehler, Kendra Gomez, Kenny O'Dell, Nancy Carter, Zach Carter, Aubrey Wagner, Kathy Coyle, Dru Dixon and Janet Roepke. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord God, You promise grace and every blessing to all who come before You and repent of their sins. Hear us now as we, Your humble children, bring our prayers before You.

(In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord, seeking His cleansing forgiveness.)

P: Most merciful Father,

C: we come before You and admit our sinfulness. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have failed to do what Your Word demands. We have not honored You fully with our lives, nor have we loved one another as You have first loved us. In the name of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Because our Savior humbled Himself for our sake upon the cross, enable us in true humility to receive the remission You promise to Your repentant children. Amen.

P: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." God the Father has taken your sins and laid them upon our humble Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice, God does not count your sins against you. He has taken them away! He remembers them no more! He preserves and delivers you as His child forever! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

He said come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior now
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “One Bread, One Body”

Chorus: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.*

1. *Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Chorus)*
2. *Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Chorus)*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Chorus)

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“Word of God, Speak”

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
And the funny thing is, it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard,
But to hear what You say. (chorus)

(chorus)

Word of God, speak
Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see shout Your majesty,
To be still and know that You're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness?
Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You,
Beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need, is to be with You,
And in the quiet, I hear Your voice. (chorus)

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The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Step by Step”

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. (repeat)

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And I will follow you all of my days.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services: Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)
 Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

Adult Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

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