



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

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Service of the Word

Confession and Forgiveness

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.....

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.

Gathering Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712 vs 1 and 3

1 Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to Your purpose
Every gift which You impart.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie: *(Kyrie Eleison means Lord have mercy. The congregation will repeat what the leader sings.)*

(Leader) Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. **(All)** Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

(Leader) Christe, Christe eleison. **(All)** Christe, Christe eleison.

(Leader) Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. **(All)** Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Prayer of the Day: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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Gospel Acclamation

*We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind-
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.*

Gospel: John 9:1-12

Sermon: Rev. Robert J. Myallis

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" ELW 779

1
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

3
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis Grace has brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home

5
When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

2
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

4
The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Apostle's Creed

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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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: *(Each prayer petition will end with the phrase "Together we pray." The congregation will then together sing:)*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn: "Let all things now living" ELW 881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guided us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Sending: Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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