



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Sept. 20, 2020**  
**8:15 am**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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.  
*(Pause for reflection)*

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.**

For by Grace you have been saved. Out of great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent to die for your sins on the cross. As he lives victorious from the grave, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

## Gathering Hymn: #733 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

## Apostolic 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

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn of Praise

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Reading

**Jonah 3:10--4:11**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

## Psalm 145:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

**<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

**<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Reading

## Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

## Matthew 20:1-16

*Before the gospel is read:*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day: #695 – As Saints of Old

As saints of old their firstfruits brought  
of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring,  
the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;  
all life in Christ made new.

## Apostles' 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

Lord, Listen to your children praying,  
Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, Listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Announcements and Offering

### Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

## Blessing

## Sending Hymn #537 – On Our Way Rejoicing

On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

### *Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain*

## Peace and Sending

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

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Today's musicians: Pam Drenner and Don Drenner

**Food Drive:** This Sunday is the last day of the food drive (but donations are always accepted!) for the Lititz Warwick Community Chest . Donations can be dropped off in the back parking lot between 9:15 - 10:45 am. Needed are canned and boxed foods, personal care items and paper products. Cash donations are accepted! Please no expired items. Last year 1983 lbs. were donated. Let's top that total in this year of economic challenges for our community! To have your donations picked up at your home call Phyllis Frankhouser, 717-626-4200.

**Worship Volunteers Needed:** Please sign up online ([timetosignup/stpaulworship](http://timetosignup/stpaulworship))  
Lectors (8:15 & 10:45) / Equipment Moving Crew / Worship Hosts

**Save the Date:** Saturday, October 3 at 9 am, we invite members of our church and the community to plant trees for our Sacred Grounds project. We will have 200 trees including, sycamore, flowering dogwood, silver maple, and more! On Sunday, October 4, in lieu of Sunday school, we will continue planting, leading into our worship service at 10:45 am. We hope to see you there!

**Medan Initiative** is a nonprofit organization that provides medical care to children in Ethiopia through partnerships with local schools. Anita Charles is the founder & president of this organization. Anita, her husband Justin & their two boys (Girum & Ezrael) are new members of St. Paul. They are holding a fundraising event on Saturday, Sept. 26. The event is a pulled pork meal. Email [info@medaninitiative.org](mailto:info@medaninitiative.org) to order your meal and find out more about this organization.

**Kids ages 6 – 12:** Join your St. Paul friends this Friday (Sept 25) from 3:30 – 5pm as we **DANCE into the weekend** with this OUTDOOR opportunity movement & good tunes! **Oula Fitness KIDS** is designed to motivate and empower children through the music selections and exercise movements. St. Paul's own Jenn Maryniak is the certified instructor. After we dance, we snack! Treats provided along with some yard-games for more Fall-Fun outside. Meet at the pavilion. \* Masks and distancing required at St. Paul \*

**Youth:** Mark your calendars for our **WHS Varsity Football Watch Party on Oct. 2nd at 6:30.** We will have food and watch the game together on our big blow up screen, right across the street from all the action, in our St. Paul parking lot. We are not advertising to the student body to avoid a large crowd, but the kids are welcome to bring friends. Please bring your own chair and a mask in case we cannot maintain distance.

#### **Week of Sept. 20**

**Mon:** Children's Chimes 4:30 pm  
Jubilate Bells 7 pm  
Oula 7pm  
**Tues:** Staff Mtg 10 am  
Property Mtg. 7 pm  
**Wed:** Sanctuary Worship 11 am  
Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  
Youth Pray & Play 8:15 pm  
**Thu:** Chapel 9 am  
Bible Study 9:30/10:30 am  
Senior Shepherds 6:30 pm  
Bible Study 7pm  
**Fri:** Oula Kids 3:30pm