



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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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: #526 - God Is Here!

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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,
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Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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 strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, 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 riches hidden in secret places, so 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 surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king!**

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Reading

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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

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.**

Sermon

Rev. Rob Myallis

Hymn of the Day: #678 - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
(tune: HYMN TO JOY)

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

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

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 #825 - You Servants of God

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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 Song Leader: Don Drenner

Announcements

St. Paul Sacred Grounds Video: This week we posted a video of the Sacred Grounds Planting Day at St. Paul. It is a MUST SEE! It can be found on the homepage of our website: www.stpaullititz.net. Thank you to Nick Todd for creating this beautiful video.

A Season of Gratitude: We continue to recognize those in our congregation for which we are thankful. If you have filled out a pledge card, we invite you to place it in the offering basket or mail it to church. Extra postcards are available if you would like to send love & thanks to more than just one!

We Give Thanks: A Study in Paul's Letters is a guide for study and practice around the theme of Thanksgiving. Each session can stand alone, so jump in when you can! Contact Kimberly Todd to find a group (ktodd@stpaullititz.net).

Grief: Two small groups will begin the week of November 8th and meet for six weeks to process grief using the classic text, **Good Grief** by Granger E. Westberg. One group will meet in person on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and another in person on Monday evenings at 7:00. Contact Pastor Marty Sheaffer to be included (pr.sheaffer@stpaullititz.net).

Encountering Jesus Together: Digital Gratitude Retreat is a no-cost event on Saturday, November 7 from 9am-3pm hosted by Breathing in Christ and Lower Susquehanna Synod ELCA. For more information or to receive the registration link, contact Kimberly Todd (ktodd@stpaullititz.net).

Reformation Book Fair: Aaron's Books from Main Street in Lititz will be at St. Paul on Reformation Sunday (10/25) with a curated selection of books for purchase. Plan to browse the table between services or after second service that day!

Lutheran World Relief In Gathering: With the generous contributions from St. Paul members and a \$500 from the endowment fund, 11 boxes of blankets and 9 boxes of

personal care kits were packed. The total ingathering items were 118 personal care kits, 66 blankets, 94 hats, 18 hat bands, 44 sweaters and 6 baby quilts. The personal care

kits and blankets will go to Lutheran World Relief and the remaining items will go to local organizations. Thank you for all your support!

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will gather on October 21, 2020, 11:30 AM at Lititz Springs Park in the pavilion. Please bring your own lunch. Questions can be directed to Nancy Miller at 717-405-0000.

Today: our Kindergarteners and 1st graders will lead the Lord's Prayer in worship (at 10:45am). This is their Faith Step-Stone; they have put these words securely in their hearts! We thank God for their leadership today!

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald today from 1-6. Spend the afternoon enjoying fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. There will be Pumpkin Painting, Canoeing / Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Cost is \$10/person which includes the evening meal. Register at www.lutherancamping.org under "upcoming events" - or just show-up :)

Campfire Worship at The Wittel Farm. 6:00-8:00pm. Come for a cozy fire; pack your own picnic dinner, and join a small-group gathered to sign, share and worship. Register at www.lutherancamping.org under "upcoming events". It's not too late to come!

Books, Words and Letters - oh my! Kids, we'll celebrate Reformation Sunday (Oct 25) with a special guest and a special project. Mr. Ken is bringing **the printing press** from the Lancaster Heritage Museum to Sunday School! We'll get to see how it works and print a word as a keepsake. Also, please bring **a book donation**. We will

Week of Oct. 18

Mon: Children's Chimes 4:30 pm
Oula 630pm

Sr. Shepherds 6:30 pm
Jubilate Bells 7pm

Tues: Staff Mtg 10am
Mission & Outreach 7pm

Wed: Boy Scouts 6:30 pm
Youth Pray & Play 8:15 pm

Thu: Chapel 9 am
Bible Study 9:30/10:30 am
Bible Study 7pm

Sunday Oct. 25 Reformation Day!

collect new and like-new board books and Dr. Seuss books to give to the children's area of Good Samaritan Services in Lancaster (formerly Bridge of Hope). Please bring a book to give to this special project. Books, words and letters are such a special gift!