

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 15, 2020

Divine Service – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near *sts. 1-4*



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
treas - ures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Ps. 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C: for no one living is righteous before you.

P: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

C: I ponder the work of your hands.

P: I stretch out my hands to you;

C: my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

P: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

C: Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

P: For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

C: In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

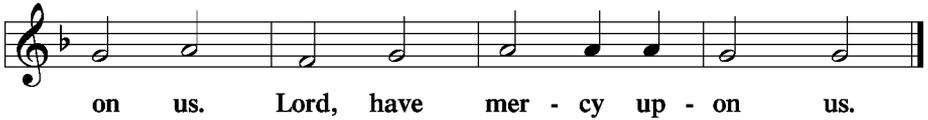
P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!



Kyrie





Gloria in Excelsis (Sing)

- C** **Glory be to God on High,
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.



- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through

the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD'S sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men
who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,

'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
 they shall not inhabit them;
 though they plant vineyards,
 they shall not drink wine from them.”

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
 near and hastening fast;
 the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
 the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
 a day of distress and anguish,
 a day of ruin and devastation,
 a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
 against the fortified cities
 and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in

darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his

ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

Sermon: "Imaging God"

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Samuel Bobby

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

Sit

Offertory Hymn

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul *sts. 1, 5-6*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for the oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

*Stand***Prayer of the Church****Service of the Sacrament****Preface****P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spir - it.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.**C** It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer-it; Our works and con-duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on-ly Sav-ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag-ger at this word of prom-ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re-deem-er,
bear our sin. Was it be-cause of your own mer-it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in-spi-ra-tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev-er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je-sus, to this sin-ful earth; His death did for our
That Je-sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis (sing)

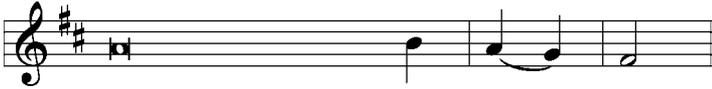
- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)**

Aberdeen, South Dakota

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November 15, 2020

The purpose of St. Paul's Congregation is to assist its members to share and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the confessional standards of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

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The Quarterly Voter's meeting will be held TODAY, at 9:30am. Items on agenda include 2021 budget, Election of Council members/Elders, Structure and Governance. Anyone 18 and older is encouraged to attend.

The Call meeting will be held this afternoon at 1:00pm. Information packets are available in the South Narthex.

Thanksgiving Day worship services will be held on Nov. 26, 2020 at 9:30am and a mask only service at 10:30 am.

Memorials were given to the Lighthouse Preschool in memory of Darlys Bolduan.

Memorials were given to the Lighthouse Preschool, St. Paul's, Camp and LWML in memory of Arlowine Dahme.

Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Michael Severson, Joyce Kenitzer, Joyce Dahme, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Brenda Blair, Miles Eisenbeisz, Leona McCalip, Steven Swanhorst, Barbara Dahme, Howard Dahme, Dan Lingor, Jason Herrick, Pastor Anderson, Gladys Felix, Ralph Stevens, Chad Ashford, John Cassens, Vivian Hoff, and Muriel Schamber.

The Lighthouse Preschool is having a "Coin Wars" fundraiser. Jars are located at both narthexes.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Nov. 22, 2020 10:00 AM - This is the Life – "Flames of Hate"—10:30 AM - Rev. Chris McCarthy presents the message "Come, Lord Jesus." The sermon is based on Matthew 25:1-3. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Nov. 22 – "Politics in Perspective"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. (Daniel 7:1-14) The Lutheran

Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Sunday School Christmas Program----We are excited to share that there will be a Children's Christmas program to be held between church services on Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 am. Practices will be held during regular Sunday School time beginning November 29 and will include the children in grades pre-K through 3rd Grade. Masks are highly encouraged for the congregation during the program. Coffee and donuts will be served following the program.

"To be sure, our God Father does not give the vocation of a large family to everyone. But we need not despise proliferation the way the world does. Indeed, we may appreciate and assist our brothers and sisters who engage in this holy calling. And we may also raise our young ones to cherish procreation and adoption more than any personal preferences or material possessions. The blessings of children always outweigh even the burdens!" Rev. Michael W. Salemink - *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

Organists: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Monday** – Cyrece Kono
Wednesday – Cindy Jung

Offering: November 8, 2020 - \$10,472.00
Coffee - \$56.00 Missions - \$55.00

Attendance: November 8, 2020
8:00am – 96 Communed – 71
10:45 am – 91 Communed – 63
Monday Night – 12 Communed – 12
Wednesday – 23 Communed – 23

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Nov.15 - Nov. 22)

- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
 9:30 am Quarterly Voter's Meeting
 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
 1:00 pm **Call Meeting**
- Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service**
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study**
 12:15 pm **Worship Service – (Mask Required)**
 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
 6:30 pm Bell Practice
 6:30 pm Confirmation
- Thur 9:00 am Quilting**
 7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative Meeting
- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
 9:15 am Bible Study, Coffee/Donuts
 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

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