

# The Time of the Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

September 16 & 17, 2023

## **Welcome to All Who Worship**

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Our Mission**

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

## **Holy Communion**

**To Our Guests:** We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

**To Those Communing Today:** God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

# Divine Service

## Setting Two (LSB page 167)

### Prelude

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font*

*"Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned"*  
*(Large Catechism)*

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

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

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

*Sit*

## Entrance Hymn

"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"

**LSB 548**

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.
  
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.
  
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942  
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667

*Stand as you are able*

## Kyrie

*Lord Have Mercy*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



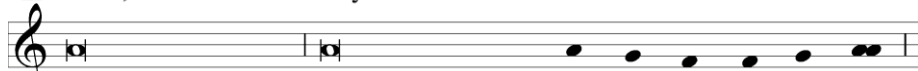
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



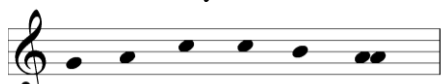
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



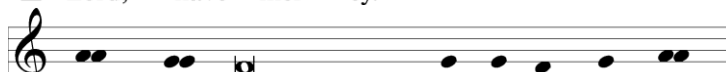
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn Of Praise

*Glory to God in the Highest*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -

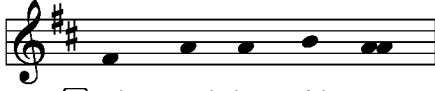


lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect Of The Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them

*After the reading*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 103:1-12

**A** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**C** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

**A** who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**C** who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

- A** who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C** **The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- A** He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- C** **The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- A** He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- C** **He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- A** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- C** **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

## Epistle Reading

**Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.


*After the reading*

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

*Stand as you are able*



## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

*After the reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn Of The Day

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

LSB 843

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

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## Sermon

The Things of God:  
“Forgiveness”

Matthew 18:21-35

## Hymn Of The Day

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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*Stand as you are able*

## Apostles' Creed

**☩** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

# Prayer of The Church

## Greeting of Peace

### Offering

*Monetary offerings along with the congregation's gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated for Holy Communion are brought forward and presented to the Lord.*

- To give online, go to [stpauldbq.com/give](http://stpauldbq.com/give)

*Stand as you are able*

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Offertory Prayer

**P** Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer Of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** 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 Institution

- 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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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  $\text{✝}$  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

*The Peace of the Lord*

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

- C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God*



**☐** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism - The Ten Commandments

### The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

## Hymn During The Distribution


"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563

*Stand as you are able*

## Post-Communion Canticle

*Nunc Dimittis*



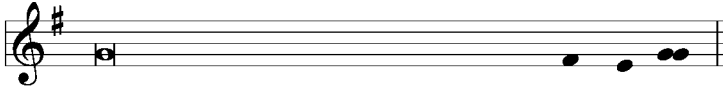
**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## 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.

If you have not had a chance to fill out an attendance card today, please do so and place it in the offering plate near the back of the center aisle. Thank you.

## Postlude

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### Flowers on the Altar are for

Greg and Andi Kittle  
 in honor of their 34th Wedding Anniversary

### Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

**September 23 & 24 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30, Matthew 20:1-16

### Worship Assistants

	Sat. Sept 16 - 5:30pm	Sun. Sept 17 - 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Greg Kittle
Accompanist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt

### Anniversaries This Week

16-Greg & Andi Kittle

### Baptismal Birthdays

17-Danny Thumser      17-Lisa Wehrspann      20-Jayson Eichman

### Birthdays This Week

17-Eden Fry                      17-Myles Worden                      18-Janet Smith  
 18-Barb Waugh                      19-Sandi Heller                      20-Dixie Hassler  
 20-Jeff Zasada                      21-Linda Ayers                      21-Dennis Fry  
 21-Barrett Zasada                      22-Ethan Kelley



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is a “catechism”?

A catechism (pronounced KAT-eh-kizm) is a book of instruction usually written in question and answer form. The word “catechism” comes from the Greek word *katekhein*, which means “to instruct.” A catechism teaches the basics of the Christian faith.

## Why do we need catechisms?

While visiting local churches, Martin Luther found many pastors and their church members were unaware of the true teachings of the Bible. Because of this, the people were living immoral lives. Martin Luther wrote the catechisms to instruct people in the basics of the Christian faith, that they might know Christ and His forgiveness and live accordingly. We still use Luther’s Large and Small Catechisms so that we never forget those things that are necessary for faith in Christ.



**Parents:** Consider these words from Luther: “I, too, am a theologian who has attained a fairly good practical knowledge and experience of Holy Scriptures through various dangers. But I do not so glory in this gift as not to join my children daily in prayerfully reciting the Catechism. ... For God gave the Word that we should impress it on ourselves. ... Without this practice our souls become rusty, as it were, and we lose ourselves” (Plass, Ewald M., *What Luther Says* vol. 1 [St. Louis: Concordia, 1986], 125–26).



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- **Food Pantry** - For the month of September, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

*Canned Fruit      Oil              Mac & Cheese*  
*Canned Meats    Sugar           Garden Produce*  
*Laundry Soap    Dish Soap      Potatoes of any kind*

### September 9 & 10 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	73
Views* on Facebook:	16
Overall Participation:	89

\*The number of post clicks. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

- **Building Healthy Families:** In addition to pervasive sadness, feeling hopeless and disconnected from others, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. Examples include overgeneralizing - after one thing goes wrong, saying, "Things never go right for me;" exaggerated responsibility for others - "Why aren't you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn't do;" and negative labeling - "I didn't get up in time to exercise today - I'm lazy and a failure." Left unchallenged, these false negative messages to self only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor first and remember that your pastor and Christian counselors like those at Lutheran Family Service who also share your faith can help. Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

## Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

### ***For those undergoing cancer treatment:***

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)  
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)  
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)  
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)  
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)  
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)  
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)  
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)  
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)  
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)  
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)  
Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)  
Connie Telschow (relative of Richard & Kim Weed)  
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)  
Brittni Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)  
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)  
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed

### ***For our members who are homebound:***

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives),  
Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande,  
Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Jayson  
Eichman (Care Initiatives)

### ***Additional Prayer Requests***

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)  
- the Walker family

*\*Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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### Schedule For The Week

<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sat. Sept 16	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sun. Sept 17	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b>
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Sept 18		
Tues. Sept 19		
Wed. Sept 20	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Sept 21	5:30pm - 7pm	Confirmation
Fri. Sept 22		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sat Sept 23	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sun. Sept 24	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b>
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School