

THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 13TH, 2024



SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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(Pastor – please give a welcome and introduction before opening hymn)

✠ Divine Service Setting One ✠

Stand

Opening Hymn

"Renew me, O Eternal Light"

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| <p>1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.</p> <p>2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.</p> <p>3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.</p> | <p>4 Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.
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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation

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.

We pause to remember our sins before our gracious Heavenly Father

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 ✠

Introit (spoken)

Psalm 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

Kyrie (*sung*)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

This Is the Feast *(sung)*

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

1. *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (refrain)*

2. *Power, riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. (refrain)*

3. *Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.*

4. *Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)*

5. *For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (final refrain)*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

⁶Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins- you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*sung*)

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Nicene Creed

C 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 and the life ✝ of the
 world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

#694

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
 Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
 Thee will I love with all my power,
 With ardor time shall ne’er destroy.
 Thee will I love, O Light divine,
 So long as life is mine.

me;
 I thank Thee, who hast richly given
 All that could make me glad and free;
 I thank Thee that my soul is healed
 By what Thy lips revealed.

2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
 Who art my best and truest friend.
 Thee will I love and praise forever,
 For never shall Thy kindness end.
 Thee will I love with all my heart—
 Thou my Redeemer art!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
 Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
 Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
 And not for hope of high reward,
 For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
 So long as life is mine.

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3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
 Whose radiance hath brought light to

Sermon

Prayer of the Church (Please also include the following:)

...for Mary Lou Degidio (pronounced Dejidio) and family of Michael Degidio, who died last Sunday, October 6th and was given Christian burial on Friday, October 11th.....

In addition to those already named on our prayer list, we have some additional persons this week to be added to the list. We pray for Geraldine Keipert, Susan E. Volk, Lori Freeze Safstrom and a former member, Cindy (Joens) Wendel, who has just been diagnosed with leukemia.

Prayers are also requested for relatives of members and others who are struggling with the aftereffects of Hurricane Milton in Florida..... and for the Holy Spirit's guidance of the Pastoral Call Committee as they continue their search for the next pastor of St. Paul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS will again be given by our congregational president, Bill Leise.

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Offerings may also be dropped off at the office or mailed, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please call the church office.*

Offertory (*sung*)

LSB 159

☩ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus' own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul's instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you've spoken with the pastor. (*Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30*)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Stand

Preface (*sung*)

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

☩ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 (*sung*)

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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."

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

✝ Distribution of the Sacrament ✝

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

#721

ref Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and
pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness Thy face
to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

2 Help me tread in the paths of
righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

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“Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion”

#559

1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally!

2 Your great love for this has striven
That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally.
Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call,
To His supper leads us all.

3 Firmly to our soul's salvation
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word.
There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith
That we fear not hell nor death.

4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide.
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Safe and sure eternally.

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“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

#631

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things
unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the_ eternal
grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of
heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with
Thee.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past
and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art
here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

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Stand

Communion Blessing

P The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Thank The Lord (*sung*)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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 in 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 Amen.

Benediction

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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 Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

#917

1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one ac-cord our parting hymn of
praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship
cease,
Then, lowly bend-ing, wait Thy word of
peace.

2 Grant us Thy peace up-on our homeward
way;
With Thee be-gan, with Thee shall end,
the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts
from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy
name.

3 Grant us Thy peace Lord, through the com-
ing night;
Turn Thou for us its dark-ness into light.
From harm and dan-ger keep Thy chil-dren
free;
For dark and light are both a-like to Thee.

4 Grant us Thy peace through-out our earthly
life,
Our balm in sor-row and our stay in
strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con-flict
cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e-ternal peace.

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Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Sarah Weber 5258 W 90th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 6045

Announcements and Notes

Sunday School meets TODAY after the Worship Service in room 8.

Adult Bible Study Please join us for coffee, juice, and “goodies” after this service and then stay for Adult Bible Study in the Timothy Room where Curtis Simonson is leading a 4-session study entitled “Managing God’s Gifts”.

Next **Sunday, October 20th** is our annual **Stewardship Sunday!** Worship begins at **9am**. After worship on Sunday, please remain and join us for a continental breakfast/brunch, hosted by the Stewardship Committee in the Timothy Room. More details are found in the October Newsletter.

All Women are invited to attend the next Ladies Guild Meeting on Tuesday, **October 22nd at 1pm**, in the **Timothy Room**. The afternoon will feature an Interview with Martin Luther, refreshments and a short business meeting.

Service Video, Bulletin, and Newsletter can be found on our website, www.stpauloaklawn.org. If you have trouble accessing the service, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Evening Worship Services and Friday evening Bible classes have been temporarily suspended until further notice.

Keith Vanselow is searching for a caregiver for his brother, Richard Vanselow. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please reach out to Keith at (708)602-9156.

**Please pray for these
members of our St.
Paul family**

Sandy Barry
Cheryl Horan
Gerry Keipert
Susan E. Volk
Lori (Freeze) Safstrom
Edna Johnson
Jerome Kreten
Marilyn Degen
Lisa Rudolph
Karen Bidus
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Janice Janiszewski
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Arthur Gerth
Ingrid Lesko
Jan Briede
Roy Hodgeman
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Herta Iversen
Loretta Frank
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Rosa Richardson
Sarah Weber
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**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

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Emily Feehan
LeRoy Bitner
Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta
Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow
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