



THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Director of Music Ruth Sievers

Choir: St. Paul Adult Choir

✠ Divine Service Setting One ✠

Stand

Opening Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

#545

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| <p>1 Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.</p> <p>2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.</p> <p>3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;</p> | <p>Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.</p> <p>4 Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above,
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.</p> |
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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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

Be strong, and let your heart take | **courage,***
all you who wait | **for the LORD!**
But I trust in you, | **O LORD;***
I say, “You | **are my God.”**
My times are | **in your hand;***
rescue me from the hand of my enemies | **and from my persecutors!**
Make your face shine on your | **servant;***
save me in your | **steadfast love!**
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Be strong, and let your heart take | **courage,***
all you who wait | **for the LORD!**

Kyrie

LSB 152

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

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. (refrain)

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)

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*James 3:1-12*

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L 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 9: 14-29*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do

anything, have compassion on us and help us.”²³ And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

#716

<p>1 I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me. This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.</p> <p>2 I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending; In patience I must bear each day The cross of God’s own sending. When in adversity I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.</p> <p>3 And death pursues me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely; He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his prey most surely. A failing breath, and I In death’s strong grasp may lie To face eternity today As death pursues me all the way.</p> <p>4 I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;</p>	<p>5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me; Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan’s pow’r assails me; And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.</p> <p>6 My walk is heav’nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When God’s good healing shall allay All suff’ring, sin, and sorrow. Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav’n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav’nward all the way.</p>	<p>All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay When heav’nly hosts attend me; They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence! Unharmd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.</p>
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✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The 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,
and I look for the resurrection
of the dead and the life ✠ of the
world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Announcements

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

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

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven...

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:

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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.

Sit

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

#620

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| 1 | Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed
feast." | 2 | Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant. |
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3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly
power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

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“Take My Life and Let it Be”

#783

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

“Lord Whose Love through Humble Service”

#848

Ev'ry gift that You impart.

1 Lord, whose love through humble
service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the
worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose

2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and
greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and
burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and
comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.
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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

LSB 164

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

P 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

p. 166

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

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#528

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Postlude

Postlude in G Major

D. Buxtehude



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Announcements & Notes

Sunday School meets *TODAY* after the Worship service. Welcome to the children and their parents as we again begin this time of learning about Jesus' love for them.

Veteran's Luncheon September 21st, 2024, All Military veterans are invited to honor those who have served. The event will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Doors open at 10:30 am, Luncheon is from 11am-2pm. Reservations are required, please RSVP by **September 16th**, by calling the church office at (708) 423-1040 . Flyers with further information are on the table in the Narthex.

ALL WOMEN are invited to a free WELCOME LUNCHEON and first Ladies Guild meeting of the season on Tuesday, Sept 24th! Please sign the sheet on the counter outside the church office so that the Board can plan for food for all! Come and bring a friend!

Voter's Meeting on September 24th at 7pm. Please plan to attend.

Adult Bible Study takes place in the Timothy Room at 10:30 am. We are studying the Parables of Jesus. Grab a snack and join us!

Sunday Morning Worship Service is 9:00 am on Sunday, September 22nd. Please watch for announcements for further Sunday Service times.

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

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

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 Norma Silinski, 4520 S. Trumbull, Chicago IL 60632

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

Sandy Barry
Regina Nordquist
Jerome Kreten
Marilyn Degen
Lisa Rudolph
Karen Bidus
Steve Czerniejewski
George Oberg
Regina Nordquist
Jan Leise
Dawn Schumann
Bob Marcinkowski
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June Hagberg
Carl Hoppe
Amanda Greene
Janice Janiszewski
Dorothy Pavella
Vic & Marty Both
Rich & Jan Przybycien
Bill Volk
Arthur Gerth
Ingrid Lesko
Jan Briede
Roy Hodgeman
Katherine Hice
Kurt Seehofer
Flora Jones
Graham Jackson
Kevin Hickey
Gloria Meyer
Elaine Lebron
Melva Smith
Delores Stegemann
Carol Small
Mike Degidio

Norma Silinski
Beverly Sellers
Betty Beegle
Warren Miller
Delphine Cherry
Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank
Betty Kruckow
Herta Iversen
Loretta Frank
Barbara Prendergast
Nancy Bundley
Rosa Richardson
Sarah Weber
Jan Dietz

**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

Roberta & Carlos Owens
Dorothy Kroll
Emily Feehan
LeRoy Bitner
Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta
Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow
Janet Trierweiler
Vicki Warren
Rhonda Scott
Michelle Mitchell
Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi
Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher
The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross
Louise Hrynkow
Gloria Folsom

Shirley Fairchild
Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt
Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath
Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres
Raquel Rameriz
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Henry Bonder
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**Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over
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