

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PROPER 21C 9AM SERVICE

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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₩ Divine Service Setting Two ₩

Opening Hymn Sit "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: "Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the_eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

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3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

△4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:

"Alleluia, alleluia!"

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:

"Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

+ Confession and Absolution +

Invocation (Stand)

- 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.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel / Sit

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 (Stand)

Psalm 119: 73-75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

- P Let your steadfast love comfort me, according to your promise to your servant.
- **G** Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
- P Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.
- I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- P Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.
- Your righteousness is righteous forever,
- P and your law is true.
- 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.

P Let your steadfast love comfort me, according to your promise to your servant.

Kyrie (Cantor / Sung – Congregation)

LSB 168-9

- A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mer-cy.
- A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mer-cy.
- 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 mer-cy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mer-cy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- A-men.

This Is the Feast (sung)

LSB 171-2

- A This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain: This is the feast of Victory for our God,

For the Lamb_who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament (Sit)

Amos 6: 1-7

Woe to Those at Ease in Zion

¹ "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory,

- ³O you who put far away the day of disaster, and bring near the seat of violence?
- ⁴ "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory, and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall,

 5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 3: 1-13

Qualifications for Overseers

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, selfcontrolled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16: 19-31

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- (Sung): Glory to You, O Lord.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ [Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²³The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- (Sung): Praise to You, O Christ.

The 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.

Sermon Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" (verses: 1, 2, 3 & 4 only) #79

- The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days And God of love. Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand. I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r, And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.

- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways. He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God. And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.
- 4 He by Himself has sworn;
 I on His oath depend.
 I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
 To heav'n ascend.
 I shall behold His face;
 I shall His pow'r adore
 And sing the wonders of His grace
 Forevermore.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

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 176

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 H

Preface (Sung) LSB 177

- 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.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung) LSB 178

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 ⅓ 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 H 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 LSB 180

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

Agnus Dei (sung) LSB 180

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, grant us peace.

H Distribution of the Sacrament H

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

- Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

"Praise the Almighty"

Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before
Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless O my soul. His boly name

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!

- Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
- Earthborn they are and soon decay.

 Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,

 When the dark grave engulfs its prey.

 Since mortals can no help afford,

 Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from salvation can nothing sever,

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- Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By Your patient years of toiling,
 By Your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race:
 By Your praying, by Your willing
 That Your people should be one,
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
 Here on earth Your will be done.

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And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain; Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He will remain. He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,
 With happy heart its amen sings.
 Children of God, with angel host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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LSB 181

P The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \(\frac{1}{2} \) in peace.

Thank the Lord (sung)

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His promis-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

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 LSB 183

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.

 \mathbf{C} A-men.

Closing Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,

Safely to arrive at home.

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

Hither by Thy help I've come;

- And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
- Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
- Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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Postlude

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANKS

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Gregg Ramirez

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Altar Care: Cathy Kumke

Vocalist: Paul Johnsen **Elders on Duty:** David Witkosky & Dave Kandel

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Announcements:

9/28 Sunday - 10:30am - Bible Class & <u>Sunday School!</u>
- 10:30am - Celebration Ringers rehearsal (after service)

9/29 Monday - 7pm - Southwest Lutheran Chorus
- 2 - 4:00pm - Food Pantry Day
- 7pm - St. Paul Adult Choir Rehearsal

10/4 Saturday - ** SPECIAL Voters' Meeting! **

Bible Class and Sunday School will continue this morning following the Service. From the larger location down the Hall, grab something to eat & drink – then join the **Bible Class** in the **Timothy Room** and/or **Sunday School in Room 8**.

The **Adult Bible Class** is starting a new and insightful Study called, "**Growing Older & Wiser**." Whether we consider ourselves "young" or "middle-aged" or "senior citizens" or prefer no age label at all, we will grow wiser as we consider and apply the timeless truths of Scripture. Please come & join us!

*** Our Congregation will hold a <u>SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING, SATURDAY, Oct. 4th at 10am</u>, for the purpose of calling a Pastor. Please come, participate and be a part of this important process. ***

We will be observing **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday** in our service next **SUNDAY, Oct. 5**th. As with other years, there will be a special **Door Offering** for LWML as you leave the service.

Service Video, Bulletin, and Newsletter can be found on our website, <u>www.stpauloaklawn.org</u>. For more info., please contact the church office.

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 Betty & Robert Beegle, 7936 W. 97th Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

9-28-2025 Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over. (708) 423-1040

These people *urgently* need our prayers

Sandy Barry
George Oberg
Elaine Lebron
Barbara Prendergast
Sarah Weber
Betty Larson
David Kinishi
Richie Vanselow

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

Mae Weber

Betty Beegle Vic & Marty Both Jan Briede **Delphine Cherry** Doris Cyga Jennifer Garcia Arthur Gerth Amanda Greene June Hagberg **Kevin Hickey** Roy Hodgeman Herta Iversen Graham Jackson Janice Janiszewski Flora Jones Robert Kaczmarek Norman Kaminske Ron Klingensmith **Betty Kruckow** Bill Leise

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Rosa Richardson
Lori (Freeze) Safstrom
Dawn Schumann
Kurt Seehofer
Beverly Sellers
Norma Silinski
Carol Small
Melva Smith
Delores Stegemann
Bill Volk

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Susan E Volk

Wayne Volk

Lisa Anglin Barbara Apt **Devon Abt** Carrie Aspan **Lance Barrientos** Cathy Becker Sue Berg LeRoy Bitner Henry Bonder Gigi Browning **Lenny Browning Sharon Bryant** Selma Carmichel Frank Coglinase **Judy Collins** Mike Cyganiewicz Steve Czerniejewski John Darge

Dana DeAngelis

Rudy DeAngelis

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We pray for the families of- **Herb Kleeman**, Father of Terry Hornburg. He died on Monday, Sept. 22nd. and for **Carlos Owens**, a Food Pantry Client, who died on Saturday, Sept. 13th.

We also celebrate special times of Joy! Debbie Will celebrates her 71st Birthday Today on 9/28th!