

September 19, 2021  
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8:00 am Service

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**Saint Paul Lutheran Church**

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“Are We  
Willing  
Servants?”



## Welcome to Worship / Announcements

### Opening Song

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”

<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

**Psalm 34:9, 19**

Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle Reading

## James 3:13 - 4:10

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

<sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

<sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

<sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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

*You may be seated*

## **Sermon Song Sermon**

Are We Willing Servants?"

Mark 9:30-37

Notes

## Offering

### Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

## Prayers of the People

### 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.”*

### The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

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.

### Passing of the Peace

### Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

### Closing Song

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LWML Meeting

Tues, Sep 21 - 6:30 pm - fellowship hall  
*Open to all ladies of St. Paul*

### Sunday School—9:15 am

Youth, Confirmation, and Adults  
Come have some coffee, fellowship, and let's  
study God's word.  
*Prayerfully consider being a teacher*

### Masks Required

Out of an abundance of caution and, more so,  
out of love for one another, masks will be  
required for anyone in the facilities irrespective  
of vaccination status.

Philippians 2:3-4

Check out the Calendar:

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome Home Family Reunion Celebration**

Date: Oct 3 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

We'll celebrate with One Service in conjunction with LWML Sunday. Food, Games, Fellowship.

### **Pastor Appreciation Day - Oct 3**

Let Pastor Elam and Pastor Steve know how much we love them. LWML has placed a 'mailbox' in the Welcome Center for you to drop any letters/cards of thanks and appreciation.

### **Directory Pictures Update**

Between now and the end of September, We will be getting new pictures of everyone to update the directory.

God's Blessings  
on your homeward way

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Reformation/ Octoberfest**

Oct 31 (LWML sponsored)

#### **Food Bank Service Day**

2nd Thurs, of each month , 9:00-11:30 am

Volunteer Application required

Available in Welcome Center or Website

#### **Adult Bible Study—Midweek**

Thurs, Oct 28 @ 9:30 am

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