

September 26 2021  
18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Service

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**Saint Paul Lutheran Church**

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**Have salt in yourselves,  
and be at peace  
with one another  
Mark 9:50**

## Prelude and Meditation Psalm 104:27 - 35

### Welcome

#### 848 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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## 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.**

## Confession

- 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.**

## Absolution

- 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** - Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13

- P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,  
**C: your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.**  
P: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord,  
**C: give praise, O servants of the Lord,**  
P: who stand in the house of the Lord,  
**C: in the courts of the house of our God!**  
P: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
**C: sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**  
P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,  
**C: your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.**  
P: For the Lord will vindicate his people  
**C: and have compassion on his servants.**

**All:**

**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: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,  
**C: your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.**

## 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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

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P: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .”

## First Reading - continued

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

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

## Epistle Reading

## James 5

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. .

## Epistle Reading - continued

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. .

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia & Verse

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to  
St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

## Holy Gospel

### Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'

<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another .

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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,  
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.

## 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

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## Sermon

“To Rid Yourself Of Sin”

Mark 9:38 - 50

Notes

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples.

For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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## Sanctus

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**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

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P: 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

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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 f  
or 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:

## **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.

## **Pax Domini**

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

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Agnus Dei**

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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**

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

### **Thank the Lord**

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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**

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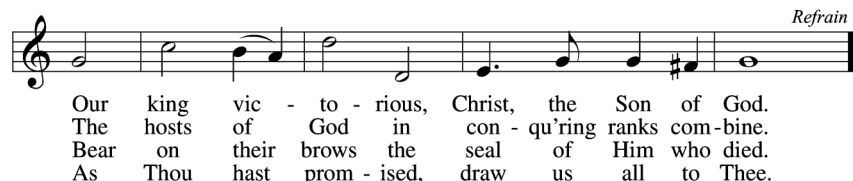
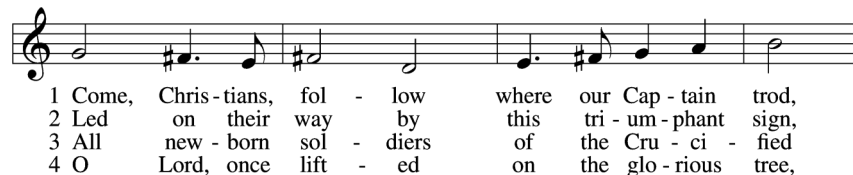
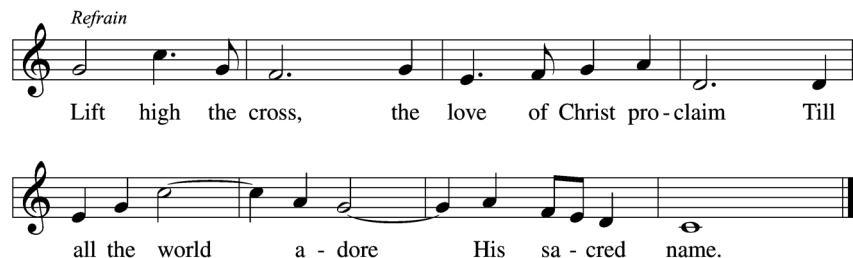
A Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You  
have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and  
we implore You that of Your mercy You would  
strengthen us through the same in faith toward  
You and fervent love toward one another; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who 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.**

## 837 Lift High the Cross



5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Refrain

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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.

### Hurricane Ida Relief

Please help as you are able with donations to the LCMS Southern District Disaster Relief Team. They are helping Grace Lutheran and the communities with Hurricane Ida recovery. 100% of donations go toward disaster relief.  
<http://www.southernlcms.org/disaster-response/>

### Directory Pictures Update

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

### Sunday School—9:15 am

Come have some coffee, fellowship, and let's study God's word.

*Prayerfully consider being a teacher*

Check out the Calendar:

<https://www.stpaulmontgomery.org/calendar>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LWML Sewing For Babies**

Tues, Sep 28 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
at Mary Cronian's house.

See her or the directory for address/phone.

This will be the last time for this event. Being able to sew is not a requirement, there are other ways you can help.

God's Blessings  
on your homeward way

### **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

### **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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