

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024
9:30 a.m.



733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



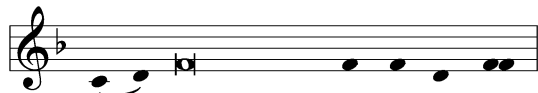
Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Baptism of Adeline Margaret Marinko

Service of the Word

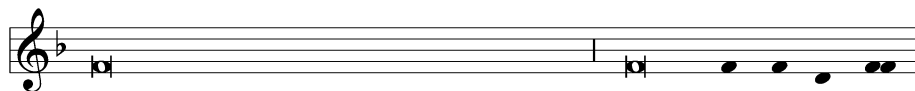
Kyrie



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.



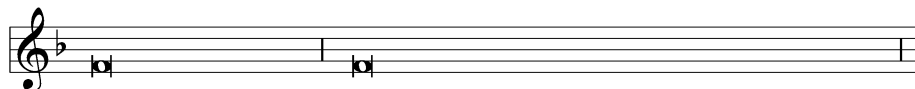
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



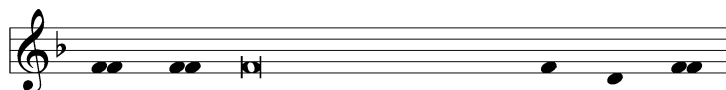
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

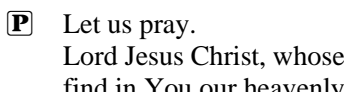
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

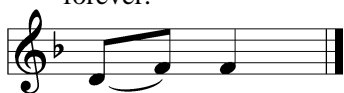


G And al - so with you.



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.



G A - men.

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.

Alleluia and Verse

Galatians 6:2

Alleluia. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17–22

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



C Glo - ry 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.

694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me
5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would
love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my
sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

Sermon

Recognition of Service

Prayer of the Church

Offering

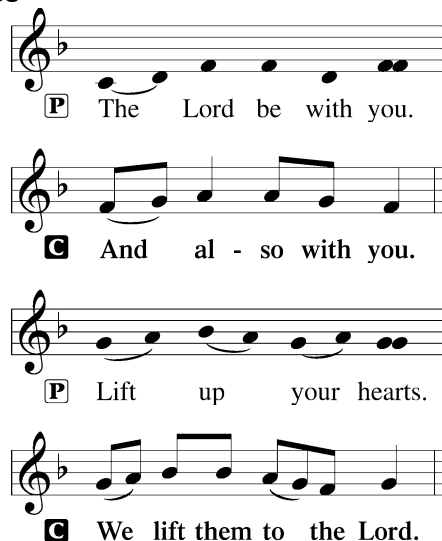
Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so 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. 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Lord's Prayer

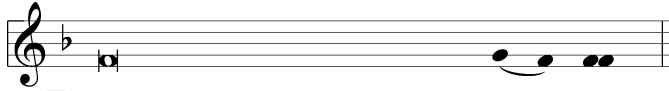
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the 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 † 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."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

The choir sings stanzas 3, 5, 7, and 9.



1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com-mands God gave to us by
 2 "I am a - lone your God, the Lord; No oth - er gods shall
 3 "Do not My ho - ly name dis - grace, Do not My Word of
 4 "You shall ob - serve the wor - ship day That peace may fill your



Mo - ses' hands When high on Si - nai's mount he stood,
 be a - dored. But you shall ful - ly trust in Me
 truth de - base. Praise on - ly that as good and true
 home, and pray, And put a - side the work you do,



Re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!
 And love Me whole - heart - ed - ly." Have mer - cy, Lord!
 Which I My - self say and do." Have mer - cy, Lord!
 So that God may work in you." Have mer - cy, Lord!

5 "You are to honor and obey
 Your father, mother, ev'ry day,
 Serve them each way that comes to hand;
 You'll then live long in the land."
 Have mercy, Lord!

6 "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate;
 Your anger dare not dominate.
 Be kind and patient; help, defend,
 And treat your foe as your friend."
 Have mercy, Lord!

7 "Be faithful to your marriage vow;
 No lust or impure thoughts allow.
 Keep all your conduct free from sin
 By self-controlled discipline."
 Have mercy, Lord!

8 "You shall not steal or take away
 What others worked for night and day,
 But open wide a gen'rous hand
 And help the poor in the land."
 Have mercy, Lord!

9 "Bear no false witness nor defame
 Your neighbor nor destroy his name,
 But view him in the kindest way;
 Speak truth in all that you say."
 Have mercy, Lord!

10 "You shall not crave your neighbor's house
 Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.
 Pray God He would your neighbor bless
 As you yourself wish success."
 Have mercy, Lord!

11 You have this Law to see therein
 That you have not been free from sin
 But also that you clearly see
 How pure toward God life should be.
 Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain;
 They merit only endless pain.
 Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
 Who pleads for us endlessly.
 Have mercy, Lord!

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700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87

526 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt. Tune: The CL Psalms of David, 1615, Edinburgh

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - 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

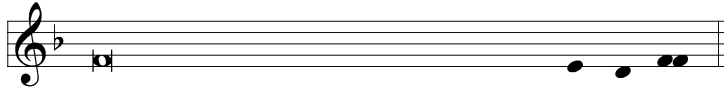
A Let us pray.

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 A - men.

Benediction



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.



A A - men.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

Stanzas 9 and 10.



9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un -
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg

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Preacher
Celebrant
Assistants

Musicians

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Rev. Peter C. Cage
Seminarists Wesley Deiss and Jon Pietrowski,
Rev. Dr. John Nordling
Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, organist
Vocal and instrumental ensemble

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Stewardship Emphasis 2024

For our fall stewardship emphasis, we are giving special attention to several of the Sunday readings. On Monday and Tuesday, we will review two of the readings from the past Sunday, while for the rest of the week we will examine two of next Sunday's readings.

Monday—Mark 10:17–22

Note the specific detail Mark includes in v. 21: Jesus looked at the man and *loved him*. That “look” must have also included a tinge of sadness, because he knew that the man’s love of money was a hindrance to the complete trust that Jesus requires. Hear again Luther’s explanation of the First Commandment: “We should fear, love, and trust in God *above all things*.” Then read his words nearby from the Large Catechism

Tuesday—Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

In Amos’ day, the town elders sat at the city gates to arbitrate disputes. According to v. 10, those who had defrauded others didn’t want to hear the truth about their evil deeds. We don’t much like hearing the truth when our shameful deeds pointed out to us either, do we? Yet, even in the midst of God’s severe condemnation, he holds out hope for us. What words in v. 15 should you always cling to?

Wednesday—Mark 10:23–31

Note that Jesus doesn’t say that those with riches cannot enter the kingdom of God. But it is difficult. Why? In what ways do the pleasures and treasures of this world divert our eyes from the things of God? Can you identify areas in your life where that might be the case? Should Jesus’ illustration about the camel and the needle force you to stop and think about the potential dangers of dwelling on our possessions or even our reputation?

Thursday—Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

The entire book of Ecclesiastes speaks of the futility of chasing after wealth and possessions. The more one earns, the more ways it is spent (v. 10). Accumulate all you can, but just as you came into the world with nothing (“naked”), so will you leave it. What image does the writer give in v. 16 to describe this futility?

Friday—Mark 10:23–31

Have you ever thought: “These words of Jesus don’t pertain to me because I’m not rich.” Yet, compared to the vast majority of people in the world—especially when you include past generations—every last one of us is incredibly wealthy. In what ways have we become accustomed to things we consider the basics in life that many around the world don’t have. Are we at risk of forgetting that God is the giver of everything we have?

Saturday—Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Note how v. 19 speaks about contentment and finding enjoyment in one’s toil. Read Eccl. 2:1–11 for a description of Solomon’s own accumulation of treasures. After gaining all that wealth and fame, what did he ultimately conclude (v. 11)? When the things of this world dominate our thought and

conduct, how easy is it to fail to acknowledge God as the source of all that we have?

From the Large Catechism

Although much that is good comes to us from others, we receive it all from God through his command and ordinance. Our parents and all authorities—in short, all people placed in the position of neighbors—have received the command to do us all kinds of good. So we receive our blessings not from them, but from God through them. Creatures are only the hands, channels, and means through which God bestows all blessings. . . . Do you have the kind of heart that expects from him nothing but good, especially in distress and want, and renounces and forsakes all that is not God? Then you have the one true God.

Prayer

Read the Collect of the Day on the reverse side every day! Then conclude with this prayer:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness, and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Readings from Holy Scripture

These are the daily readings that regularly appear each week.

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday	Deut. 11:26—12:12	Matt. 12:22–37
Monday	Deut. 12:13–32	Matt. 12:38–50
Tuesday	Deut. 13:1–18	Matt. 13:1–23
Wednesday	Deut. 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28—15:15	Matt. 13:24–43
Thursday	Deut. 15:19—16:22	Matt. 13:44–58
Friday	Deut. 17:1–20	Matt. 14:1–21
Saturday	Deut. 18:1–22	Matt. 14:22–36