

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

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"Living and Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ"*

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Last Sunday of the Church Year

Order of Worship

Divine Service, Setting Three - Page 184 in Hymnal

✠ Preparation ✠

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

♪ Opening Hymn #905 Come, Thou Almighty King

(Please stand for the last verse)

**1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

**4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.**

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 184

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,*

and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?*

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.*

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;*

hold not your peace at my tears!

♪ **Gloria Patri and Kyrie**

LSB 186

☐ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

☐ **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

☐ **Glory be to God on High,**

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

PThe Lord be with you.

CAnd with thy spirit.

PLet us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

PThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

♪ Alleluia

LSB 190

G Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37

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

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

G**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

G**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.**

♪Hymn of the Day #514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us
(Please stand for the last verse)

- 1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
"Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!**

- 2 There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer's face;
The long-awaited story
Of heav'nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band;**

**Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.**

**3 There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.**

**4 In that fair home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.**

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Sermon WATCH OUT! Mark 13:24-37

♪Offertory

LSB 192

**☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy
Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with
Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering and Rite of Friendship

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

JC And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

JC Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

JC Amen, amen, amen.

♪ Closing Hymn #537 Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,

**Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

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Welcome and Announcements

Postlude



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Welcome to St. Paul

**May you find God's amazing grace, mercy
and peace as you worship with us today.**

Members & Visitors, please add your name to the Friendship Register as it is passed along in each pew during the Rite of Friendship.

Visitors, please add your address and home church; if we can be of service to you, please speak with Pastor or a Deacon after the service.

All are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment following the service.

Thank you for visiting!

The Radio Broadcast of our service may be heard Sundays at 12:30 pm over KIOW-FM 107.3, Forest City. Today's broadcast is sponsored by the Harvey Mitchell Radio Ministry Fund of St. Paul's Foundation. *If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (\$50), please sign the 2018 Sponsor Sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.*

**PS: Catch a "Facebook Live" broadcast of our Sunday service.
Tune in for Pastor K's "Hour of Power"!**

~ In Our Prayers ~

For Comfort, Strength & Healing:

Bryce Cherryholmes

Herluf Jaspersen

Jerry Thompson

Mary Graham

Marsha Johnson

Brooke Waddingham

Earl Jaspersen

Gary Sandell

Alice Walkusch

For Members & Friends Serving in the Military & Law Enforcement:

Members: Corey Alden, Cory Graham, Danielle Graham, Brad Kozisek, Kevin Kozisek, Jarod Lemke, Adam Stenberg, Jim Thiele
Friends: Matt Barton, Kelly Vedane-Finn, Corey Grote, Eric Hythecker, Levi Loschen, Ron Smith, James J. Sperr, Jacob Sperr

For Comfort & Strength:

The families of military and law enforcement officers wounded or killed in service to our country, domestic and abroad.

T O D A Y @ S T P A U L

10:00am Fellowship

10:15am Adult Bible Study

Lawrence & Evelyn Radloff Fund: The Radloff Committee decided to have another application period due to the amount of requests in May. Applications are available from the church office and are due back by ***November 26, 2018.*** Funds to be used for the following purposes.

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| A. Youth | E. Preschool and/or Daycare |
| B. Education | F. Member/Youth mission trips |
| C. Evangelism | G. Music and Worship |
| D. Human Care | H. Outside speakers/Programs, etc. |

Christmas Poinsettias to Display in our Church Sanctuary

The cost for a poinsettia is \$8.00. Order forms are available in your bulletin as well as in the Narthex. Please place your order by Monday, December 17, 2018. You may pick up your poinsettia anytime following the Christmas Day service. Thank you!

**Senior Choir WILL sing on Sunday, December 2,
with practice at 8:00am.**

***LOST: Women's navy quilted jacket with navy gloves in the pockets mistakenly removed from the Bell Tower on Sunday, October 21.
Please return to the church.
[Your navy quilted SwissTech coat is hanging in the Bell Tower.]***

Starting this fall: Biblical Christianity 101 (Probably after harvest)
A 12-session pre-requisite study for membership at St. Paul as well as a good review for anyone interested. Looking to start in October. *Please contact Pastor Kozisek if you are interested.*

Giving Tuesday - Iowa District West! The leadership of Iowa District West thanks God for you! Because of your gifts and prayers, God is writing many stories around our District and connecting people to their Savior. As we approach Giving Tuesday (11/27), we invite you to follow us on Facebook (Iowa District West - LCMS) beginning the day after Thanksgiving as we share a story each day through Tuesday. Thank you for your partnership!

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life ~ www.lutheransforlife.org
November 25 "God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use." *Rev. Dan Larsen is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota*

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH – DECEMBER 8 – \$5 TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

Another way to be the hands and feet of Jesus

Concord Meal Delivery (or Meals on Wheels if you prefer) is seeking a volunteer to deliver 8-10 meals on MONDAYS. [A group could volunteer and take turns with the delivery.] Please contact Lori Fank at Concord Care, 641-923-2677.

Can You Help? Gentleman seeking Living Liver Donor

Must be Type O blood, no older than 55 and in good health. Read his letter on the bulletin board in the Narthex or by the west door (also viewable on FB). Contact the family of Brian Elliott, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania @ 814-643-3033 or 814-251-4628.

Lutheran Family Service ~ LFSiowa.org ~ (515) 573-3138

Building Healthy Families: "After taking this class I am a more confident caregiver! Having tools to resolve problems is a definite advantage in becoming a better caregiver and a happier, wiser, and healthier me... and a healthier us!" The woman who wrote these words participated in LFS' 6-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers class, designed for anyone providing physical care or emotional support for disabled or elderly family members. LFS has trained group facilitators all over the state ready to lead this helpful group for caregivers in your area. Visit the LFS web site or contact Rev. Mick Wolfram at mwolfram@LFSiowa.org or 515-251-4900 for more information.

***"Sharing the Light of Christ" 5th Annual Nativity Open House
Sunday, December 2, 2:00-4:00pm @ Lutheran Family Service
Ministry Center, 230 9th Avenue North, Fort Dodge***

2018 Ethnic Bake Sale

Saturday, December 01

9:00 am to Noon

St. Paul Lutheran Church

810 State Street, Garner, IA 50438

in our Basement Fellowship Area

Find your favorite ethnic holiday goodies including Belgian Cookies, Danish Pastry, Dutch Letters, Kavrings, Kolaches, Kringla, Krumkake, Lefse, Pfeffernuesse, Pizzell, Rosettes, Russian Tea Cakes, Springerle & Stollen - *plus much more!*

Let us do your holiday baking!!

Order in advance by calling Darlene Ziesmer 641-923-3010

or the Church Office 641-923-2261

Looking forward to seeing you!!

Serving in the Lord's House this week of November 25, 2018

Organist: Liz Waddingham

Acolytes: Owen Pueggel, Kenedee Frayne

Deacons: Jon Hollatz, Paul Luppen

Ushers: Dan Barickman, Matt Barickman,
Keith Sperr, Todd Wolf

October Courtesy Drivers: Fred & Lisa Schroeder, 641-587-2386

Acolyte "On Deck" 2018-2019 schedule:

December 02 –Gretta Gouge

December 09 – Sarah Schmidt, Kale Johnson

December 16 – Tristan Smith, Tori Johnson

December 23 – Rachel Bierle, Trey Johnson

ACOLYTES, PLEASE REMEMBER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

for serving as an acolyte for the week to which you are assigned, from Sunday through the next Saturday. If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a substitute and notify the church office to advise who will take your place by Thursday prior to your scheduled date.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

This week's opportunities at St. Paul ...

**Sunday, Nov. 25 9:00am Worship
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Adult Bible Study**

Monday

Tuesday

**Wednesday 4:00pm Junior Youth
5:15pm Christian Ed Meal
5:45pm Christian Ed Classes
5:45pm Exodus Bible Study
6:00pm Bell Choir
7:00pm Worship**

Thursday

Friday

Saturday 9:00-Noon Ethnic Bake Sale – Day 2

**Sunday, December 02 8:00am Senior Choir
9:00am Worship/Communion
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Adult Bible Study**

Grateful ~ Thankful ~ Blessed