

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 17, 2019

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves, and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.

PRELUDE

“Prelude in E Flat”

T. Dubois

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We gather in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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.
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.

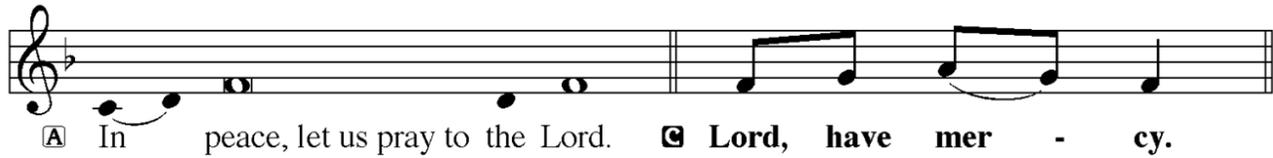
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “O God of Every Nation” #713

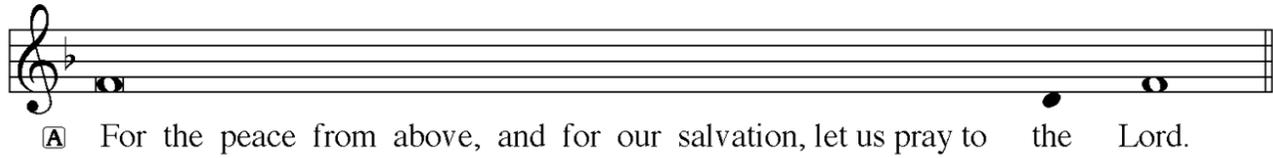
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

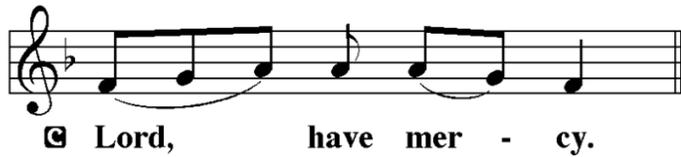
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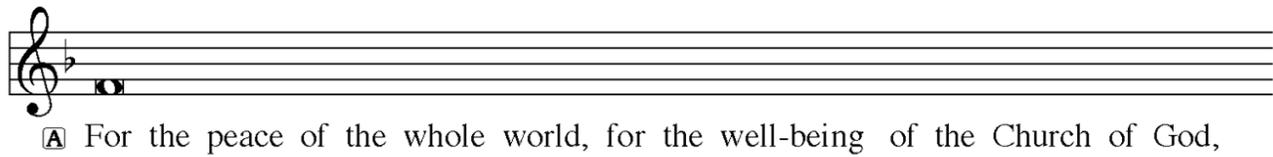
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



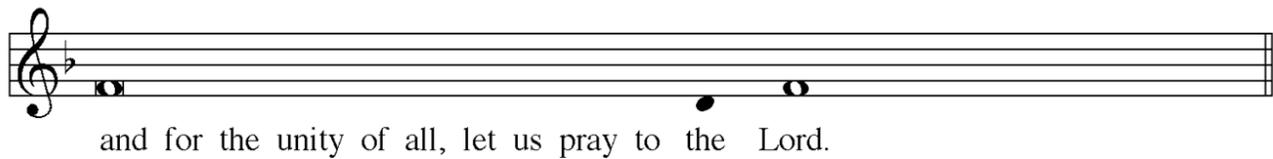
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



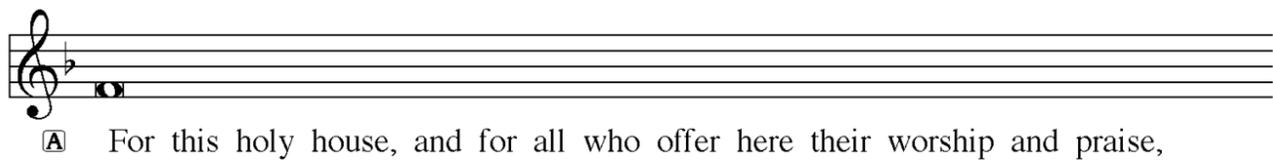
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



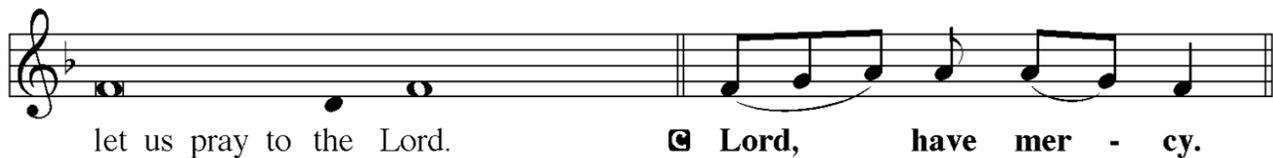
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



B 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Malachi

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

(Malachi 4:1-2a)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²**The LORD has made known his victory;**

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it.

⁸**Let the floods clap their hands;**

let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming

to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from the Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray;

for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’
Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

#437

SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, when we wonder about the future, you remind us to rest in the victory won by your Son. Give us faith to rely on your word and courage to witness to your love and faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, the seas and the hills shout your praise. Inspire us to sing a joyful song to you as we preserve and protect your marvelous creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal ruler, you judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity. Strengthen world leaders and elected officials, so that they never grow weary in doing what is right and good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you offer peace to all who seek it. Free all those who are confined to prison unjustly and all who are daily persecuted for following in your path. Bring healing to all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wondrous God, thank you for worship leaders, artists, and musicians who create works of praise and prayer. Guide and empower them to lift the spirits of all who gather to thank and praise you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Everlasting God, as we await the dawn of the new heaven and the new earth, we give thanks for all who have lived lives of faith and now rest in Christ Jesus. By their witness, stir us to serve you with ever greater devotion. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERING

For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

Offertory (8:00)

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

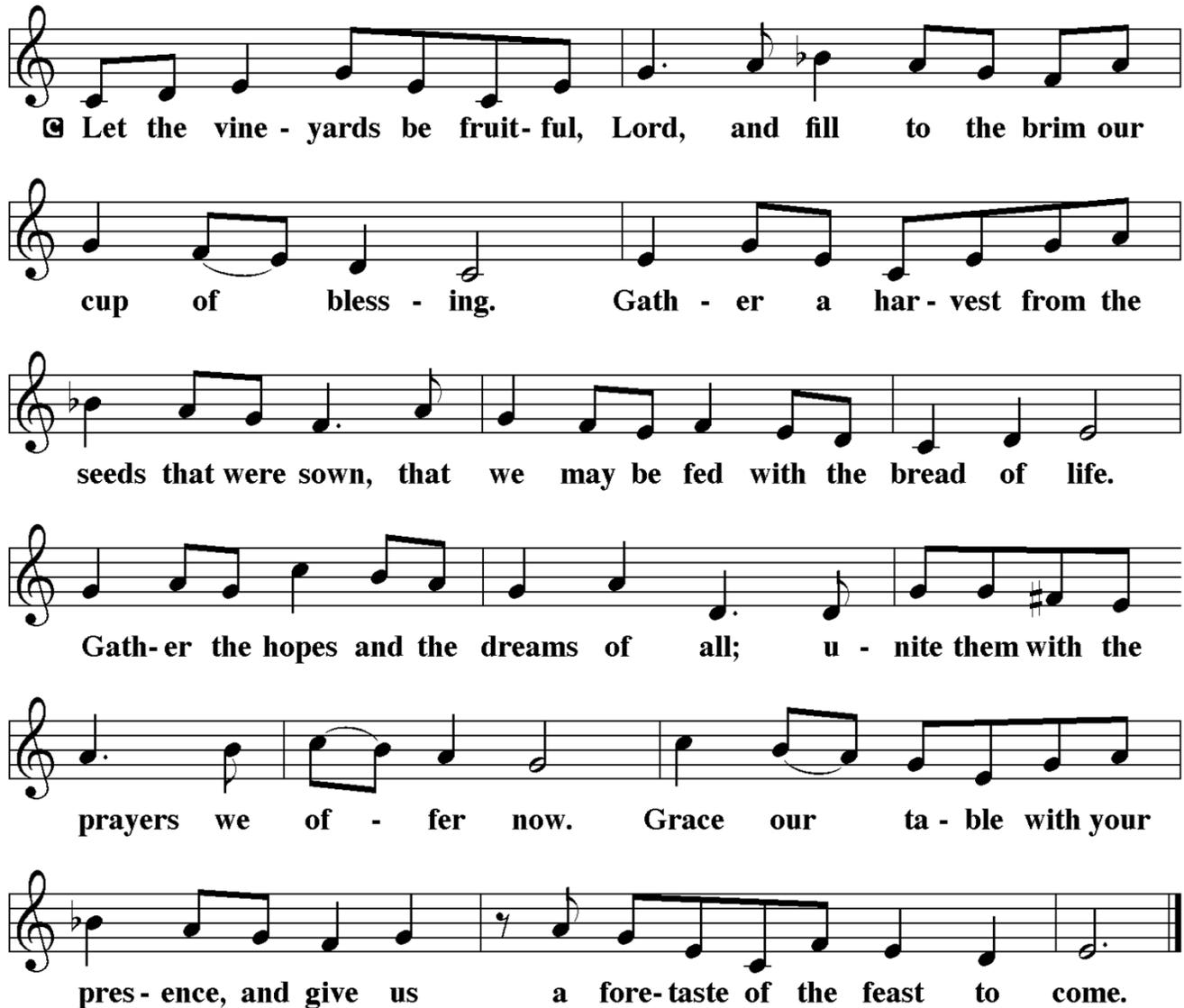
H. Wilan

Anthem (10:30)

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Words by St. Francis of Assisi with music by Steven Strite
Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN



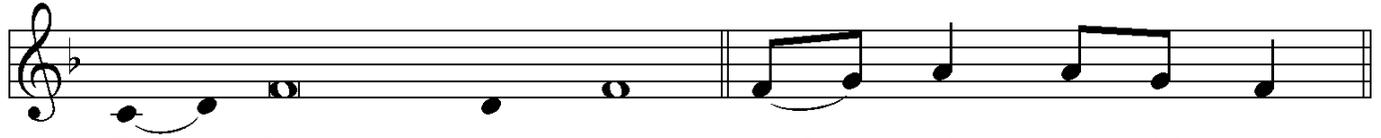
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

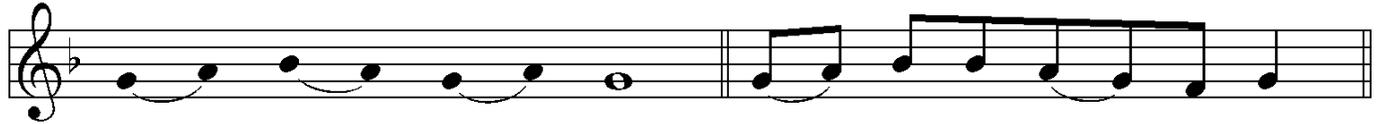
God our provider, we bring nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Nourish us now with new and abundant life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

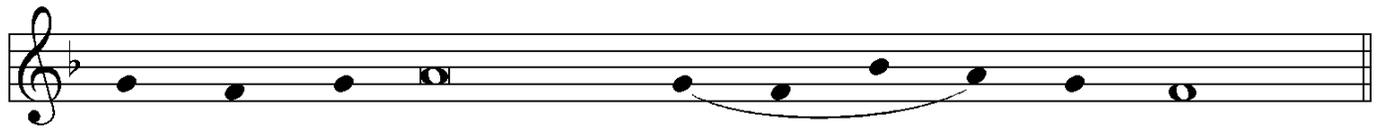
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

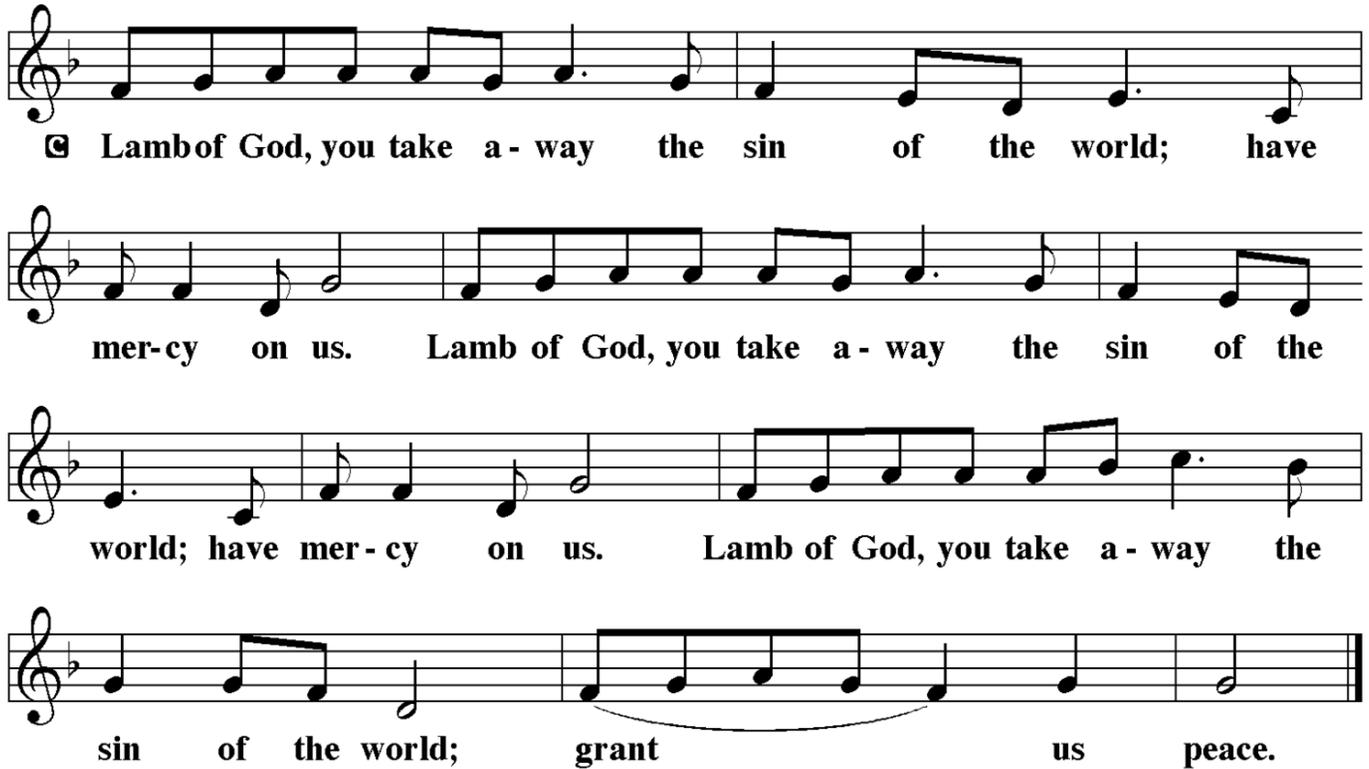
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God has prepared a banquet for all to share.
Come, take your place at the feast.

AGNUS DEI



☒ 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.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.

COMMUNION HYMN “Canticle of the Turning” #723

TABLE BLESSING

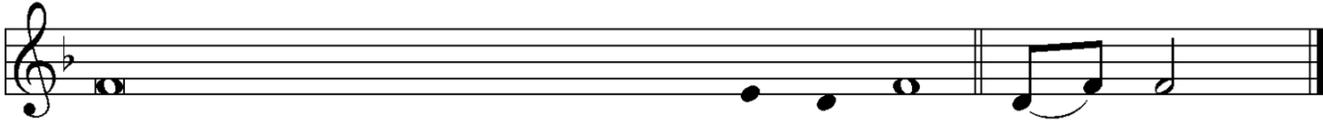
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING



☐ 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.

SENDING HYMN “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” #327

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Triumph and Thanksgiving” F. Ritter

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of parents Leighton & Ruth Wehr by Tom & Gwen Wehr.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of my husband, Jim Emerich, by wife Joanne.

Today’s bulletins are presented in honor of Jack Riegel on his birthday by loved ones.

***Today’s anthem** is presented in honor of our alto section and all their “canine” friends by Tom, Gwen, “Biscuit” and “Snowball” Wehr. (2018)

SERVING TODAY (11/17/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Connie Teter; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Wendy Schuld; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Wayne Lutsey;

USHERS: Swick Family; GREETER: Steve Couch;

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins;

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller & Connie Teter

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/24/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Deb Moyer; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Sue Reier; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jim Spotts;

USHERS: Tina Butler & Hope Clarke; GREETER: Steve Couch;

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich, & Barb Sterner;

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich & Gwen Wehr

CALENDAR

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| Monday, November 18 | 6:00 PM | Worship & Music |
| | 7:00 PM | Finance |
| Wednesday, November 20 | 6:00 PM | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, November 21 | 10:00 AM | Rainbow Friends |
| Saturday, November 23 | 5:30 PM | Worship |
| Sunday, November 24 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |

EVANGELISM NEWS

Sunday, December 15, we will be having breakfast treats for all following the 8 AM service! Come and share good food and fellowship!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Please plan to worship with your friends and neighbors at Salem United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 7 PM. There are no musical rehearsals scheduled at St. Paul's for that evening.

CHURCH FLOWER PRICES

As of January 1, Freed's Flowers will increase their prices: The minimum price for a Chancel Basket will be \$25.00 and Altar Flowers will cost \$30.00. If you would like to order a special arrangement for a given date, you can do that by contacting Freed's directly; just mark the flower book accordingly. Please see Sue Schenck with any questions.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please join our Worship & Music Committee on Saturday, November 30 at 9 AM as we begin to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas Seasons!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Men of St. Paul's and WELCA will hold a dinner for all members of the congregation on Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 PM in Reidler Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place, so that we can know how many people to expect. Please plan to join us, and add your name to our list!

ANGEL TREE RETURNS

Our congregation will again participate in “Angel Tree” giving this year. The following are guidelines for this project:

- The Angel Tree, which will be filled with names and gift ideas for area youth, will arrive around Thanksgiving.
- Each tag will contain the name, age, gender and a gift idea---*please keep gifts in the \$15-\$20 price range*
- Please drop off the gift unwrapped and with the name tag. The Sunday school kids will wrap the presents (it’s one of our favorite activities !!!)
- Each child will also get a Christmas stocking. The stockings will have a tag with the name, gender and age of the child. Please fill it with age-appropriate snacks, toiletries and other small items.
- We have plenty of wrapping paper but can always use boxes, gift bags and Scotch tape – we seem to go through a lot tape!

Please contact Deb Bolinsky at 570-789-3540 with any questions.

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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve will be ordered from Blue Mountain Farms, New Ringgold, PA.
The cost of an 8+ bloom plant is \$8.00.

You may purchase these flowers and dedicate them “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone
in your life.

If you choose not to dedicate the plants, you will be listed as a sponsor.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 1.

Please complete this form and return it with payment to the plate in the gathering room.

YOUR NAME: _____

I would like to order _____ red poinsettia(s);

I would like to order _____ white poinsettia(s);

I would like to order _____ pink poinsettia(s);

I would like to order _____ marble (pink and white marbled flower) poinsettia(s);

I would like to order _____ jingle bell (red with white speckled flower) poinsettia(s);

at \$8.00 each. I wish to dedicate my flowers(s) “in honor/memory of”
(Please circle one)

Honor/Memory: _____

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WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS?

In connection with the celebration of our 175th Anniversary as a congregation, the Worship and Music Committee is planning a hymn sing for late January. In order to put songbook together, we need your help. Could you please let me know your favorite hymn(s)? Unfortunately, many old hymns may be part of the public domain, but we can't guarantee that all hymns requested will be included. Thank you so much!

Juli Schenck
juli.schenck@hughes.net

BOOKS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Our Service Committee is holding a "Christmas" Book Drive for children whose families are served by the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. Your new or gently used books are needed now. Donations can be placed in a box located in the narthex today through Saturday, December 14! Thank you for your generosity!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

The Worship and Music Committee invites you to enjoy a piece of our congregational birthday cake between the 8 and 10:30 AM worship services on Sunday, December 8, 2019! We will officially be 175 years old as an independent Lutheran congregation on Saturday, December 7, 2019!

Please mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate with your church family!