

## For the Living of these Days    September 30, 2020

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

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**ST. PAUL'S Sermon and Lessons for the week 1-740-247-5551**

**COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER SATURDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 4 P.M.!**

**WEAR A MASK! BRING HAND SANITIZER! SIT IN MARKED PEWS and**

**OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN FAMILY GROUPS!**

**PLEASE, DON'T COME IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"You Deserve a Break Today/Have It Your Way" I am fast approaching my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and have been reflecting lately on how things have changed in my lifetime. I have a confession to make – I don't like ketchup or mustard, and anybody my age and older remembers when fast food hamburgers only came one way – ketchup, mustard, minced onions and pickle. It was what it was and you dealt with it and I admit I did not deal with this gracefully. There were two slogans I remember from fast food back then – "You Deserve a Break Today/Have It Your Way" – the first was McDonald's as I recall and the second Burger King. Two genius pieces of advertising that have so permeated our culture that we don't even see them anymore – they're entitlements now. I *deserve* ... and of course it needs to be *my way*. The thing is we don't deserve a break and there should be no expectation that things are done my way in this world. Where is the love of neighbor, the tolerance and compassion in those beliefs? Where is the will of God? For many years my best friend was a hospice nurse (How's that for a subject change?) She witnessed many families at the bedside of a dying loved one exhorting the person in the bed to take one more breath, to get well and not to leave them. She said often she would want to gently remind the families it is not about what *we want but what He wants*. May we continue to search out just whose work we are doing and remember just who owns the vineyard. *Kerrill*

**So what is your signature picnic dish?** Normally this week we would be holding the annual 4 Church Farm Hog Roast. But this year we are working in reverse for the Food Pantry. So if your signature dish is green bean casserole then bring the green beans and cream of mushroom soup for the food drive. Known for your stuffed shells, then maybe bring pasta and spaghetti sauce. Peanut butter thumb print cookies would bring peanut butter and jelly. Well you get the idea. We will again be at the rear alley door from 5 pm to 7 pm to collect food and hand out communion elements for our Sunday worshipers. So put away your casserole dish and come down to say hello with your canned food. Thanks to all of you who came for Oktoberfest. We filled two barrels of food and collected 366 items toward our goal of 3000 items.

### October Birthdays

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Billy, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Gail Grangaard, Jeri Kennard, Jennifer Rebecca Ricciardo  
October 10<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Anctil, Roger Dupler, Sarah Swisher

### No Anniversaries This Week!

#### Please Keep the following people in your prayers:

Tambra Simon	Matthew Rauch	Missy Zimmerman	Pastor Betsy & family
Carmella Holman	Ruth Swinehart	Ruth White	
Willis Trainor	Jan Rengert	Ginny Baker	

#### Those with long-term ongoing concerns:

Dawn Campbell	Gretchen Treneff	Wilma Keller	Rose Godenschwager
Earnest & Wanda	Mary Beamer	Terry Nelson	Frances Slebodnik
Cooperider	Marshall Rosene	Margaret Marx	Alice Smith
Davey & Mary Saylor	Betty Neighbarger	Terrie Baker	

**18<sup>h</sup> Weekend after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**St. Paul's Evangelical**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**October 3, 2020 4 p.m.**

Supply Organist: Andrew Willis  
Council President: M. Jean Hovland  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. William J. Rauch  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. John D. Stroup



**PRELUDE:** "Soliloquy (Psalm 139:23)" – Douglas E. Wagner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Dear Friends, please remember that there will be no singing or speaking in unison during the service to reduce the possible spread of disease. All text will be read by the supply pastor and singing by the cantor. The offering plates will be by the exit doors as you leave today. Standing at this service is optional.*

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

**ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**KYRIE** - In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

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

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. Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

**GLORIA** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**PSALM 80:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine | out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and | planted it.

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it; it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered | by its shadow and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken | down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O | God of hosts,            look | down from heaven;  
<sup>15</sup>behold and | tend this vine;            preserve what your right | hand has planted.

**THE LESSON:** *is written in the book of Philippians Chapter 3 beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> verse:*  
[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *The word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please stand as you are able. Standing is optional.)*  
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: You say:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. (33-46)  
[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. *The gospel of the Lord.*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #835 “All Creatures Worship God Most High” verses 1-3 and 6

All creatures, worship God most high! Sound every voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing brother sun, in splendor bright; sing sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire so mirthful strong; drive far the shadows join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart; Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures bless the Father, Son, and Holy, Spirit Three in One. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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** *please remember there are no responses said in unison.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** – *The Cantor will provide the responses*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***The Cantor will demonstrate communion at lectern***

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; ***(Please open your wafer and hold it up.)***

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 ***(Please raise your cup but do not open it yet)***

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.

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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

Now my brothers and sisters in Christ, please join me in sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

The body of Christ given for you ***(Please consume the wafer.)***

The Blood of Christ shed for you ***(Please open your cup and drink the juice.)***

**THE BLESSING**

And now may the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** May the LORD watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other and Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**POSTLUDE:** "Improvisation on All Creatures of Our God and King" – Andrew Willis