

For the Living of these Days November 18, 2020

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

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COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st 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.

**CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OUR SERVICE ONLINE ON FACEBOOK OR GO TO STPAULSELCA.ORG,
FOLLOW THE LINK AND OPEN THE VIDEO IN THE BROWSER OF YOUR CHOICE!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Sheep and Goats – One of the few email posts I subscribe to is written by a guy named Ryan Dowd who runs a shelter for those experiencing homelessness. He is very good at distilling how the thoughts and actions we have *are perceived by those around us depending on their circumstances*. One of the ideas he talked about recently was “Purity Mindset” He says, “A purity mindset says that things will be better when everything and everyone who is not perfect have been expelled. At its most extreme, a purity mindset leads to a Nazi holocaust or Rwandan genocide. Lesser forms of “purity mindset” can also be dangerous:

- Church leadership seeks to expel people who don't believe 100% of stated doctrine.
- Political parties seek to chase out people who are not conservative or liberal enough.
- Social movements seek to cast out people who say something wrong.

The consequence in all three of these situations is that the membership of your group shrinks. Fewer people are working with you to make the world a better place. **That's not how you change the world.** You change the world by drawing more and more people to your cause.” This brings me to this week's Gospel lesson – Sheep and Goats. We all know this one, Jesus comes back and separates people into the sheep of the kingdom and the goats who are the outcasts. But my brothers and sisters, here's the thing – **We are not Jesus. It is not our job to judge, or even begin the sorting process!** Our job is to live like Jesus, to be inclusive, to extend the hand of charity, mercy, understanding and tolerance, to increase the fold of sheep. Praise God! Judgement is not our job!
Kerrill

Advent, Christmas and Worship The first Saturday of Advent is November 28th – just around the corner! So much is different this year, that the worship committee wanted to give you heads up on the things that will be the same and the things that because of the pandemic will be different.

Advent: Thanks to John Jordan & family, the Advent wreath will be in place for all the services. Pastor Stroup once again will lead the “Moving of the Figurines” from the windowsills of the church to the Manger and it is his hope that there will be some young folks in attendance to help with that!

Christmas: We will be ordering Poinsettia plants to adorn the altar, wreaths will be on the doors (want to donate them?) the church will be decorated, and we will have a Christ Mass.

Here are the big differences – *because we have an interim pastor and a supply organist, the number and times of the services will by necessity be different as will the number of people who can attend (Thank you pandemic ☺).*

The Christ Mass – Thursday December 24th at 11 p.m. with special music starting at 10:30.

THE TIME HAS CHANGED AS THIS WORKS BETTER FOR OUR ORGANIST. Reservations must be made to attend the service by calling the church office as seating will be limited. We will broadcast this service live on Facebook and in addition place it on our usual web locations. The Christ Mass will be celebrated again **Saturday, December 26th at 4 p.m.** at our usual worship time.

In the event we are once again in lockdown, the services will proceed and be filmed just without the presence of a congregation.

Sunday Afternoon Coffee Hour continues via ZOOM on **Sunday, November 22nd at 4 p.m.** Please look for an email with the login information or call the office and join us with a cup of coffee or tea for some fellowship. We look forward to seeing each other again!

Our sympathies are extended to the friends and family of Gretchen Treneff who passed away November 8th.

November Birthdays

Nov. 23rd – Laura Pastorius, Nov. 25th – Dee Altmaier, Karen Nelson
Nov. 26th Owen Beamer, Kim Lust, B. J. Stamper
Nov. 27th – Autumn Seabright, Nov 28th – Trisha Holtz

November Anniversaries

Nov. 26th Clarence & Connie Rutter (38)

Please Keep the following people in your prayers:

Tambra Simon	Matthew Rauch	Logan Johnson	Steve Gall
Carmella Holman	Ruth Swinehart	Ginny Baker	Charles Cooperider
Diane Ganz	Ernie Cooperider	Pastor Betsy	Caroline King

Those with long-term ongoing concerns:

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

Festival of Christ the King
Holy Eucharist
St. Paul’s Evangelical
Lutheran Church
November 21, 2020 4 p.m.

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



PRELUDE: *Variations on "All the Power of Jesus' Name" - arr. Janet Linker*

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 95:1-7A

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, | are a great God, and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it, and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down, let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

THE LESSON: *is written in the book of Ephesians Chapter 1 beginning with the 15th verse:*

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *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 25th chapter. (31-46)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." *The gospel of the Lord.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #686 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace-- it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord we do it unto thee.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

Cantor will demonstrate 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.

SENDING HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Walter L. Pelz*

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 DIADEMATA" - arr. Michael Burkhardt*