

## **For the Living of these Days    October 14, 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 17<sup>th</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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FOLLOW THE LINK AND OPEN THE VIDEO IN THE BROWSER OF YOUR CHOICE!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you can't do what you want, do what you can. The worship committee has been talking about Advent and Christmas, which in planning terms is just around the corner. Here is what we know for sure – if we meet, and that's a big if, we can't sing together. We can't say the Nicene Creed together. Nothing is more thrilling to me than standing in church surrounded by people who say together, "We believe..." To be honest, we don't have a plan right now for what Christmas will look like. I think we should just take a Sunday morning, show up in our cars in the parking lot, honk our horns and have a communal sulk. We missed Easter together and now Christmas. I miss you guys. I miss sharing the peace. I miss our hugs and our laughs. We are all over the spectrum on how comfortable we are with the idea of getting together and I am all for erring on the side of caution – just ask my mother, she'll tell you that we haven't eaten out in a restaurant since March. So, what can we do to continue to be the people of St. Paul's? Well, we are worshiping and communing, and many of us are watching those services on our computer or taking advantage of the sermon line. Many of us continue our regular monetary gifts to the church so that the bills continue to be paid. Thanks to Denise Crews, we are gathering food for the Food Pantry and many folks have been dropping off donations to help feed our neighbors, so we are acting like a body of Christ even if we feel disembodied. This pandemic is forcing us to let go of our traditions and actively seek different ways to be the body of Christ. I encourage you to find a way to live your faith in any way you can. The apostle Paul talks about the "now" as paving stones for what lies ahead. This "now" will pass. May we use this time to make us better prepared for the future that lies ahead. *Kerrill*

**Card Shower.** Logan Johnson, great grandson of Ginny Baker and great nephew of Paul and Connie Baker, is in the James Hospital and will remain there during his Stem Cell Transplant program. He can only have 1 visitor and is not able to see his daughter. If you feel so moved, please add him to your prayer list and possibly drop him a card. He will be hospitalized through February of next year. His address is: The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, Room C1507, Logan Johnson, 460 W 10th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.

**Lunch!** The weekend of October 17 we find the weather turning cool, so how about our favorite soups, stews, and chilis? And don't forget those crackers, corn breads, muffins and biscuit mixes to go along with them. The weekend of October 24 we celebrate Reformation so go red. Apples, tomatoes, cherries, or even those good old red and white cans of Campbell Soup. **With daylight fading we are changing the time of the food drive drop off/communion pick up to 1-3 pm on Saturdays. As always feel free to drop off food items during regular office hours during the week or in conjunction with the 4 pm Saturday service.** Jodie has blessed communion elements in the office and you can find Terrie or Denise from 3-4 to pick the wine and juice packs for communion at home. Thanks again! *Denise*

### **October Birthdays**

October 17<sup>th</sup> – David Bowen, Shaun O'Keefe, Bill Robbins

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Paul Kerr III, Samuel Leber,

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Mary Harble Michael Smith, Gretchen Treneff (96), October 21<sup>st</sup> – Paul Harble

### **October Anniversaries**

October 19<sup>th</sup> Pete & Kathy Plante' (7)

October 21<sup>st</sup> – James & Karen Jordan (14), Matt & Jill Mumaw (20)

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – John & Belinda Seabright (21)

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

Tambra Simon	Matthew Rauch	Missy Zimmerman	Pastor Betsy & family
Carmella Holman	Ruth Swinehart	Logan Johnson	Steve & Janet Gall
Willis Trainor	Jan Rengert	Ginny Baker	Charles Cooperider

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

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

**19<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist**

**St. Paul's Evangelical**

**Lutheran Church**

**October 17, 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:** *"Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn" – Charles Callahan*

**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** Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**PSALM 96:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD| a new song;      sing to the LORD, | all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;      proclaim God’s salvation from | day to day.**  
<sup>3</sup>Declare God’s glory a- | mong the nations      and God’s wonders a- | mong all peoples.  
<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,      more to be feared | than all gods.**  
<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;      but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;      power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**  
<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,      ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.  
<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;      bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**  
<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

**THE LESSON:** *is written in the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians Chapter 1 beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.  
<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. *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 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter. (15-22)  
<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. *The gospel of the Lord.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #526 “God Is Here”**

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here our table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## **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** – *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 *Young people receiving First Communion will come to the altar at this time.*

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:** "Festival Piece on NICAEA" – Jerry Westenkuehler