

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The First Lutheran Church in Milwaukee

Established in 1841

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“St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and merit, every ability and challenge. We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.”

P	indicates <i>Pastor</i>
A	indicates <i>Assisting Minister</i>
C	indicates Congregation (bold type)
L	indicates <i>Lector</i>
ELW	indicates cranberry red hymnal - <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u>
+	indicates the congregation may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY FOR CHAOS

P Oh God, our hearts are overwhelmed with sorrow for the endless trauma that continues to afflict the people of the earth.

C Our hearts cry out.

P We lament the violent tragedies that have occurred in recent days both at home and abroad.

C Our hearts cry out.

A We lift up our eyes to the hills;

C Where will our help come from?

P Our help comes from the Lord

C Who made heaven and earth.

A Violence, murder, trauma, chaos – they seem to be unending and gaining momentum.

C How long must we wait, Oh Lord?

P Governments overrun, children and families killed, tension and fear rampant.

C How long, Oh Lord?

A We have nothing left but to hope in You, God

C Our hope is in You.

P Our grieved hearts have nowhere else to turn.

C Come quickly to rescue us.

A We pray for peace.

C Yes.

P We pray for violence to end.

C Yes.

A We pray for your merciful heart to beat inside us.

C Yes.

P We pray for you to show us how to help.

C Yes.

A We are pressed on every side,

C but not crushed;

P We are perplexed,

C but not in despair;

A We are persecuted,

C but not abandoned;

P We are struck down,

C but not destroyed.

A Death is at work in the world,

C but life is at work in You.

P Come now and bring life.

C Our hope is in You. Amen

OPENING HYMN

St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Hymn

“In Faith and Love”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

L ¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of

Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L Word of God, word of Life,

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Celtic Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we

say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 712

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" verses 1 and 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A *(after each petition)* Lord in your mercy.

C *(congregation response)* Receive our prayer.

P *(after all petitions are offered)* All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

PEACE

As we seek to care for one another by maintaining physical distance, we share God's peace in new ways.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of bounty, there is no end to your generosity and grace. We praise you for all the gifts you so lavishly share with your children. Open our hearts and hands that we, too, might recognize the gifts we have and share them with our siblings throughout the earth; in Jesus Christ we pray.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 God thanks and praise.

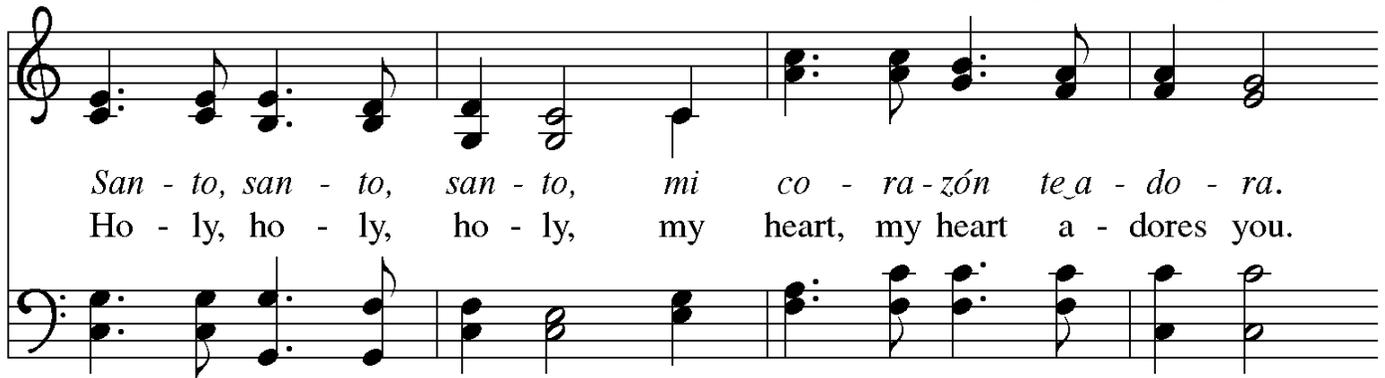
PREFACE

P 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

sung by song leader



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.

LAMB OF GOD

sung by song leader



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.



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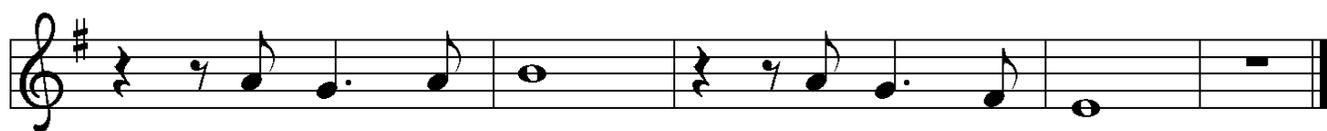


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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz,
grant us your peace,

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“Building Blocks of the Kingdom” Prayer

P In this moment of prayer, O God

our lives are opened to You, and with them, our world.

A We pray that Your Spirit would whisper through every heart and every place, filling the voids so many feel.

P We ask that Your Spirit would empower all who feel weak, those who carry heavy burdens, those who are filled with sorrow, and those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.

A We long for Your Spirit to inspire all who follow You to think, speak and live as imitators of Christ. So that our world and all who live in it may know peace, healing and reconciliation with you and with each other.

P Bless us, O Lord, that we may become the building-blocks of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus’ Name. **Amen.**

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

BLESSING

Mothering God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

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*Many thanks to all who helped set up, participated in
and made this worship time possible!*

Announcements

~ Virtual Bible study is now at 8:30am each Sunday morning. If you would like to be part of Bible study, call or email Pastor Delaney and she will get you set up with access. 414-292-6164; dschlakekruse@gmail.com

~ Sunday, October 11 at 10am: Drive-In Communion in St. Paul's parking lot

~ Kim's Table, our monthly outreach opportunity, will take place on Wednesday, October 21st at 12pm. If you would like to help out as a volunteer, please contact Nancy Day at naday56.nd@gmail.com

~ As we begin meeting in person again, please stay home if you are feeling ill. If you are not able to attend in person worship, but would like to receive communion, please contact Pastor Delaney at (414) 292-6164.

~ Stay tuned to email, the St. Paul's website, as well as our church social media to stay connected in this time of distancing.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes newly added items

Homebound

Members: *Raymond (Allen) Kaisler*

Associate Members: *Richard Schutten*

Members with Special Concerns

Allen Kaisler *Eleanor Block* *Inthaly Vannavong*
Larry Schulz *Dick Klug* *Verna Heiges*

Others with Special Concerns

Cindy Boness, Jane Prahlow's sister
Ingrid Nebel, sister of Matt & Jane Prahlow
Pam Bromberek, Bob Bromberek's sister-in-law
Katie Ruen, Pastor Ed's wife/friend of St. Paul's
Donna Kitzman, mother of Tim Kitzman
Avis, Cindy & Joshua Jeffers, cousins of Mary Ellen Voelz
Balwinder Singh, brother of "Bobby", owner of Kilbourn Foods
Jayne Klug, mother of Laurie Klug, an associate member
*******Kathy Hilmoe*, friend of MaryEllen and Howie Voelz
Darrell Smith, Friend and Associate Member
Charles Schulz, father of Larry Schulz
Ruth Krikau, Eleanor Block's sister
Maurice Shirley, friend of Mark Voelz
Jerry Zimmerman, former member

Other Prayers:

- ~ We pray for Ian Schlake and his crew as they fight the wildfires in the L.A. area in California.
- ~ We pray for our community, our country and our world as we grapple with grief, anger, and struggle for justice.
- ~ We pray for all ministries and nonprofits in the near west side.
- ~ For members of Christian Churches in Laos and elsewhere who are facing persecution.
- ~ For our partnership congregations: Shepherd of the Bay (Ellison Bay) and Galilee (Pewaukee)
- ~ For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson.
- ~ For all military and other government personnel serving throughout the world.

