

***St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church***  
**Dillsburg, PA**



***Compline, Prayer at the Close of the Day***  
**October 14, 2020, 7 p.m.**

***Sunday Worship***  
**October 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**

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**OPENING**

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
To herald your love in the morning,  
your truth at the close of the day.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The leader invites the assembly into the confession.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Holy and gracious God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you this day.**

**Some of our sin we know—**

**the thoughts and words and deeds**

**of which we are ashamed—**

**but some is known only to you.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness.**

**Deliver and restore us,**

**that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God

we are united with Jesus Christ,

in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ

and rise in the morning to serve.

## **PSALM 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>**my soul waits for the LORD  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup>**It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

**READING: *Matthew 6:24-34***

<sup>24</sup>"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**HOMILY**

*"A Lesson From the Lilies"*

Pastor Glenn Ludwig

## **PRAYER**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**Listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye,

**Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;

**When I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night so that we who are wearied by the changes of life may find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most Merciful and Triune God,  
We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

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“Give therefore to  
the EMPEROR the  
things that are the  
EMPEROR’S,  
and to GOD  
the things  
that are  
GOD’S.”



Matthew 22:21, NRSV

***Sunday Worship***  
***October 18, 2020***

***Facebook Live, Outreach Service, 10 a.m. - Chapel***

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**October 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Lectionary 29**

**Prelude**      *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*      setting S. Hansen

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn #825** *You Servants of God*



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

**\*Greeting**

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

**C:** And also with you.

## \* Glory Be to God



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.

## \*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**

<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.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will  
judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is  
therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- |  
ing, O LORD, for you come to | judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peoples | with your truth.

## **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<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.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

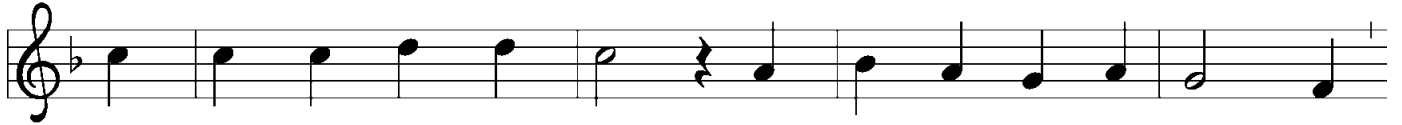
*"And to God..."*

Rev. Glenn Ludwig



**\*Hymn of the Day #840**

*Now Thank We All Our God*



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

## **\*The Apostles' Creed**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 into hell.  
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**

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt and those we name either aloud or in our hearts. **(Pause)** Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

### **\*Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

B. Marcello

***Go to serve as the Body of Christ in the world.***



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## *Looking ahead to our Christmas Season.*

We at St. Paul's hope that the church will be able to open for our Christmas Eve Worship, but we are preparing also to the possibility that we will not be open and will be able to do a live remote from the Church Sanctuary. Attached you will find an order for this year's Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. Please fill out and return to the church office. Thank you.

### *Poinsettia Orders*

Red & White poinsettias will decorate the nave in celebration of the birth of Christ this Christmas Season.

**All orders are due by Tuesday, November 10, 2020**



#### Poinsettias

Cost for a 6.5" Red or White Poinsettia Plant is **\$10.00**.

Please complete this form and turn it in to the church office, or mail to the church office. Cash or check payable to "**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**" must accompany each order form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Red Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# of White Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Wording for bulletin:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be picking up my Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_.

I will not be taking my Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_.

***Poinsettias can be picked up at the church on Sunday,  
December 27 between 10 a.m. and noon. Someone will be in the  
overflow area with a list so you can get your flowers.  
Please contact the office at (717) 432-3202 if you have any questions. Thank you.***