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PRELUDE / RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task LSB 869

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;
 Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
 Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
 And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
 Be to Him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,
 Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
 He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
 Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
 With His presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side,
 Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
 And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
 In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
 How to stem disaster.
- 4 If your task be thus begun
 With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
 Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
 While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
 In the mansions yonder.
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
 Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
 Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
 Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
 To Your praise forever.

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who
could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You
are feared.**

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

**1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,**

Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before
You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in
Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while
he is near;⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to
the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to
our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts
are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
declares the LORD.⁹For as the heavens are higher than
the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to
me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it
has become known throughout the whole imperial guard
and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.
¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in
the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to
speak the word without fear. . . .
¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,
²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not
be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as
always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life
or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is
gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor
for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard
pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be
with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the
flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced
of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you
all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me
you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus,
because of my coming to you again.
²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of
Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am
absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in
one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith
of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your
opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their
destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.
²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of
Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer
for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw
I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 20:1–16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

Salvation unto Us Has Come *LSB 555 sts. 1–4, 9*

1 Salvation unto us has come
By God’s free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

- 2 What God did in His Law demand
 And none to Him could render
 Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
 For man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires
 The spirit of the Law requires,
 And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream
 That God His Law had given
 That sinners could themselves redeem
 And by their works gain heaven.
 The Law is but a mirror bright
 To bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,
 Sin held its sway unceasing;
 The task was useless and in vain,
 Our guilt was e'er increasing.
 None can remove sin's poisoned dart
 Or purify our guileful heart—
 So deep is our corruption.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of
Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation,
for You have had mercy on us and given Your only

begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *LSB 918*

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Sending

P Our worship is now ended,

C **Our service now begins.**

P We now depart, filled with the peace of the resurrection,

C **to joyfully serve our risen Lord. Amen.**

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WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are honored to have you in worship today. We come together in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings the promise of salvation and everlasting life to all who believe in Him as Savior and Lord.
May He richly bless your life as we worship in Spirit and Truth!
(John 4:24)

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY, we want to warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus. If you have no church home, we would be honored to have you join us at St. Paul's. For more information about what Lutheran Christians believe and about St. Paul's, please visit us on our website at www.StPaulsDec.com.

OUR MISSION at St. Paul's is to glorify God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, and telling.

OUR VISION FOR MINISTRY
By the power and grace of Jesus Christ we will work to build a diverse community of spiritually maturing Christians who are... living out their faith in daily life; inviting, welcoming and including new people; and involved in meaningful ministry to others!

OUR CORE VALUES
Generosity (Acts 20:35)
Children (Mark 10:14)
A Place to Belong (Isaiah 56:7)
Respectfulness (Mark 12:31)

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY September 20 <i>Holy Communion celebrated</i>	8:00am	Drive-In Worship
	9:00am	Children's Bible Time FB posting
	9:30am	In-Church Traditional Worship
	9:30am	Facebook Live Worship
	11:00am	Worship on Radio 98.5 FM
	11:30am	Adult Study - Galatians by Zoom
MONDAY	6:00pm	MS Youth Meet-up by Zoom
	7:00am	Preschool Ext Care (M-F)
	8:45am	Preschool (M-Th)
TUESDAY	2:30pm	KTTC Afterschool Care (M-F)
	9:30am	Staff meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Women's Bible Study by Zoom
	4:00pm	God's Place Worship
	6:00pm	Confirmation Class by Zoom
	6:00pm	Adult Study – Proverbs in-person in the Fellowship Room
	6:00pm	HS Youth Tie-Dye Night
	7:00pm	Praise Band practice
THURSDAY	8:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class by Zoom
	10:00am	Preschool Chapel
	11:00am	Prayer Shawl Workshop
	5:30pm	Picnic on the Lawn
SATURDAY	10:00am	LWML Zone Rally by Zoom
	8:00am	Drive-In Worship
SUNDAY September 27	9:00am	Children's Bible Time FB posting
	9:30am	In-Church Traditional Worship

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, September 24
Picnic on the Lawn Fellowship Event
5:30 – 7:00pm
Bring your own meal, drink, chair

Sunday, October 25
Voters Assembly Meeting in the ARC
12:30 pm

Wednesday, October 28
Trek or Treat

Ways to Serve
Blessing Box Donations
Van Driver for KTT Afterschool
one afternoon/week 2:15-3:45pm
Trek or Treat Candy Donations