



**EVERY KNEE  
SHALL BOW**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
ELW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, September 27, 2020  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

(ELW 593)

# Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

**<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,**

**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;**

**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and

twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

<sup>23</sup>When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For 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 when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

(ELW 656)

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

### SERMON

“Now That’s True Humility!”  
based on Philippians 2:1-18  
Guest Pastor Gerry Gosnell

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PEACE

### HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(ELW p. 108)

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
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:  
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'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**(ELW p. 114)**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

(ELW 638)

## Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Welcome to worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church! May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.

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**The ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Mark Myles in honor of his wife Tracy Myles' Birthday.



**8:00 a.m. Service**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**USHERS:**

Gege Smith  
Tim Billings  
DeAnn Krauss  
Mel Mowry  
Tony Paradiso

Duane Kimmet  
Tammy Baker  
Steve Jess  
Kent Mestrey  
Liz Wasson  
Ray Wasson

**COUNTERS:**

John Glass  
Jane Hilton

Ken Avers  
Jenny McCoy

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# Prayer Requests

Diane Dagg  
Jim Fish, Sr. friend of Tina Bogner  
Donna Jess aunt of Bev Albright  
Dave Gebauer Brother-in-law of Jack Cooper & Sue Mayes  
Mildred House  
Tracy Hutchinson  
Kim McGilton daughter of Gene & Sandy Ross  
Linda Merrill good friend of Tammy Baker  
Rachel Paradiso aunt of Tony Paradiso  
Sheri Pero  
Michele Rogers  
Jim Shull  
Bud Smith  
James Wayland-Smith Son of Marc & Yvonne Wayland-Smith  
Frank Weasner friend of Bev Albright  
Joyce Weiker  
Bill Wott

## **DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Chelsea (Zerman) Matty ~ daughter of Chuck & Melanie Zerman  
Dylan Kimmet ~ son of Duane & Jeanie Kimmet

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**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**September 19 & 20, 2020**

**Worship Service Attendance** .....105  
General Fund Offering ..... \$6,295

*Weekly amount needed to achieve budget is \$5,225.00*

God expects us to provide for our families.

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives,  
and especially for members of his household,  
he has denied the faith and is worse  
than an unbeliever” (1 Tim. 5:8).

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***September 27, 2020 – October 4, 2020***

<p><i>Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup></i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion            9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School            10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pastor on vacation</b></p>
<p><i>Monday the 28<sup>th</sup></i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pastor on vacation</b></p>
<p><i>Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup></i></p>	
<p><i>Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup></i></p>	
<p><i>Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup></i></p>	
<p><i>Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup></i></p>	
<p><i>Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup></i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Men’s Bible Study            5:00 p.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship Service</p>
<p><i>Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup></i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service            9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School            9:15 a.m. ~ Women’s Board Meeting            10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion  <b>AFTER 10:30 a.m. service ~ Congregational Forum</b></p>