



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Brother James’ Air”

Dale Wood

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

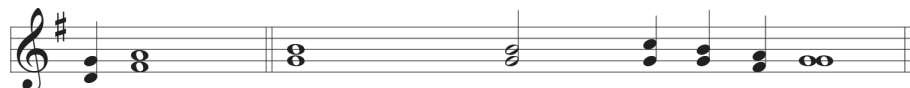


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid, and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Give thanks to the | God of gods,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

³Give thanks to the | LORD of lords,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

⁴**Who only | does great wonders,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁵Who by wisdom | made the heavens,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁶**Who spread out the earth up- | on the waters,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁷Who creat- | ed great lights,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁸**The sun to | rule the day,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁹The moon and the stars to gov- | ern the night,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²³**Who remembered us in our | low estate,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

²⁴And delivered us | from our enemies,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
²⁵**Who gives food | to all creatures,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.**
²⁶Give thanks to the | God of heaven,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

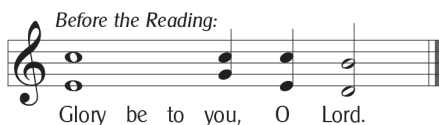
The word of the Lord.

Offering

Offertory: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” Clay Christiansen



The Gospel is written in the 14th chapter of Matthew.



Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

¹³When Jesus heard [of John the Baptist's death], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

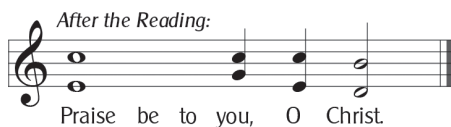
¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me."

¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
 from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
 Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
 the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "God Over All"

Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
 Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

Remain seated after the distribution.

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May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune"

Antonio Vivaldi

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in memory
of our loved ones, and in honor of the
descendants of John Crawford Bernhardt,
who are having their reunion today at St. Paul's.*

*Thank you to Clara Canup for the bulletin cover
artwork that she drew last Sunday during the sermon.*

Sunday, August 6

• Rally Day—invite a friend

- Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- Sunday School, in the fellowship hall with special music from the Sunday School kids at 9:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, following worship in the parlor
- Worship & Music committee, 2pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, August 7

- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, August 8

- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, August 9

- Classical Conversations homeschool orientation, 9am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 10

- No Bible Study this week

Sunday, August 13

- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

The **Friendship Club** will meet **August 15th, at 10:30am**, in the fellowship hall for Bingo and a covered dish luncheon. Please bring an inexpensive prize and your favorite covered dish. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you then.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (7/30)	\$4,655
Other Offering (7/30)	\$645
Children's Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary).....	\$720.50
Worship Attendance (7/30)	167
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (7/30).....	\$239,682
General Fund YTD Budget as of (7/30)	\$295,970

After-School Program for Faith Academy Charter School

Our **Monday-only Afterschool Program** is starting back up this month. As long as our volunteers from last year are willing to come back, or others will volunteer, we can keep the program going. Volunteers from last school year were Gina Barringer, Louise Eller, Libby Bingham, Lisa Monroe, Dana Bost, Terri Powlas, Ben and Susan Bernhardt, Larry and Tricia Clark, and Pastor Ryman. Some came each week, others just once a month.

The commitment is for about two hours each Monday, 1:00–3:00pm. The bus drops the kids at the church around 1pm, and the parents pick them up at 3pm. We provide Bible Study, outside time, craft time, and snack time. Please let me know if you will volunteer again this year so I can make plans with FACS to continue this program.

Contact Susan Bernhardt at srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, or 704-637-0155.

Recent prayer needs:

- Dott Abernethy (mother of Laura Brock) – Health concerns
- Merry Jo Freeze (friend of Karen and Will Charles) – Health concerns
- Beth Kalbfus (Susan Ryman's sister) – Health concerns
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home
- Tommy Rabon (Sandy Corley's brother) – Health concerns
- Haynes Shirley – Health concerns
- Jane Webb – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.



DONATE BLOOD

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Monday, August 14th
1:30-6:00PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Swag Bag**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: The average human heart pumps 2000 gallons of blood each day.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **55685**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

Donors
Receive



- PLUS -



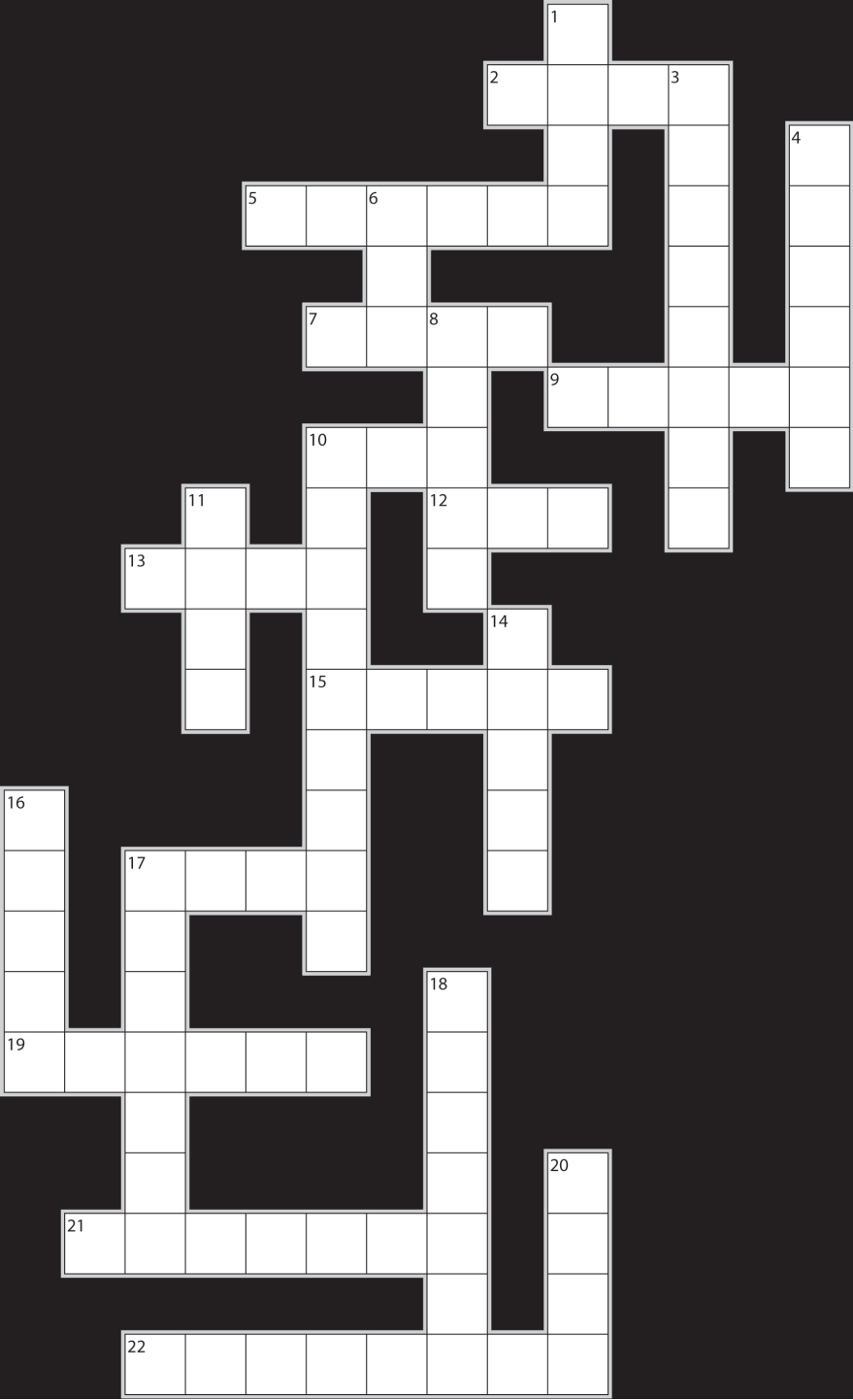
- PLUS -



oneblood
Share your power.

We need 40-45 donors to register in order to maintain our goal of 35 units. Up to 20% of potential donors are deferred for various reasons. Please consider being a donor for the August 14th blood drive. Each donation can help up to three people in need of a transfusion.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Alice Davis at pherford1@yahoo.com, or 704-855-4930.



Pentecost 10A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

2. It has not failed.
5. What should the thirsty come to?
7. What should all who thirst do?
9. God's election happens, not because of works, but because of him who...
10. It rules the day.
12. Incline this.
13. In the gospel Jesus withdrew by means of this transport.
15. She was promised a son.
17. Number of loaves available
19. How many baskets of leftovers?
21. These children are the offspring of Abraham.
22. For the sake of his brothers, Paul wished he himself were...

DOWN

1. The Lord is the God of...
3. Jesus told them to provide food to the crowd.
4. He is God over all.
6. Number of fish available
8. Those who have none of this should buy wine and milk.
10. Everyone ate and were...
11. Hear the Lord so that this will live.
14. God spread this out above the waters.
16. The moon and stars rule over this.
17. God's steadfast love endures...
18. God alone does great...
20. We should eat what is...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Job 38:4-18; Psalm 18:1-16; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33