

Faith comes
from hearing,
and hearing through
the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on ‘O Worship the King’”
David Lasky

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: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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:

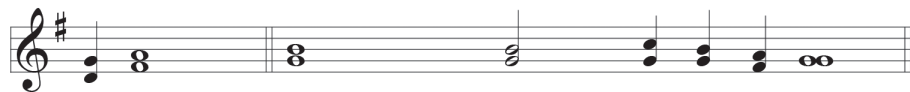


Glory be to God on high!

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: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace may the faithful offer service that is worthy of you, and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Job 38:4–18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 18:1–17

¹I love you, O | LORD my strength,

O LORD my stronghold, my crag, | and my haven.

²**My God, my rock in whom I | put my trust,**

my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge:

You are worth- | y of praise.

³I will call up- | on the LORD,

and so shall I be saved | from my enemies.

⁴**The breakers of death rolled | over me,**

and the torrents of oblivion made | me afraid.

⁵The cords of hell en- | tangled me,

and the snares of death were | set for me.

**⁶I called upon the LORD in | my distress
and cried out to my | God for help.**

⁷He heard my voice from his heav- | enly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came | to his ears.

**⁸The earth | reeled and rocked;
the roots of the mountains shook; they
reeled because | of his anger.**

⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming
fire out | of his mouth;
hot burning coals blazed | forth from him.

**¹⁰He parted the heavens | and came down
with a storm cloud un- | der his feet.**

¹¹He mounted on cherub- | im and flew;
he swooped on the wings | of the wind.

**¹²He wrapped dark- | ness about him;
he made dark waters and thick clouds | his pavilion.**

¹³From the brightness of his presence, | through the clouds,
burst hailstones and | coals of fire.

**¹⁴The LORD thundered | out of heaven;
the Most High ut- | tered his voice.**

¹⁵He loosed his arrows and | scattered them;
he hurled thunderbolts and | routed them.

**¹⁶The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations
of the | world laid bare,
at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the
breath | of your nostrils.**

¹⁷He reached down from on high | and grasped me;
he drew me out | of great waters.

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of

faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

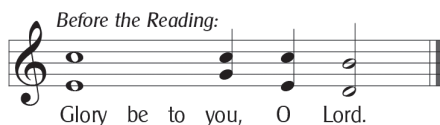
Adult Choir
Conductor, Andrew Baker

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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



Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

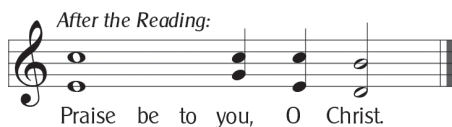
²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear.

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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**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: "Beautiful Feet"

Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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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

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: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Jason Payne

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.



*We extend our prayers, love, and sympathy to
Laura and John Brock on the death of Laura's mother,
Dott Abernethy. Ms. Abernethy died Friday, August 4, 2023.*



*We extend our prayers, love, and sympathy to
the family of Louise Cornelison, wife of John Cornelison, and
mother of Lisa Earnhardt. Louise died Saturday, August 5, 2023.
A graveside service was held on August 8, 2023, at
Westlawn Cemetery in China Grove.*



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.

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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 at tomorrow's 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.

The **Friendship Club** will meet this Tuesday, **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.

The afterschool program for Faith Academy Charter School students begins tomorrow, August 14th, at 1pm. Since the blood drive will be taking place in the fellowship hall, the kids will meet in the conference room this week.

Recent prayer needs:

- 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
- Vicki Sanders – Recovering at home from surgery
- Haynes Shirley – Health concerns
- Jane Webb – Health concerns
- Vaughn Wilhelm – Hospital, Atrium Health

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

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (8/6).....	\$12,927
Other Offering (8/6)	\$765
Children’s Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary).....	\$982.50
Worship Attendance (8/6)	187
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (8/6).....	\$252,609
General Fund YTD Budget as of (8/6).....	\$303,755

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.

Monday, August 14

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy Charter School will meet in the conference room, 1pm-3pm.
- Blood Drive, fellowship hall, 1:30–6pm

Tuesday, August 15

- Friendship Club, 10:30am; fellowship hall, Bingo and lunch
- Staff Meeting, 5pm
- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Executive Committee, 7pm

Wednesday, August 16

- Classical Conversations homeschool 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

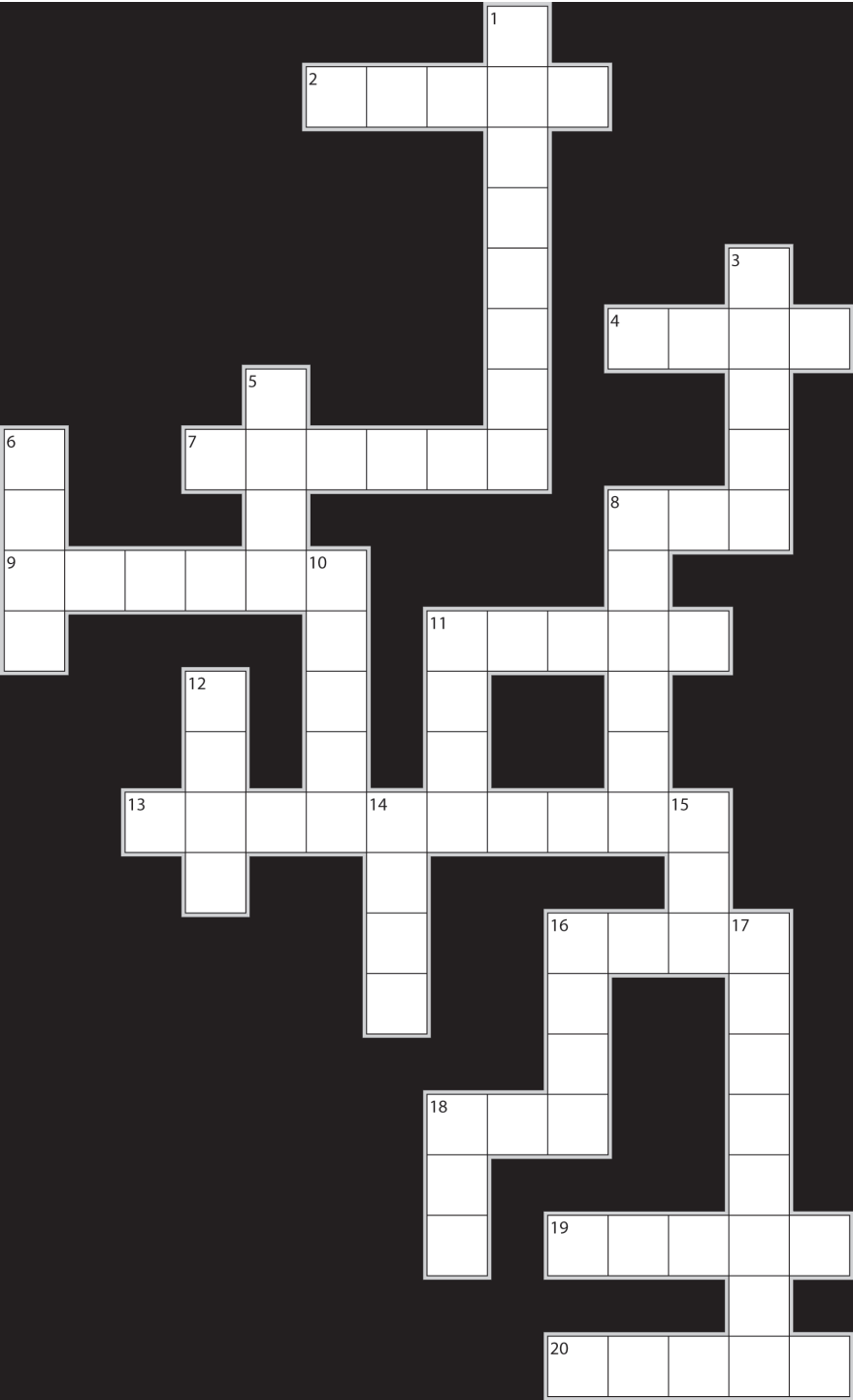
Thursday, August 17

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, August 20

- Finance Committee, 9am
- Baptism of Lorelei Marie Funderburk, 10:30am
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

**FOR EVERYONE WHO CALLS
ON THE NAME OF THE LORD
WILL BE SAVED.**



Pentecost 11A

*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. The word is in your heart and...
4. It is near you.
7. Jesus walked out on the sea during this watch.
8. Moses writes of a righteousness based on this.
9. The garments of the sea
11. Paul writes about a righteousness based on this.
13. When God speaks it is as though coals of fire rain down with...
16. Ironically, Peter saw this invisible thing.
18. Who is God grilling in today's Old Testament Lesson?
19. If you believe and confess Jesus, you will be...
20. The disciples thought Jesus was such a spirit.

DOWN

1. The Lord is the psalmist's...
3. The psalmist refers to lightning as...
5. He thundered in the heavens.
6. The psalmist takes refuge there.
8. How much faith did the disciples have?
10. These cords entangled the psalmist.
11. The preacher of good news has beautiful...
12. Jesus went up to the mountain to do this.
14. What the morning stars did together
15. When Jesus got in the boat, they confessed he is the..
16. Metaphorically, the sea burst from this.
17. The swaddling cloth of the sea
18. The sons of God shouted for...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matthew 15:21-28

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