



St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA

Pontiac, IL

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

*The people of St. Paul
gather to worship,
reach out and serve the Lord.*

Introduction

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mathew Berger
Worship Steward: Mary Leach
Musician: Sandy Erickson
Lector: Kris Lambert
Psalms: Kris Lambert
Acolyte: Anna Schmidt
Ushers: Denny & Mary Leach
Greeters: Ginger Bauknecht & Nathan Joerndt
Prayers: Tracy Leach
Communion Prep: Jan Cahill
Comm. Assist: Kris & Jr. Lambert
Hospitality: Pat Lund, Rosemary Erickson & Carol Thorson
SS Teacher: Mary Leach
Counters: Jill Rapp & Carrie Delheimer

Flowers this morning were given by Marty & Shelly Heller in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Holy Communion Instructions

The Lutheran Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. Christ offers forgiveness of sin and new life in community through this sacrament. You are welcome at Christ's table.

Those who do not commune may come forward with their arms crossed over their chests to receive a blessing. Communion today will be by intinction. You may dip your wafer into either the darker colored liquid—the wine, or the lighter colored grape juice.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

“Red bag offering” will be donated to “World Hunger”

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

A: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

L: We praise you, O God.

A: We praise you, O God.

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

L; We praise you, O God.

A: We praise you, O God.

L: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
We praise you, O God.

A: We praise you, O God.

L: To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Let the church say Amen.

A: Amen.

Greeting

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

A: And also, with you.



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Following the message, children are invited to Children's Chapel)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading—2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15 c

L: A reading from 2 Kings

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said,

“What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me.” When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel’s king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: “Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he’ll know that there’s a prophet in Israel.” Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent out a messenger who said, “Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean.” But Naaman went away in anger. He said, “I thought for sure that he’d come out, stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. Aren’t the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel’s waters? Couldn’t I wash in them and get clean?” So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger. Naaman’s servants came up to him and spoke to him: “Our father if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn’t you have done it? All he said to you was, ‘Wash and become clean.’” So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean. He returned to the man of God with all his attendants. He came and stood before Elisha, saying, “Now I know for certain that there’s no God anywhere on earth except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

L: A reading from Psalm.

L: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

A: **Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

L: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

A: **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

L: You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

A: **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

L: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your precepts are sure.

A: **They stand fast forever and ever because they are done in truth and equity.**

L: You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

A: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel–Luke 17: 11-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!” When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Pastor Mathew Berger

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Throughout the prayers of intercession you will hear "We pray to you, O Lord". Please respond by singing "Hear Our Prayer".

Hear Our Prayer *Prayer Response*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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Pastor: Trusting in your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors.

Offering–



As we continue with our offering, please sign the attendance book located at the end of each pew. Guests and visitors, please include your address and phone number.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please rise, as you are able, while the gifts are brought forward.

Offering Prayer

L: God our provider,

A: We bring nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

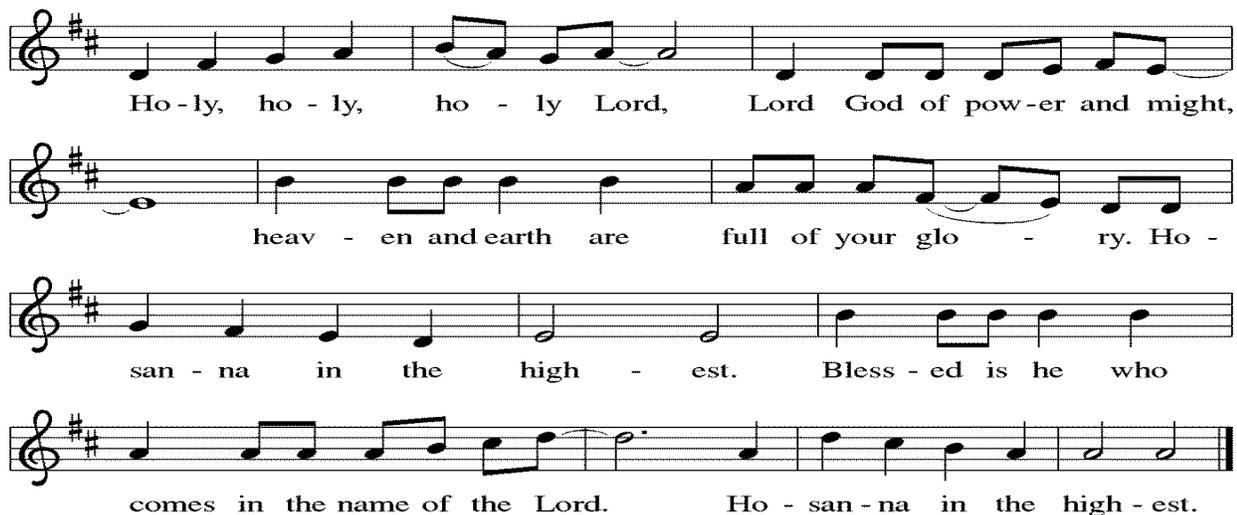
A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution

We proclaim the mystery of faith:
 Christ has died
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
 A: **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

L: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



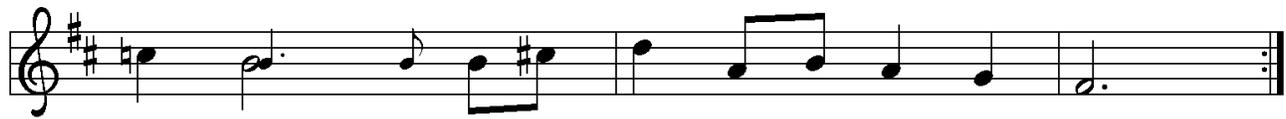
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



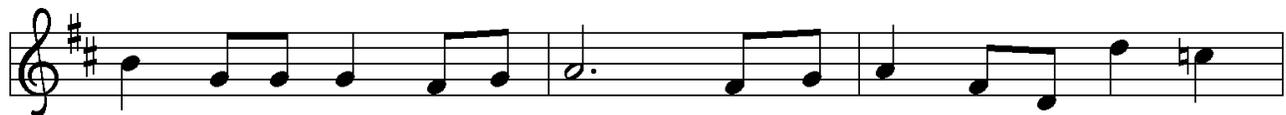
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
 set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love’s bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.”
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.”

Prayer after Communion

L: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

SENT FOR WORK AND WITNESS

Announcements

Blankets will be brought forward at this time.

BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS:

Bless these Blankets. May those who receive them find dignity in their use and comfort in their warmth, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

Blessing

L: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✝
Bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

A: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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