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**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Pontiac, IL**

**October 17, 2021**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**We gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.**

**Welcome**

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Whether you have worshipped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

God’s Peace be with you.

**Introduction to the day**

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Today’s gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God’s take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God’s community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray “your kingdom come” we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

**Welcome to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose teaching is life,

whose presence is sure,

and whose love is endless

**A: Amen**.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our comforter:

**A: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**A: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn Come All You People ELW 819**

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**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen**.

**Children’s Message**

**WORD**

**First Reading –** **Isaiah 53: 4-12**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

4Surely he has borne our infirmities  
  and carried our diseases;  
 yet we accounted him stricken,  
  struck down by God, and afflicted.  
 5But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
  crushed for our iniquities;  
 upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
  and by his bruises we are healed.  
 6All we like sheep have gone astray;  
  we have all turned to our own way,  
 and the Lord has laid on him  
  the iniquity of us all.  
 7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
  yet he did not open his mouth;  
 like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
  and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
  so he did not open his mouth.  
 8By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
  Who could have imagined his future?  
 For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
  stricken for the transgression of my people.  
 9They made his grave with the wicked  
  and his tomb with the rich,  
 although he had done no violence,  
  and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
  
 10Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
 When you make his life an offering for sin,  
  he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
 through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
  11Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
 he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
  The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
  and he shall bear their iniquities.  
 12Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
  and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
 because he poured out himself to death,  
  and was numbered with the transgressors;  
 yet he bore the sin of many,  
  and made intercession for the transgressors.

L:Word of God, word of life.

A**: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Reading- Psalm 91: 9-16**

L: A reading from Psalm.

9Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
  and the Most High your habitation,  
 10**no evil will befall you,**  
  **nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
 11For God will give the angels charge over you,  
  to guard you in all your ways.  
 12**Upon their hands they will bear you up,**  
  **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
 13You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
  you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
 14**I will deliver those who cling to me;**  
  **I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
 15They will call me, and I will answer them;  
  I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
 16**With long life will I satisfy them,**  
  **and show them my salvation.**

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy word.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading – Hebrews 5: 1-10**

L: A reading from Hebrews.

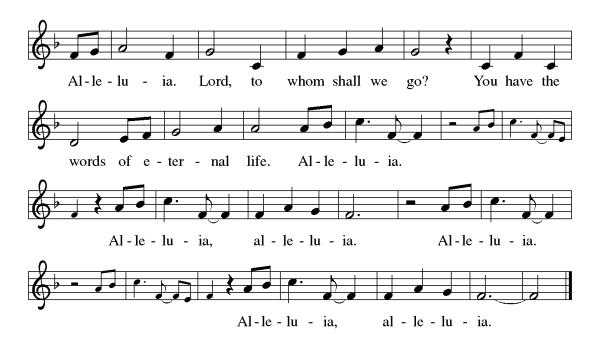
1Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; 3and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. 4And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.  
  5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
 “You are my Son,  
  today I have begotten you”;  
6as he says also in another place,  
 “You are a priest forever,  
  according to the order of Melchizedek.”  
  7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Mark 10: 35-45**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” 37And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” 38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” 39They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”  
  41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Pastor Trudy Foote**

**Hymn of the Day Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712**

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**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 our prayers, each petition ends “Hear us, O God.” The congregation is invited to respond, **“Your mercy is great.”**

**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 by turning to the people near you saying, “Peace be with you.”*

**MEAL**

*All are welcome at Christ’s table.*

*Communion is distributed in front of the altar. The individual cups are filled with wine. The prepackaged cups are juice. If you prefer not to receive communion you may come forward with your hands crossed over your chest to receive a blessing or you may remain in your seat.*

**Offering**

*Offerings can also be sent by mail or given online. You can send a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church 210 Deerfield Rd Pontiac, IL 61764 or give online at* [*stpaulpontiac.org*](http://www.stpaulpontiac.org/)

**Offertory Music Instrumental**

**Offering Prayer**

L: God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert

and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: 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 the great Shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ;

who after his resurrection sent forth apostles

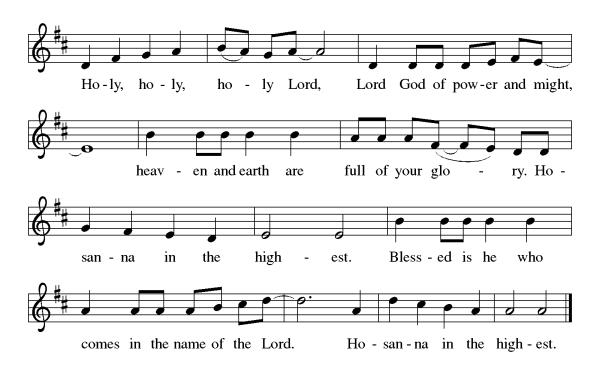
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,

and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.

And so, with Thomas and Phillip, Junia and Paul, and the glorious company of the

Apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**Thanksgiving at the Table**

L: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death,

resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love,

O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

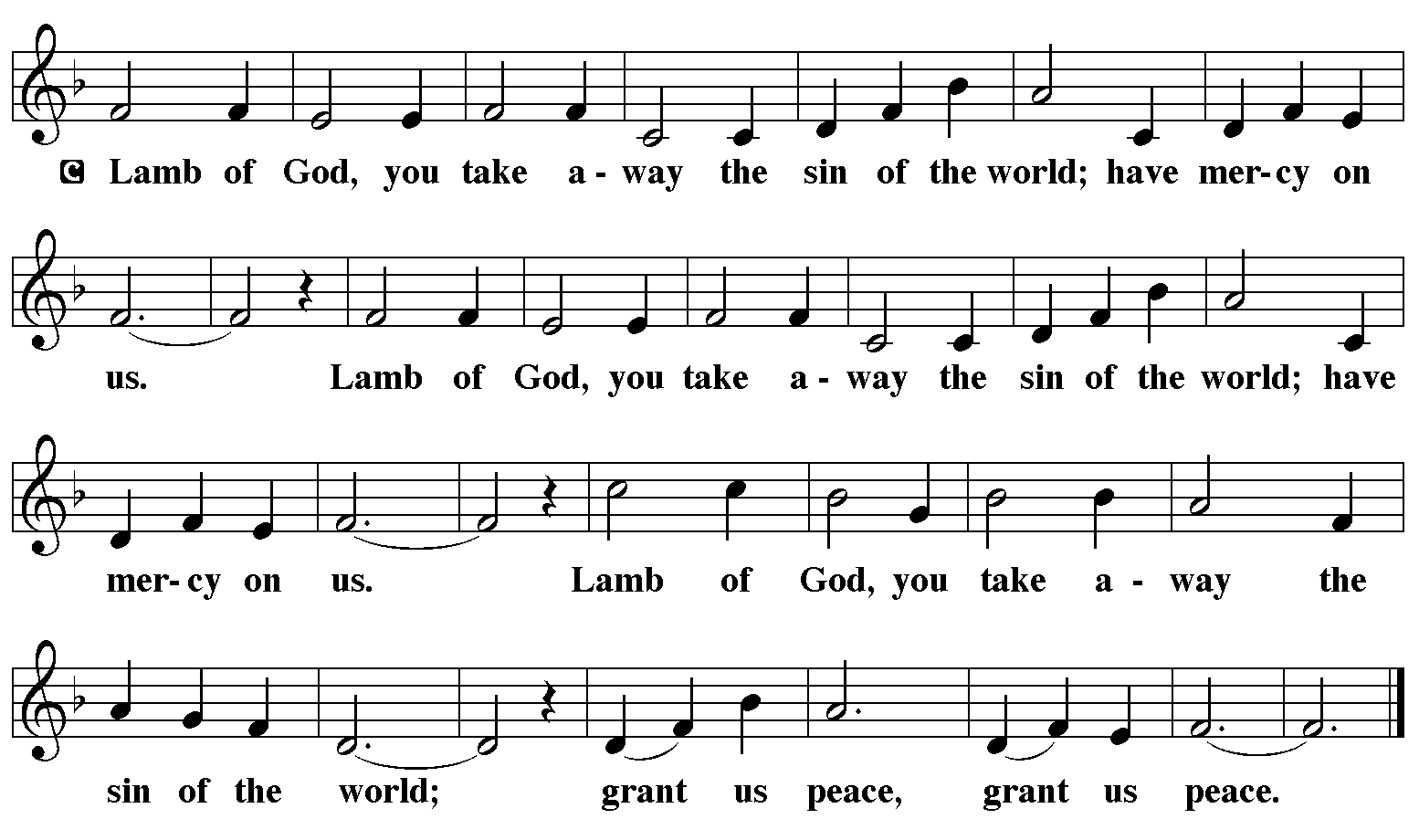
**Lord's Prayer**

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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.



**Communion Music Grace is Not Earned – by Kate Simmonds Video**

**Communion Music Taste and See ELW 493**

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**Prayer After Communion**

*a blessing is given, a prayer follows*

L: Lord of life,

in the gift of your body and blood

you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,

bearing witness to the abundance of your love

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

**Announcements**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

L: People of God,

you are Christ’s body,

bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

bless you now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – Go Make Disciples – ELW 540**

*see music on final page*

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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