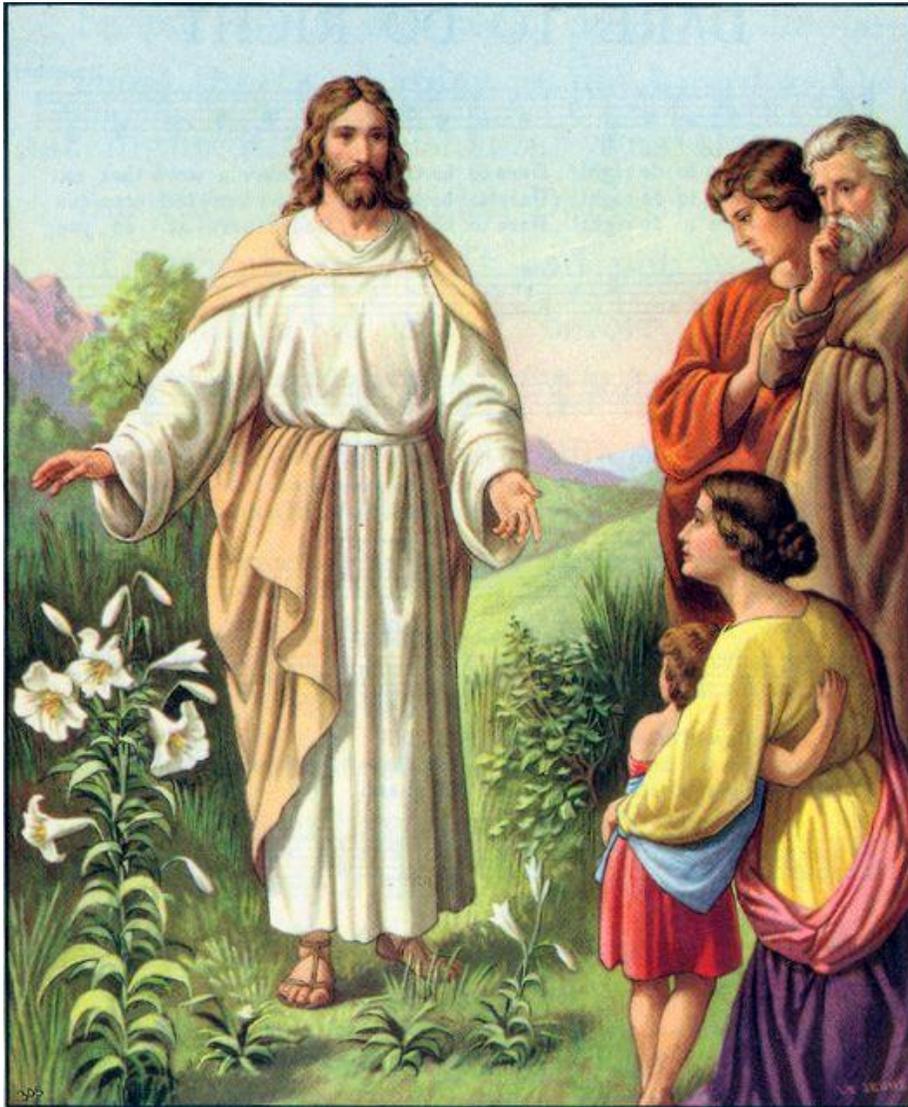


# The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of the Lilies of the Field



“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...”

Matthew 6:33

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20 September A+D 2020

**Welcome in Jesus' name** to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

**Worship at St. Paul's** is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

**The Lord's Supper is offered** every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

### ***The Sunday of the Lilies of the Field ~ "Spiritual Confidence in God"***

#### ***Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust***

*"You cannot serve God and money"* (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

**Service Notes:** The Johnson Family Kantorei will be providing music for the 8:00 service. Johanna Mayer will be the Kantor for the 10:45 service. Pastor Frank will be on the organ bench this morning.

**Prayer:** **O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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*The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God  
and in honor of Louise Rettig's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
which she will celebrate on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Given by Bambi Heckerman and Tom Rettig.*

# Divine Service

## Setting Three

**Prelude:** "Evening and Morning" Settings by John Eggert & Kevin Hildebrand

### 726 Evening and Morning

LSB 726



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and  
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my  
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows  
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the  
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may  
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair  
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in  
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my  
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er  
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,  
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;  
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure  
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.  
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.  
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**G** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3*

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

**Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.**

Gladden the soul of your | servant,\*  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

**Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;\*  
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;

**give your strength to your | servant,\*  
and save the son of your maid- | servant.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

**Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**G** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**G** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (8 a.m.) Consider How the Birds Above

LSB 736 sts. 1–3, 6

- 1 Consider how the birds above  
Feed day by day with carefree ease—  
Does God not keep them in His love?  
Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil;  
How fair is their fragility—  
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,  
Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,  
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- 6 Seek first God’s reign, His boundless grace,  
His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev’ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

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## Epistle

Galatians 5:25–6:10

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:24–34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**G** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

LSB 750



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -  
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful  
 4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -  
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
 need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and  
 plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
 sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
 in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
 thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
 That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
 That he whose hopes meet no denial  
 Must surely be of God preferred.  
 Time passes and much change doth bring  
 And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;  
 'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
 To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
 To make the rich man poor and low.  
 True wonders still by Him are wrought  
 Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
 Perform thy duties faithfully,  
 And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
 Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
 God never yet forsook in need  
 The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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Sermon ~ "Don't worry about it." Matthew 6:24-34

Offertory

LSB 192

**☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering "WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT" Johann Ludwig Krebs

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**  
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.  
**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

#### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
 Though I the cup am drinking  
 Which savors now of bitterness,  
 I take it without shrinking.  
 For after grief  
 God gives relief,  
 My heart with comfort filling  
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
 This truth remains unshaken.  
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
 I shall not be forsaken.  
 I fear no harm,  
 For with His arm  
 He shall embrace and shield me;  
 So to my God I yield me.

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## 728 How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
 My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
 And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
 Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.  
**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

## 737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

LSB 737



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A  
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your  
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In  
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard  
5 He on - ly will with pa - tience chide, His



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of  
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when  
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor  
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in  
rod falls gent - ly down; And all your sins He



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.  
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.  
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.  
threat - ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?  
casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.

- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessèd ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.

**Postlude:** "Now Thank We All Our God" John Behnke

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**In our prayers we remember:** Bill Kruse, Salli Harmon, Carol Brockmann, Mary Ann Wege, Allen Timm, Jean Volkens, Bill Storey, Helen Nelson, Brad White, Earl Rollins (father of Mike Rollins), Larry Skinner (Jean Volkens brother), Susan Wurdeman (Dan Wurdeman's mother), Cindy Goodin, Elaine Goodwin (Pastor Tews & Karen Burns sister), Dolores Wilkins (Susan Tews' mother);

**Paul and Norma Johnson** and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

**Rev. Joseph Hanson and the congregation of First Lutheran Church, Missouri Valley;**

Those serving in the armed forces...**Claire Burgdorf, Dustin Bathen**, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, **David Letcher, Charles Bowerman, Nathan Moeller** -members of St. Paul's, **Andrew Cohrs**, (husband of Lauren Hardick Cohrs), **Justin Carlton**, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, **Matthew Bandomer**, grandson of Art & Mabel Bandomer, **Joey Greiner**, nephew of Joni Doiron, **Matthew James Harris**, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, **Joseph Finch**, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), **Jared Naja** (nephew of Laura Goodwin).

**Celebrating a wedding anniversary this week:** Jim & Kim Schnoor, Jake & Kellyn Dix, Dave & Shelly Hansen, Stephen & Nicole DeLong, Fred & Sharon Fritz.



## News and Notes



Christ Academy Wednesday evenings 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., no dinner served this year.

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**Please note that we need to continue to apply responsible distancing measures.**

The offering will be placed in the narthex of the church. You can place your offering on your way out.

Communion will be offered at the altar rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers keeping appropriate distance between you and the person in front of you.

After the service has ended, the ushers will excuse congregants pew by pew beginning from the front. If you are staying for Bible class, please keep responsible distancing practices in mind being considerate of those who are especially cautious at this time.

**Communion will be offered by appointment during the week.**

**If you would like to order flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please call the church office (322-4729) Cost: \$42.50.**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> - Dr. C's Open House - 170 Nicholas Street - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Come and take a tour of Dr. C's home including the renovated Hospitality Suite! Be sure to take a look at his collection of paintings (some of them may be new to you from the last time you've been to Nicholas Heights Mansion!) Refreshments will be served on the patio in the back yard. Come and go as you please.**

**40 Days For Life begins today on the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood. A reception will be held at Gabriel's Corner (across the street) on Sunday between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.**

Life Chain – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness of pro-life individuals standing with pro-life signs for 90 minutes on Broadway from 16<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Council Bluffs. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This national event is in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year. Signs will be provided on the north side of Broadway at 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> streets. Please bring any signs taken last year and stand 20 feet apart. Elderly bring a chair. Gabriel's Corner Pregnancy Center will host an Open House immediately following Life Chain from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. located on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Please bring cookies or bars to share. Any questions, call Eileen Smith, Life Chain Coordinator.

If you need to e-mail Rosemary, please use the following address: [rosemarypaul57@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarypaul57@gmail.com).

Opportunities for Growth: September 20 – 27, 2020

Sunday: 9/20/20

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. ~ Dr. C's Open House

Monday: 9/21/20

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

Tuesday: 9/22/20

8:50 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

Wednesday: 9/23/20

8:50 a.m. – Chapel SPLECC

5:30 p.m. – Christ Academy

7:15 p.m. – Choir

Friday: 9/25/20

Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday: 10/16/18

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. ~Worship - C

9:30am ~ SS/BC



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St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

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