

# Septuagesima

## The Sunday of the Vineyard



“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house  
who went out early in the morning  
to hire laborers for his vineyard.”

Matthew 20:1

## Septuagesima

5 February A+D 2023

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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. 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.*

*Septuagesima: The Sunday of the vineyard*  
*"The Lord's Call from Presumption to Repentance"*  
*Grace Alone*

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

**Service Notes:** Ivy Farrell is the Kantor for the 8 a.m. service. Daniel Frank is providing distribution music. The Gloria Dei Choir is providing music for the 10:45 a.m. service. Isabella Sherrill is providing distribution music. Instrumentalists include Ashly Mohling (flute), Amy Waggoner (saxophone), Matthew Waggoner (trumpet), Pastor Frank, (piano), and Tina Sherrill (piano).

**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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# Divine Service

## Setting Three

*Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach*

### 566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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,  
**C** **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.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

*Introit (congregation chants bold) Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; pntiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a*

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.  
I love you, O | LORD, my strength.\*  
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,  
For you save a humble | people,\*  
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.  
[You have] equipped | me with strength\*  
and made my way | blameless.  
For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,\*  
and sing | to your name.  
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.  
The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.

## Kyrie

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

LSB 186

**Gloria in Excelsis – omitted during Pre-Lent**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sit



The Old Testament Lesson ~ *Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Kantor/Choir) "*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*".....arr. St. James Press

Deck thyself, my soul with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render  
Unto him who grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
High o'er all the heav'ns he reigneth, yet to dwell with they he deigneth.  
Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the best that any knoweth: Fount, whence all my being floweth:  
At they feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

The Epistle Lesson ~ *1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5*

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. <sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract – (Kantor/Choir) *Ps. 130: 1-4; Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche*

Out | of the depths\*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!\*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*

O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | givenness,\*

that you | may be feared.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Cong: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

### The Holy Gospel ~Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.  
Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.  
That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.  
The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.

6            Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,  
              Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
              Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.

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## Sermon ~ *"The Kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of grace."* Matthew 20:1-16

### Stand

#### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

#### Offertory

LSB 192

**C** 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.

Sit

Offering *ES IST DAS HEIL* ("Salvation unto Us Has Come") Setting anonymous 18th century

Stand

#### Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper.  
Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

## 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, 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."

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.**

*Sit*

"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten" .....piano

## 914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed  
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,  
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us  
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed  
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:  
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our  
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be..." Light and life burst  
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will  
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.  
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!  
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."  
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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## 580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His  
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -  
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our  
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus  
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with  
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it  
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
 guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.  
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.  
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.

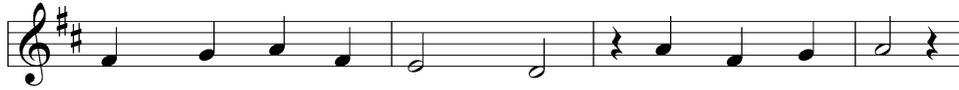
6 May we in faith its message learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
 May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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## 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That  
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None  
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who  
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,  
can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;  
did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,  
Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.  
This man pre - vailed, The God-man and none oth - er,  
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.  
Nor for-tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws  
Our Ser-vant-King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied  
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart  
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.  
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.  
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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## 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

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## Nunc Dimittis

- 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 in 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.

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

- C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Closing Hymn: 568 If Your Beloved Son, O God



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -  
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns  
3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row  
4 All righ - teous - ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's  
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has  
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from  
na - tion. True righ - teous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In  
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,  
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He  
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.  
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.  
wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.  
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.

- 5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.  
Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid And gained for me God's favor.  
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace, The good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope preserve me.  
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**Postlude: NUN FREUT EUCH** ("If Your Beloved Son, O God" Setting by Kevin Hildebrand)

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In our prayers we remember: Andy Raymond, Jason Harvey (son of Jayne McIlrath), Paul & Norma Johnson, Bob Finke, Andrea Burns, Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony & Shirley Gust), Jan Goodin, Chris Rochleau, Dixie Roberts, Elizabeth Bowerman, Carol Brockmann, Mary Ann Wege, Allen Timm, Jean Volkens, Brad White, Elaine Goodwin (Pastor Tews & Karen Burns sister), Donny Kadereit (son of Don & Marsha Kadereit), Jonathan Freeman (student of Coreen Trost), Donna Wilson (Theresa Bowerman's mother) Bob Shelton (father of Dana & Corey Shelton), Irvin Termuende (brother-in-law of Eileen Termuende), Greg Ash (nephew of Louise Rettig, cousin of Bambi Heckerman), Theresa Cravey (Tom and Sue Trede's daughter), Tom Rettig (son of Louise Rettig, brother of Bambi Heckerman), Jeannie Bates (Shelly Hanson's mother), Linda Nagel (mother of Shaylie Gardner's friend), Agnes Dillon (Allen Timm's sister);

Barb Kallesen and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. David Kuhnle and the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church, Honeycreek;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Jan Steenbock, David Letcher -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Cory Bartles (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

## News and Notes



Christ Academy Wednesdays at 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Cantate Domino Choir - at 5:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei Choir – at 7:15 p.m.

Hand Bell Choir – Monday at 6:00 p.m.

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"How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!" *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **New Member/Christian Doctrine Class Starting Soon**

At St. Paul's we try to run several New Member classes each year. We are overdue to start our next class! The class meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evenings, we invite all interested individuals, or anyone who would just like a "refresher," to join us for this opportunity. This class will run about 10 weeks, each Tuesday night. Childcare services will be offered for those needing help watching little ones! Bring your Bible and Catechism to the class. If you need a Bible or Catechism, they will be provided.

### **Attention all 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Graders!**

We will be going to the Higher Things Youth Gathering this year in San Antonio, Texas July 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. All interested in learning more can contact Jo Raymond at 402-350-3221.

### **Camp Creation is only 5 months away!!!**

But our dates are set! Mark your calendars. Camp Creation II (3<sup>rd</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Camp Creation I (3-year-olds-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will be June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

Opportunities for Growth: February 5-12, 2023

**Sunday: 2/5/23**

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

**Monday: 2/6/23**

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

**Tuesday: 2/7/23**

6:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast Club

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

2:30 p.m. – Music at Midlands

7:00 p.m. – Christian Doctrine Class

**Wednesday: 2/8/23**

9:00 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino

**5:00 p.m. – Christ Academy**

7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei Choir

**Thursday: 2/9/23**

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

**7:00 p.m. - Council**

**Friday: 2/10/23**

1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

**Sunday: 2/12/23**

8:00 a.m. ~ Worship – C

9:30a.m. ~ SS/BC

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship - C



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