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10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021  
"Hold Firm, for You Share in Christ!"  
*Hebrews 3:12-19*



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

**Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu                      **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

**Praise Team Accompanist:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Tim Draube Team

**Missionaries:** Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,  
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

**Reader:** Coleen Reich

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** Has a friend ever asked, "Why do you go to church?" While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: "For we share in Christ" (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn't primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, our gracious God serves us through Word and Sacrament, so that we may hold fast to Him—even as He holds us in His care! Today's service will help us to treasure all that we've been given in our Savior, who is fully present among us by His Word and Spirit. Hold fast, for you share in Christ!

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

### The Invocation

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Sentences** Psalm 123:1, 3a; 124:8; 126:3

P: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

C: **The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

**Opening Song** “Only By Grace”

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand, not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;

Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come,  
into your presence you draw us and now by your grace we come.  
Now by your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?  
But thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand,  
not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;

Into Your presence You call us. You call us to come,  
Into Your presence You draw us and now by your grace we come.

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**First Lesson**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (Seek the Lord and live.)

<p><sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! <sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.</p>	<p><sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your</p>
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sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 3:12-19 (A warning against the danger of evils in life)

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 10:17-22 (Jesus has a conversation with a rich young man.)

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Confession and Absolution**

P: That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

*(We reflect on God’s Word and our great need for Jesus.)*

P: Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:

**C: Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **The Song of Instruction**

#### **"In Christ Alone"**

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live
- 3) There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine Brought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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**The Word**     *"Hold Firm, for You Share in Christ!" — Hebrews 3:12-19*

**WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

**Offertory**     **"Revelation Song"**

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat  
(Chorus)  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You...
  
2. Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To You the only wise King (Chorus)
  
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of your name  
Jesus your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery... (Chorus)

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## Confirmation of Faith

Mary Seibold

### The Prayer of the Church

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Benediction

### The Going Out Song

#### **“Whom Shall I Fear”**

1. You hear me when I call. You are my mourning song.

Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?

2. You crush the enemy underneath my feet. You are my sword and shield,

Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

The One who reigns forever. He is a friend of mine.

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful.

And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful, You are faithful.

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.

The God of angel armies is always by my side. The One who reigns forever,

He is a friend of mine. The God of angel armies is always by my side.

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Date: 10/10/21

## **Verse to Remember:**

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Hebrews 3:13

What is “**exhort**”?

— to urge or persuade (someone) earnestly; advise strongly.

— παρακαλέω: urge, beg, appeal, encourage, comfort.

- The great exhortation and comfort members of the Church are to share is to:

— point one another to Jesus’ promise

— that his Holy Spirit will keep us in remembrance of Christ and Christ’s promises