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*Let us therefore*  
**STRIVE**  
*to enter that rest.*  
HEBREWS 4:11, ESV

6 p.m. Sat., Oct. 16 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Oct. 17, 2021  
Sermon:



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(6 p.m. Sat. October 16, & 8:15 a.m. Sun. October 17, 2021)

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu    **D.C.E. Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Mabel Huldeen

**Usher:** Doug Lehr

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

**Elders:** 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson, 8:15 a.m. Sun. Bob Greene

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat.; 8:15 a.m. Sun.

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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** Our Creator has woven the gift of rest into the fabric of His creation. If God Himself enjoyed His day of rest, His Sabbath, shouldn't we? Rest isn't a good work that we do to please God. Rest is the absence of our work; it's receiving the grace that is offered to us through Christ's work on the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter. Today our gracious Father invites us to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, sharing in the benefits of what His Son has done. Jesus has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active Word and as He prepares His Table of grace for you to enjoy.

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O God, our Creator, You set in order all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of Your children. Grant that we rest from our labors and receive the peace Your Son has given; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

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

## The Ringing of the Bells

## The Wave of Fellowship

### Hymn of Invocation

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”  
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 524 vs. 1-3

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

### The Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

### Opening Sentences: Hebrews 4:9–10

P: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

C: **for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

### Confession and Absolution

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

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Confession  
Absolution

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### *Service of the Word*

Kyrie

“Lord, Have Mercy” (Sung)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria in Excelsis Glory to God in the Highest (*Sung*)

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**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, our Father, You wisely set in order all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of Your people. Grant that we trust in the saving work of our Savior and thereby enter into Your Sabbath rest; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Collect  
of the  
Day*

The Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

(We rejoice and rest in the gifts of God.)



Old  
Testament  
Readings

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not let him sleep.

will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will

not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

<sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

<sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

<sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his

life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.  
Psalm 91:11; 103:1

**C: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 4:1–16

(There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.)



<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of

disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse **Mark 10:27b**

**C: Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.**

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Mark 10:23–31 (How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel  
Reading

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”  
<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”  
<sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?”  
<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God.”  
<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”  
<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**



(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "Hope of the World" 6

LSB 690



### The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the advancement of Christ's kingdom, that we be strong in the Lord and strive to enter into His rest and share this rest with others, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

P: For all those who are clothed in Christ by Holy Baptism, that joined to our Savior and to one another we show forth the goodness of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

P: For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that their work be a reflection of Christ, whose work enables us to have peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

P: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that our Savior, upon whose shoulders the government rests, grant them wisdom, comfort, and satisfaction in their labors, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

P: For all who are broken in body, mind, and spirit, *especially* Deb Chellew, Luke Sulzbach and Charles Striegel, that the Lord would bind up their wounds and grant them full healing and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including: Frances Westhoff, Doug Lehr, Samuel Marrinan, Parker Blanford, Daisy Coleman, Kyle Holland, Michael Lewis, Chase Abbe, Ava Beougher, Jackie Bertrand, Karen Dirks, Jennie Moore, Michael Williams, Travis Benson, Bryce Barnes, Keith Grauer, Diamond Henry, Kaylie Mahaney and Lori Treft. Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**



## Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior



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 and Communion Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*2 Corinthians 8:3—For [the Macedonians] gave according to their means. As I can testify and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.*

Offertory Hymn      “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”      LSB 580 vs. 1-4

(Stand as you are able)

### *Service of the Sacrament*

#### Preface

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sung*)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### Lord's Prayer

#### Words of our Lord



Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei Lamb of God (*Sung*)

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Agnus  
Dei

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord,  
we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the  
world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace,  
O Lord, we pray.

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card



(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB 617

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” LSB 708

(Stand as you are able)

The Post Communion Collect

P: 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.**

Benediction

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P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

LSB 524 vs. 4-6

Silent Prayer

Postlude

# *"Let us therefore strive to enter that rest!"*

Text: Hebrews 4:1-16

Date: 10/17/21

## **Verse to Remember:**

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

*Hebrews 4:15–16*

1. What is rest?
2. Do I need rest?
3. How to rest?
4. How to rest in God?

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