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***Build yourselves up on  
your most holy faith;  
pray in the  
Holy Spirit.***

***Jude 1:20***



10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 2021  
Sermon: "Are you twiddling your thumbs?" Jude 20-25



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

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

## *The Last Sunday of the Church Year*

10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 2021

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

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

**Elders:** Don Lantis    **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Usher:** Dallas Schulz

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

**Reader:** Chaney Neff

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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** Do you remember what Jesus told His disciples about when He would return? Jesus said, "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:32-33). Do you remember the promise the angels shared as Jesus ascended? "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Be on guard, keep awake, and remember He is coming soon.

**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** You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 *Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13:33*

P: Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

**C: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.**

P: Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

**C: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.**

P: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**C: Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.**

## Opening Song "Glorious Day"

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,  
one day when sin was as black as could be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men, my example is He.  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

(Chorus) Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising He justified, freely, forever.  
One day He's coming; O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he.  
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails from me.  
(chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.  
One day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered. Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.  
Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him from rising again.  
Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising He justified, freely forever.  
One day He's coming; O glorious Day, O glorious day, glorious day.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.  
One day the skies with His glories will shine.

Wonderful day my beloved one is bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine. (chorus)

(Words & music by Mark Hall & Michael Bleecker, arr. by Carol Tornquist, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

## Nicene Creed

## First Lesson

Isaiah 51:4–6

(Keep your eyes open for Jesus—righteousness draws near.)

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up

your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

## The Epistle Jude 20–25 (Remember your identity in Christ.)

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

<sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the

flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

<sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

## Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37 (The end is near.)

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass

away until all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

<sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you

do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

## Children's Message

### The Song of Instruction "Lord, I Need You"

Vs. 1 Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart.  
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Vs. 2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where Grace is found, is where You  
are.

Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.  
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You when temptations come my way. When I  
cannot stand.

I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. Lord I need You, oh, I need You.  
Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.  
You're my one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

My one defense my righteousness, Oh God, How I need You.  
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### The Word "Are you twiddling your thumbs?" Jude 20-25

#### 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.

*Psalm 118:1—Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!*

### Offertory "In His Time"

1. In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me ev'ry day, As You're teaching me Your way,  
that You do just what You say, in Your time.

2. In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful in Your time.  
Lord, my life to You I bring, May each song I have to sing be to You a  
lovely thing, in Your time.

(Words & music by Diane Ball, Maranatha! Music, used by permission CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

## The Prayer of the Church

### Invitation with Confession and Absolution *Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6*

P: As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.**

P: As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.**

P: As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.**

P: As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.**

P: As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.**

P: As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.**

*(Silence for private confession)*

P: As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**INVITATIONAL SONG** (“Praise Team):

**He said come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior now  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

**DISTRIBUTION** “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun for-bear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

(Words/music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio, 2006 worshiptogether.com songs, sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

**“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”**

- 1) How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory
- 2) Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished
- 3) I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Benediction**

### **The Going Out Song "Your Name"**

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.  
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,  
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray, come, and fill our hearts today.  
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.  
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,  
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.  
Your name let the nations sing it louder,  
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.  
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,  
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

But Your name. But Your name.

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## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**

**Worship Services:** Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)  
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Youth & Adult Bible Classes** 9:30 a.m.

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