

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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890 O BLESSED LIGHT, O TRINITY

1 O blessed Light, O Trinity,
O everlasting Unity:
As now the fiery sun departs,
Send forth Your light into our hearts.

2 To You our morning song of praise,
To You our evening prayer we raise;
We praise Your light in ev'ry age,
The glory of our pilgrimage.

△ 3 All glory be to God above
And to the Son, the Prince of love,
And to the Spirit, One in Three!
We praise You, blessed Trinity.

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(Stand)

OPENING VERSICLES

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L Jesus said; If any man would come after Me,

C Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

927 FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Refrain: The LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

¹I will give thanks to You, | O LORD,*
for though You were angry | with me,

²Your anger | turned away,*
that You might | comfort me.

³Behold, God is my sal- | vation,*
I will trust, and will not | be afraid;

⁴for the LORD GOD is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal- | vation.

Refrain

⁵With joy you will draw | water*
from the wells of sal- | vation.

⁶Give thanks | to the LORD,*
call up- | on His name,

⁷make known His deeds among the | peoples,*
proclaim that His name is ex- | alted.

Refrain

⁸Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done | gloriously;*
let this be made known in | all the earth.

⁹Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of | Zion,*
for great in your midst is the Holy One of | Israel.

**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.**

Refrain

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READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING

Luke 10:25–37

L A reading from Luke, the tenth chapter.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the

man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L A reading from Ephesians, the fourth chapter.

Ephesians 4:31–32

³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

RESPONSORY

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

TEN COMMANDMENTS

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ 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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

(Sit)

SERMON

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

845 WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
 There God is ever found;
 Brought here together by Christ's love
 By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 His charity we learn;
 Let us with heart and mind and soul
 Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults
 As we our faults confess,
 And let us love each other well
 In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
 Let all contention cease;
 Be God's the glory that we seek;
 Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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OFFERING

(Stand)

PRAYER

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- L** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER (10:30 am)

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**
- Amen.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER (5:30 pm)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

932 JESUS SAT WITH HIS DISCIPLES

- 1 Jesus sat with His disciples
On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered,
He began to teach and say:
“Blessèd are the poor in spirit,
Heaven’s kingdom they will share.
Blessèd are the sad and mourning,
Joy and comfort will be theirs.
- 2 “Blessèd are the meek and humble,
All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy,
They are bless’d and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessèd,
Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessèd,
They have eyes for God alone.
- 3 “Blessèd are God’s sons and daughters,
Making peace where there is strife.
Blessèd are the persecuted,
Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven,
In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share My suffering
And rejoice to know My love.”

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BENEDICAMUS

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.
C Amen.

Hymn: From High Atop the Mount

1: From high atop the mount where Moses stands,
Thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:
"I am the Lord, and these are my commands.
In all you do, obey my ev'ry word."

4: Your highest love and trust belong to me;
To these no other god has any right.
Not health or wealth or self or family
But I alone shall be your chief delight.

8: You shall not hate or hurt or harm or kill;
Treat all your neighbors as your dearest friends.
I give the gift of life to whom I will
And I as well determine when it ends.

3: Your life, O Christ, is counted as our own;
Our guilt was crucified in none but you.
In keeping your commands our love is shown
Now work within us both to will and do.

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