



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 5, 2025 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost C



Increased Faith; Increased Duty

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

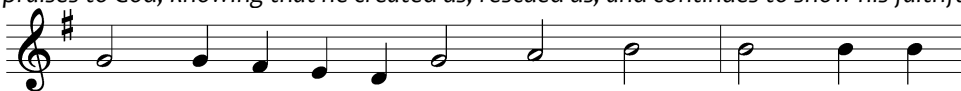
Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary. We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service. If you are a parent with young children, we want you to know that we love having children worship with us since worship includes them, too. At the same time, we know that children sometimes like to make their presence known in spite of the best efforts to keep them quiet. For your convenience and in consideration of those seated near you, we have a **Family Room** located through the door in the back of the Fellowship Hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service. **Busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

Prayer before worship: Loving Lord, do with us as is best in your eyes. We ask that you grant us a humble and patient spirit as we wait expectantly for you. Whatever cross you deem fit for us to carry, whatever wounds you know will heal us, and whatever burdens you ask us to bear, sustain us through it all by your promises and your presence. We ask it through your Son, our Savior, Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CW 601

We sing praises to God, knowing that he created us, rescued us, and continues to show his faithful mercy.



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; he formed us
3 O en - ter then his gates with joy, with - in his
4 Trust that the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Serve him with joy, his
all with - out our aid. We are the flock he
courts his praise pro - claim. Let thank - ful songs your
is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at



prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - joice!
comes to feed, the sheep who by his hand were made.
tongues em - ploy, O bless and mag - ni - fy his name.
all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594, alt.

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Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Confession

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Absolution

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O Taste and See

CW 965

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1–2, 10–18

In thankfulness, God's people generously joined in the blessed duty of building the LORD's temple.

¹Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day – My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

Psalm 62C



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
 plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
 he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
 fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
 fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.
 King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de-light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1–5, 11–12

God increased the faith of the Thessalonian Christians to be able to persevere even through persecution.

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The First Song of Isaiah

Grades K-8

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

- 1) Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name." *Refrain*
- 2) Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord for he has done great things and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*
- 3) Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion! Ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

Children's Devotion

Easy/Hard?

Gospel Acclamation

1 Chronicles 29:14

P: Alleluia! Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

“Lord, increase our faith” like the apostles, so we take the chances to serve that come with that blessing.

Sin, Faith, Duty

¹Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

CW 748

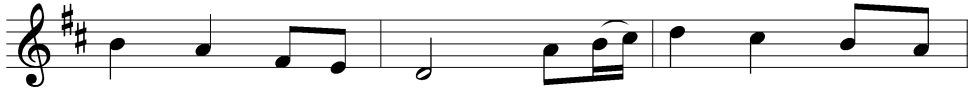
Part of our thanks to God is extending his mercy in our service to one another. Let us do so gladly!



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Luke 17:1-10

What's the Problem with Forgiveness?

Thoughts to consider after the sermon:

- 1) Who do I still need to forgive?
- 2) When I can't/won't forgive [insert name here], what should I do?
- 3) How will I actively and specifically put this forgiveness into practice this week?
- 4) Who in my life struggles with forgiveness and needs me to share what God's Word taught me today?

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Offering

***To our guests:** Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

NOTE: At this time we are not passing the offering plates. You can place your offering in the plate in the Gathering Area as you leave today.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Oh, How Good It Is

CW 731

God rejoices as we foster the unity of the faith that builds one another up in the love of the Lord.



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
3 Oh, how good it is to em-brace his com-mand to pre-



geth - er in spir-it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
joice with the hap-py and weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres-ence here a - mong us.
of - fer the bless-ing of be - long - ing.
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
 and with one heart we'll live out his word,
 till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,
 for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo - ple.

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Prayer

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CW 930

As we return home, we do so accompanied by the Lord's blessing, forgiveness, nourishment, and peace.



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.
Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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MINISTRY NOTES

Welcome! We're delighted that you worshipped with us today! Our adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we grow in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Sunday School for the children is at the same time. Today we will have Sunday Funday with finger foods and minute-to-win-it games in the main school building. All are welcome and encouraged to stay and enjoy the food and fun with friends!

Thank you to the children of K-8 for singing their chapel hymn! We thank God that you were able to use your hearts and voices to praise Jesus with us this morning! We hope that you are all able to stay and enjoy **Sunday Funday** with us after the service!

Starting this **Wednesday, October 8th**, our Bible Study group will meet at **10 AM** to study the book of **Isaiah** in greater detail about the prophet of good news. If you didn't get enough in the Sunday morning class and would like to dig deeper, join us Wednesdays at 10 AM, starting October 8th.

The North Florida Circuit of the **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)** will be meeting on **Saturday, October 11th** at **Good Shepherd in Deltona, FL**. The rally will feature guest speaker Pastor Phil Hunter presenting on the topic: "The startup church's search for its niche by trial and error in the mission field." There is a display in the gathering area with more details on the home and world mission projects, offering information, and a signup. Please contact Sue Leinberger (352-651-1915) if you have questions or would like to carpool to the rally.

In case you hadn't heard: The **funeral service** for **Joyce Sempert** will be **Saturday, October 18 at 1 PM**. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Did you know that **wels.net** has information about our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as well as a wealth of useful resources. You can sign up to have daily devotions emailed directly to you free of charge, with several options of specific audiences (family, military, women) or a general one appropriate for all. Additionally there is an FAQ section where you can find answers to many questions about Scripture (or submit your own!). Check out **wels.net** to learn more.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

ATTENDANCE: 105

PREACHER: James Saatkamp

ACCOMPANIST: Cindy Lendt

STREAMING: Tony Moore

OFFERINGS: \$2,765

PRESIDING MINISTER: Tim Rosenow

USHERS: Rob & Sandy Banker

FLOWERS: In memory of Joyce Sempert

NEXT WEEK:

Ushers: Tom Leinberger and Gary Warren

Streaming: Bill Hoeltke

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Birthday: Grant Siegler (10-8 – 9 years old!), Connor Williamson (10-11 – 6 years old!)

Anniversary: (none this week)

Nancy Scruton (upcoming medical procedure); **Gaia Welfel** (pregnancy issues); **Tom Colwell** (ongoing pain and cancer treatment); **Madison Duncan** (Becky Ramsey's daughter, ongoing autoimmune issues); **Dana Eynon** (continued shoulder recovery); **Buddy Klinefelter** (recovery from surgery); **Katie McCleery** (daughter of Bill & Karen Hartman, recovering from double mastectomy); **Rick Robinson** (recovering from a fall); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); our **homebound members:** Dave Brandt, Bee Grunig, John Hambel, Leona Harms, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo.

This Week – October 5th – 11th

TODAY – Sunday Funday after the service

MON – BIC 6 PM

WED – Isaiah Bible Study 10 AM

THU – Home Soccer Game (Solid Rock) 4:30 PM

FRI – Morning Chapel 8:30 AM

SAT – LWMS Rally (Deltona)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13 – Kingsway Birthday Celebration

October 14 – Council of Ministry meeting 5:15 PM

October 15-17 – NO SCHOOL (Teachers' Conference)

October 21 – PreK-8 Picture Day

October 24 – NO SCHOOL; SALSA Flag Football (Deltona)

October 25 – Trunk or Treat

Who We Are

(Our Mission)

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, as a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.*

If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Thank you for being a part of our church family today!



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