Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost August 16 & 17, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Our Worship Service

The Common Service with Communion Christian Worship p. 15

WELCOME



Hymn continues on next page



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt. Tune: REUTER (87 87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

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



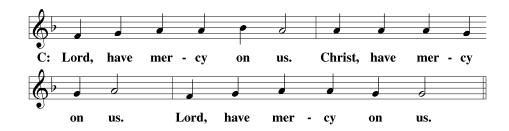
THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis





THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please he Seated

THE FIRST LESSON.....Zechariah 9:9-16

God's Word is the light that makes clear the way we should go. It points out the dangers along the way. The Jewish people were being reminded that it was not their might or power that was rebuilding the temple, but it was God's Spirit. "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1) The meek will inherit the earth. The humble and the uneducated will take the message of the Gospel to the learned and the wise. The focus needed to be on the Lord not on themselves. God would bless their work.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. ¹³I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴Then the Lord will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign Lord will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, ¹⁵and the Lord Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with sling stones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar. ¹⁶The Lord their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people.

Christian Worship pg. 111





Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it <u>all</u> day long.

I have more insight than all my <u>teach</u>ers,*

for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the <u>el</u>ders,* for I obey your precepts.

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every evil path*
so that I might obey your Word.
I have not departed from your laws,*
for you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste,*
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
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.

Refrain

The book of Zechariah has been called the "Revelation of the Old Testament." Many of the images used in Zechariah's prophecies are repeated in Revelation. The purpose of Zechariah's prophecies was to encourage the little flock of believers who returned to Jerusalem after the 70-year exile in Babylon. Jesus' purpose in Revelation is to encourage the people of God who face tremendous pressures from the world around them.

1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testifies to everything he saw — that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. ... ⁹I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet. ... ¹²I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. ¹⁹"Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON...... Matthew 24:3-14



While Jesus' words about the last times contain many dire warnings about wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines, false prophets and the persecution of Christians – there is one positive. The Gospel will be preached to all nations. Zechariah's message is that God will build his kingdom in spite of the impossible odds his people face.

³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ, ' and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

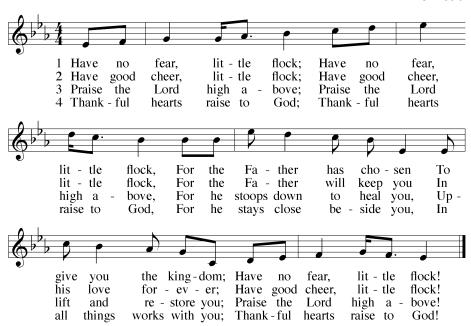
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Christian Worship #442

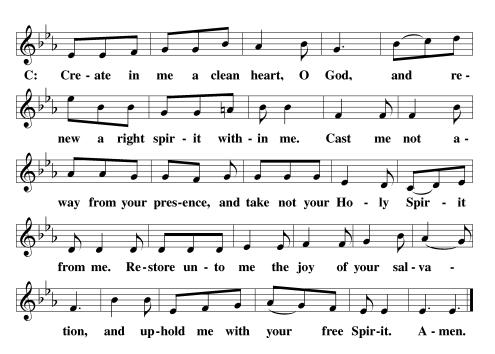


THE SERMONZechariah 4:6-10

Zechariah's name means: "The Lord remembers." The Lord never forgets His people or His promises to them. The Lord remembered His promise to send the Messiah, and through the many Messianic prophecies of Zechariah, He showed that He continued to remember His promise. Zechariah was a priest from the tribe of Levi. Through the use of many visions and symbols, God is assuring His people, that He will send the Messiah to save them. They will be a part of his mission to proclaim the light of the Gospel out into the world.

Zechariah: The Messianic Prophet

Please Stand



Please Be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

THE PRAYERS

THE 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts

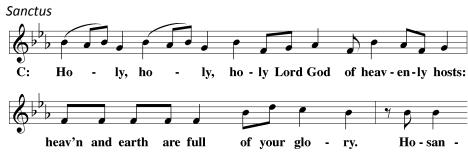


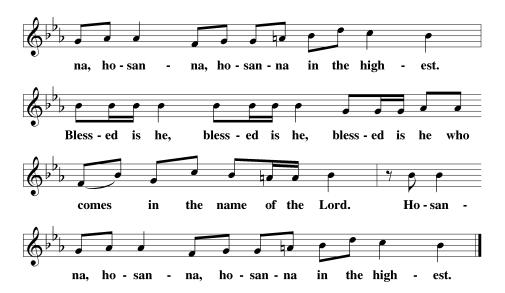
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

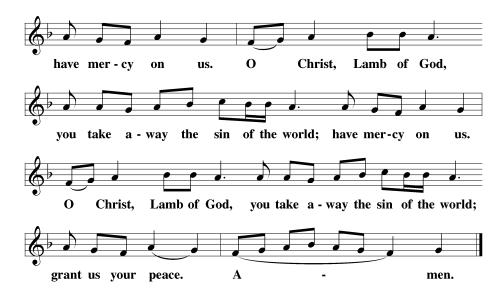
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei





Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN......" "If God Himself Be for Me"

Christian Worship #419



Hymn continues on next page



- No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break assunder,
 You are my Savior true;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever me from you.
- My heart for joy is springing
 And can no more be sad.
 'Tis full of joy and singing,
 Sees only sunshine glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

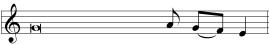
Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

P: 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.



Please be seated

THE CLOSING HYMN "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

Christian Worship #327



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and PreacherPastor Brian AdamsOrganistMiss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

HOSPITALIZED: Paul Larsen – St. Luke's.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this week are in celebration of Mike and Kelly Cannistra's 15th wedding anniversary.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICE: On Tuesday, August 11, the Lord called Arnella Lohr to her heavenly home. A Christian funeral service was held here at St. Paul's on Friday, August 14. May the Lord comfort her family with his everlasting promises. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

2ND **PASTOR CALL MEETING:** On Sunday, August 16th at 6:30pm, St. Paul's will be extending a Divine Call once again for the 2nd Pastor here. As Pastor Swenson had said, "You are so richly blessed by the Lord… I know the Lord has already chosen your next associate pastor and the Lord will continue to bless you as he reveals who this individual will be." We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts and continue to bless the ministry at St. Paul's.

BOARD OF ELDERS: The Board of Elders will meet on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30pm.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING: On Wednesday, August 19th, there will be a Parent Orientation Meeting at 6:30pm. (Kindergarten parents will meet at 6:00pm.) All parents of Kindergarten – Grade 8 are expected to attend.

PRE-SCHOOL (3K & 4K) PARENT OPEN HOUSE: On Thursday, August 24th, there will be a Parent Open House from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Come and meet your teachers; see your classroom; bring in your supplies and paperwork.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (3K-GRADE 8): The first day of school for both our preschool program and grade school program will be on Monday, August 24th. May the Lord bless both our teachers and students in the new school year.

ST. PAUL'S 2015 DIRECTORY: The publisher is offering St. Paul's a free military page in our 2015 directory. If you are a member of St. Paul's and have served in the military, please contact Greg Grueneberg by August 16th via e-mail at sgoozz@hatmail.com or by phone (414)325-9557. We will need your picture, name, branch, rank and dates of service.

WISCONSIN SYNOD OFFICE JOB OPENING: The WELS Center for Mission and Ministry (CMM) located in Waukesha, WI is looking for a part-time Payroll Specialist. This position will prepare the payroll for the CMM and its entities, and includes the collection and compilation of payroll data and other various related accounting functions. Accounting/Payroll experience along with solid computer skills are required, familiarity with ADP preferred. This part-time position allows the employee to set their own schedule. If interested, please send resume to hro@wels.net or call 414-256-3268.

wlhs Job Opening--wisconsin Lutheran High School is seeking candidates for the position of Accountant & HR Specialist. This is a full-time position with benefits, including tuition staff discount. Position is responsible for cash receipts, student billing, web-based tuition management, and a variety of human resource functions. The successful candidate will have a minimum of an associate's degree in accounting or work equivalent. Please email resume and cover letter by August, 17, to Ann Nischke, Human Resources Specialist, at ann.nischke@wlhs.org, or via mail: 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213.

FUTURE PASTOR'S OFFICES: We will soon be starting construction on new offices for the Pastors. The cost to complete this project will be approximately \$18,000. To date we have received \$5,985.00. This work will be done with our own people including rough carpentry, drywall, insulation, painting, suspended ceilings and floor covering. If you are able to help financially in addition to your weekly offering, please place in separate envelopes stating "New Pastor's Offices". You may drop off your contribution in the school office, put it into the collection plate, or give it to Pastor Adams. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Derouin (414) 881-8944 or Bob Hille (414) 427-6106.

150TH **ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S:** The planning has begun for our 150th anniversary at St. Paul's. Please continue to watch the bulletin and our website, stpaulsfranklin.org for upcoming information and planned events surrounding the anniversary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION: On August 23, 2015, from 1:00-4:30 PM there will be a Christian Education celebration at St. Paul's. We will be honoring Gary Wille and many educators of St. Paul's Lutheran School. We will be having a dessert reception. If you would like to help with the reception go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084DADAF29A1FA7-desert. If you would like to donate to the Legacy Fund for Christian Education, supporting professional

development of teachers at St. Paul's please visit our Facebook Page at: www.facebook.com/stpaulshornets. Please contact Jack & Doreen Vallier @ 414-421-2392 or Heather Vallier @ 216-751-7984, hvallier@metrohealth.org with any questions.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Our Summer Sermon Series this year is: "A Major Message from the Minor Prophets". The schedule is as follows:

June 7 & 8: Hosea – The Prophet with the Adulterous Wife

June 14 & 15: Joel – The Day of the Lord Prophet

June 28 & 29: Obadiah - The Prophet of Humility

July 5 & 6: Jonah – The Unwilling Prophet

July 12 & 13: Micah – The Prophet with a Heart for the Helpless

July 19 & 20: Nahum – The Prophet of God's Vengeance

July 26 & 27: Habakkuk – The Prophet who Questions God

August 2 & 3: Zephaniah – The Prophet with Royal Blood

August 9 & 10: Haggai – the Prophet of Priorities

August 16 & 17: Zechariah – The Messianic Prophet

August 23 & 24: Malachi – The Last of the Old Testament Prophets

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: Time- A blessing and a curse. All of us have been given time here in this world. How are you using your time? Dwelling on the past? Missing the present or only living for the here and now? Or are you dreaming about the future? This year's Women's Retreat hosted at Divine Peace Lutheran Church (3203 S. 76th St. Milwaukee) on October 10th will focus on the well known verse from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Spend the day immersed in the Word of God to help bring focus and peace to your daily life. For more information and to register visit: http://PHM1Six.org.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE POSITIONS: NPH is seeking candidates for several full and part-time positions, as follows: Marketing & Advertising Copywriter, part-time (30 hours/week), Information Technology Specialist, part-time (30 hours/week), Phone/Store Sales Representative, part-time (24-30 hours/week), Website Administrator, full time, Director of Sales & Conventions, full time. A complete job description for each position, as well as application instructions can be found at nph.net/employment.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (August 16 & 17)

8:00 AM-Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen **9:30 AM**-Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle & Declan **6:30 PM** –Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 23 & 24)

8:00 AM-John & Barb Migacz 9:30 AM-Andrew Backus 6:30 PM-Joan Shevey

USHERS FOR AUGUST:

8:00 AM TEAM #4-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser **9:30 AM** TEAM #8-David Destrampe, Daniel Destrampe, Paul Larsen **6:30 PM** TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

August 5-18 TEAM #1-Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves August 19-September 1 TEAM #2-Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

Aug. 5-8: Crew #2: Jerry Lehtinen, Gary Tosic

Aug. 12-15 Crew #3: Dave Qualmann

Aug. 19-22 Crew #4: Frank and Sam Krajewski

Aug. 26-29 Crew #1: Gordy Lesser

The Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, August 19	
K-8 Parent Orientation Meeting	6:30 PM
Board of Elders Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday, August 20	
Adult Bible Information Class	6:30 PM
3K-4K Orientation Meeting/Open House	6:30 PM
Sunday, August 23	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-80, Communed-n/a 9:30 am- 117, Communed-n/a 6:30 pm-54, Communed-n/a Total Attendance 251, Total Communed-n/a Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a