FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" -setting by J. Wayne Kerr "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -Paul Manz

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525 1 Crown Him with man - y The Lamb crowns, up - on His throne: 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, 3 Crown Him the Lord of Be - hold His hands and love. side. 4 Crown Him the Lord of life. Who tri-umphed o'er the grave 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n. En-throned in worlds a - bove. an - them drowns All Hark how the heav'n-ly mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. And Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And of the mys-tic rose, Yet Fruit of that rose the stem. The No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly that sight. But bear glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose His on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown Him with man - y crowns Crown thy match-less king Through all hail Him as e - ter - ni - ty. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright. e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may died die. Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king all. of Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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.

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.

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

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Introit

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;*

trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*

and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Glory be to the Father and | to the \mathbf{Son}^*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Pew Edition



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Proper 17 (Year A)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."



This is the Word of the Lord.

С

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



O LORD, I love the habitation of your house* and the place where your | glory dwells. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,* and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me;* test my heart | and my mind. For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,* and I walk in your | faithfulness. I do not sit with men of | falsehood,* nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,* and I will not sit with the | wicked. I wash my hands in | innocence* and go around your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,* and telling all your | wondrous deeds. O LORD, I love the habitation of your house* and the place where your | glory dwells. Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,* nor my life with blood- | thirsty men, in whose hands are evil de- | vices,* and whose right hands are | full of bribes. But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;* redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8

My foot stands on | level ground;* in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.

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.

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house* and the place where your | glory dwells.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P C

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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. Hymn of the Day: "Come Down, O Love Divine"



Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering "Come Down, O Love Divine" -setting by J. Wayne Kerr

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

Service of the Sacrament

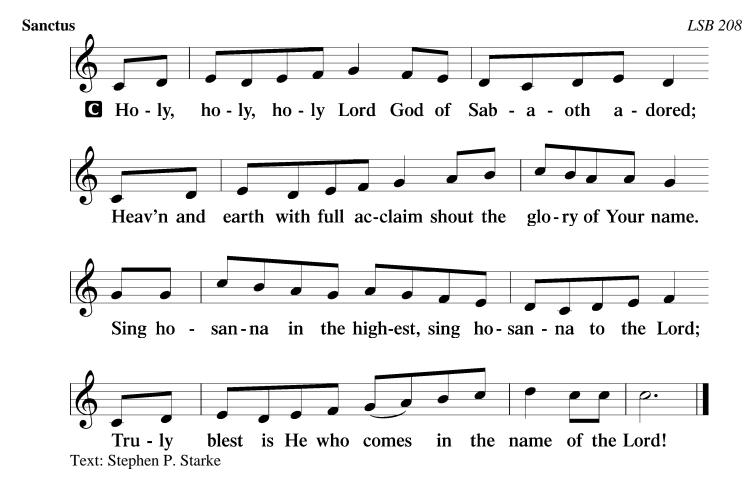
Preface

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... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

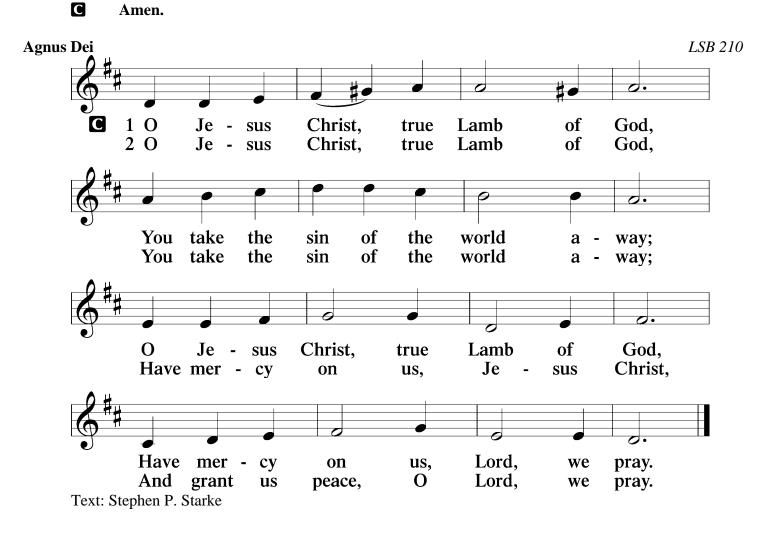
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



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Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, and Pastor will give you the common cup. When he serves it to you, you are welcome to grab the chalice from the bottom while he holds it from the top. He will rotate and wipe the chalice between people.



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Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685 1 Let walk with Fol low His us Je - sus, ev - er ex 2 Let suf - fer here with And with pa - tience us Je - sus death He 3 Let glad - ly die with Since by us Je - sus. 4 Let al - so live with He ris - en us Je - sus. has Through a world that would de-ceive us am - ple pure, And to our sad-ness; bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all Where He He will free us from de-struc-tion. Give con - quered death, to from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je sus. $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ His foot-steps tread-ing, sin spir - its lure. On - ward in our there is no loss. Though to - day we SOW no laugh-ter, is, mor - ti - fy im - mor-tal breath. Let us all pas - sion us now our head. We Your own liv - ing mem-bers; You are are Pil grims here, home a - bove, Full of faith our and All We shall reap _ les - tial joy; dis - com - forts ce would lead That in - to sin; And the grave that us Where You shall be pres - ence live. there we In Your hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid-ding. Faith - ful Shall give way mirth here - af - ter. that an - nov to Je - sus, shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je - sus, for - ev - er. Liv - ing there with con - stant - ly, You Je - sus. where You guide. Lord, with me a - bide; shall fol - low Ι Help me there Your here I share Your woe: to know. joy here with You Ι die, There to live with You on high. me faith - ful be. Life e - ter - nal let grant to me. Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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

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Benediction

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.
Amen.



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Postlude "Lift High the Cross" -setting by Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Matthew* 16:26 – "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

LWML: The St. Paul Metro zone will be the hosts for the Capitol Conference Fall Rally on Saturday, October 14 at Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries 3245 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills. 9:00 am registration, 9:30 - 11:30 program followed by lunch, "A Taste of SE Asia." The presenter will be Pastor Yia Lor—"Mission Impossible: The Upside-Down Mission to the Lost in the Mountains of Southeast Asia." Registration \$10. Collections will be taken for offering, and Gifts from the Heart: items for homeless shelters/homeless. Join us for food, fellowship, singing, Bible study, convention recap and LWML news.

THANK YOU for all the cards, get well wishes and the delicious meals! It has been a very great outpouring of love from our church family!! -Molly V

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Not Just a Formality" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32)

THE SILENT AUCTION is coming up on September 17th and we need your help to make it a success! You can help by:

- Finding an item or two that interests you and bidding. Remember upcoming birthdays, weddings, Christmas gifts, or maybe a Barnabas buddy gift?
- Spreading the word! If you are on Facebook, share the posts about the auction.
- Mention the auction to neighbors, coworkers, friends and family. Maybe someone in your life will be interested and want to come.
- Not going to be here on the 17th? Contact a friend, give them a budget for the item(s) you are interested in and have them bid for you.

If you have any questions please contact Marilyn P, Dawn K or Pam U. Or, leave a message with Pastor or Maria Kult and they will contact one of us. Thanks for your support as we make this last fundraiser for the 75th anniversary celebration a success.

International Potluck!

The St. Paul circuit church community is invited to enjoy and bring a dish to a free, international potluck on **Friday, September 8 at 6:30 PM** as the kickoff to the fall programming for the new St. Paul Outreach Center (located in Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Ave). This dinner is a welcome event for immigrants to the Concordia and Midway communities, co-sponsored by The St. Paul Outreach Center (St. Paul Circuit LCMS Churches) and CSP Ministry.

Please fill out the form at this link indicating what food item you can bring to share:

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Or use this QR Code to get to the link:



The St. Paul Outreach Center is a joint mission supported by the LCMS MN South District, POBLO, and St. Paul Circuit LCMS churches. The meal is co-hosted by the Outreach Center, Jehovah, and CSP Campus Ministries. For more information and/or to find out how to get involved, contact Dr. David Mennicke: <u>dmennicke@csp.edu</u>.

Concordia Academy News

Concordia Academy BEAMS Middle School Basketball

Registration is open for Concordia Academy's BEAMS Basketball program for girls and boys in Grades 5-8. This modified traveling program is designed to give students opportunities for athletic growth and competition that will complement...not replace...the sports offerings at their current schools. Practices start in October. Get details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/beams.

Beacon Buddies 1st-4th Grade Soccer

Concordia Academy's Beacon Buddies soccer program is a six-week Saturday morning soccer camp starting in September. Girls and boys in Grades 1-4 will learn basic soccer skills and techniques in a fun, supportive environment! To get more information or register, go to www.concordiaacademy.com/beaconbuddies.