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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**HYMN: #371 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" vs. 1-4**

INVOCATION

**LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:**

P. What is the Seventh Commandment?

C. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

P. What does this mean?

C. WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT TAKE OUR NEIGHBOR'S MONEY OR POSSESSIONS, OR GET THEM IN ANY DISHONEST WAY, BUT HELP HIM TO IMPROVE AND PROTECT HIS POSSESSIONS AND INCOME.

P. What is the Eighth Commandment?

C. YOU SHALL NOT GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

P. What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment?

C. GOD FORBIDS US TO TELL LIES ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOR IN A COURT OF LAW OR ELSEWHERE, THAT IS TO LIE ABOUT, LIE TO, OR WITHHOLD THE TRUTH FROM OUR NEIGHBOR. GOD FORBIDS US TO BETRAY OUR NEIGHBOR AND REVEAL HIS SECRETS. AND GOD FORBIDS US TO SLANDER OUR NEIGHBOR OR HURT OUR NEIGHBOR'S REPUTATION.

P. What does God require of us in this Commandment?

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C. WE SHOULD DEFEND OUR NEIGHBOR, SPEAK UP FOR THEM AND PROTECT THEM FROM FALSE ACCUSATIONS; SPEAK WELL OF THEM AND PRAISE THEIR GOOD ACTIONS AND QUALITIES, AND WE SHOULD PUT THE BEST MEANING ON EVERYTHING, THAT IS WE SHOULD EXPLAIN OUR NEIGHBOR'S ACTIONS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

**CONFESSION OF SIN:**

P. "Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand,

C. THAT HE MAY LIFT YOU UP IN DUE TIME." (1 Peter 5:6)

P. "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,

C. THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED." (Hebrews 4:16)

P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

C. I, A POOR MISERABLE SINNER, CONFESS TO YOU ALL MY SINS AND INIQUITIES WITH WHICH I HAVE EVER OFFENDED YOU AND JUSTLY DESERVED YOUR PUNISHMENT NOW AND FOREVER. BUT I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR THEM AND SINCERELY REPENT OF THEM, AND I PRAY YOU OF YOUR BOUNDLESS MERCY AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE HOLY, INNOCENT, BITTER SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED SON, JESUS CHRIST, TO BE GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL TO ME, A POOR SINFUL BEING.

ABSOLUTION

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Hosea 5:15-6:3

15 Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." 1 "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. 3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:1-10

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3

For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, 4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. 9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(Spoken together)*

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 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.

**SONG: "Let It Be Said Of Us"**

Verse 1: Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion, That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given; That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

*Chorus:* Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song, By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song 'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Verse 2: Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness We were known by our love and delighted in meekness We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. *(chorus)*

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**SERMON: Matthew 20:17-28 "What's in it For Me?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL:** *(Tune "We Give You But Your Own" LW #405)*

1. Create in me, O Lord A heart made clean from sin.  
Give me, by Your own work restored, A spirit right within.
2. O, cast me not away From You, but draw me near.  
O, let Your Holy Spirit stay; My Savior, hold me dear!
3. Rejuvenate in me Salvation's joy and peace.  
Uphold me with Your Spirit free, That faith and life increase.

**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign book at end of pew)*

PRAYERS

**HYMN OF ADORATION:** *(Sung responsively. Tune "Lord of Glory..." LW #402)*

- P. Our Lord's peace be with you always,  
C. AND WITH YOU, HIS SERVANT, TOO.  
P. Lift your heart and voice to sing praise.  
C. LORD, WE LIFT GLAD HEARTS TO YOU.  
IT IS GOOD AND RIGHT TO ALWAYS THANK YOU HOLY, MIGHTY LORD.  
EVERLASTING GOD AND FATHER; BE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ADORED.

HE THROUGH DEATH AND GRAVE FOR US, LIFE ETERNAL OPENED WIDE;  
SO WE NOW JOIN HOSTS OF HEAVEN SINGING "CHRIST BE GLORIFIED!"  
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, YOUR GLORY FILLS ALL EARTH AND SKY.  
BLESSED ONE IN GOD'S NAME COMING; SHOUT TO HIM HOSANNAS HIGH!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** *(Tune "Savior, Thy Dying Love" LW #374)*

O Christ, the Lamb of God have mercy, Lord.  
You take away the sin of the whole world.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, O Christ, the Lamb of God.  
Have mercy on us Lord; grant us your peace.

THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION: *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE: *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

### SONGS: “Forever Grateful” (Col 3:16)

*Verse:* You did not wait for me to draw near to You, but You clothed Yourself with frail humanity. You did not wait for me to cry out to You, but You let me hear Your voice calling me.

*Chorus:* And I'm forever grateful to You, I'm forever grateful for the cross; I'm forever grateful to You that You came to seek and save the lost. *(Repeat Chorus)*  
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### “Great is the Lord” (Psalm 48:1,2)

*Verse:* Great is the Lord, And most worthy of praise. The city of our God, The holy place. The joy of the whole earth. Great is the Lord, In whom we have the victory. He aids us against the enemy. We bow down on our knees.

*Chorus:* And Lord we want to lift Your name on high. And Lord we want to thank You, for the works You've done in our lives. And Lord we trust in Your unfailing love. For You alone are God eternal, Throughout earth and heaven above. *(Repeat Chorus)*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

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## Matthew 20:17-28

## "What's in it For Me?"

17 Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, 18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!” 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 “What is it you want?” he asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” 22 “You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. 23 Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” 24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1. As humans we are basically \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why did Jesus allow himself to be betrayed, mocked, crucified, etc.?
3. What would give Jesus the right to put himself first before everything else?
4. If Jesus thinks of others first, what would you expect to see in the lives of those who believe in him as their Savior?
5. What were the disciples thinking about as Jesus talked about his upcoming death?
6. When do married couples display a self-centered attitude?
7. What does God value in his kingdom?
8. Why is Jesus the greatest in God's kingdom?
9. What makes it possible for us to start thinking of others instead of just thinking about ourselves?