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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

SONGS: "Come into the King's Chambers"

O come into the King's chambers and worship before His throne. O come into the King's chambers, and His glory shall be shown. O come into His holy presence and magnify His name. O come into the King's chambers; you will never be the same. *(Repeat)*
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"Let's Take Time" (Psalm 130:5)

1. Let's take time to wait upon the Lord, let's take time to listen to His voice;
Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain, so let's take time to wait upon the Lord.
2. Let's take time to wait upon the Lord, let's take time to feed upon His Word;
Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain, so let's take time to wait upon the Lord.
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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

P. The Bible says: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." *(1 Peter 5:6-7)*

C. DEAR LORD, WE ARE CALLED BY YOU TO SERVE. WE THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO USE US AS YOUR INSTRUMENTS TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF YOUR WORD THAT TAKES PLACE HERE. ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISE, LIFT US UP. TAKE OUR CARES AND BURDENS AWAY AND GIVE US YOUR STRENGTH. FORGIVE US FOR SINNING AGAINST YOU, AND NOT SERVING OTHERS ALWAYS AS YOU GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

- P. Jesus asked His Father in heaven to protect us from the evil one.
- C. JESUS PRAYED THAT WE MAY BE ONE WITH HIM AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.
- P. Through His death and resurrection Jesus' prayers were answered.
- C. THROUGH HIM WE ARE FORGIVEN AND HAVE BEEN MADE ONE WITH GOD.

CALL FOR MERCY: *(Tune "Amazing Grace" LW #509)*

Have mercy on your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King. Renew us by your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *(Tune "Hark the Herald" LW #49)*

1. "Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry. Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth. You we praise and glorify, Worship you, O Lord most high. Gracious Father, heav'nly King, To your name alone we sing; Praise the glory of your name, Now and evermore the same!
2. Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, Sole-begotten, holy One, Born on earth from realms on high, Born true man for us to die, Lamb of God, you take away, This world's sin; Grant peace we pray. With the Spirit, you alone, Are most high, O God the Son, And the Father, God above. Praise we now your glorious love.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. *13* When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. *14* They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. *15* In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) *16* and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus— *17* he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." *18* (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he

fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. 19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms, ”‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, ”‘May another take his place of leadership.’ 21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.” 23 So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Tune LW #451)*

1. In God we believe; the Creator whose pow’r. In mercy has brought us for worship this hour. He graciously grants us our years and our days, And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.
2. In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured. True God and true man once the cross he endured. To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin. With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.
3. God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess; With power and truth the church now he does bless. As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then, Be living in glory forever. Amen.

SERMON: John 17:1-11 **"Who's Been Given to You?"**

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

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew. Thanks!)

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF ADORATION: *(Tune “Holy, Holy, Holy” LW #168)*

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Day and night we join to praise, Your love and majesty! You alone are holy, worthy and righteous. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! We rejoice to join the hymns, of earth and sky and sea. Generations praise you, with saints and angels. Holy and bless’d through all eternity.

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

PRAYER OF THANKS

BENEDICTION

SONG: "Come and Rejoice"

(Psalm 32:11 "Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!")

1. Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling, those who would worship in spirit and truth;
Come with your singing, come with thanksgiving, Jesus, our Savior, has made all things new.

Chorus: Come and rejoice, O holy nation, come and sing praises to Him; Come and bow down, worship before Him, Jesus, the King of all kings, Jesus, the King of all kings.

2. The Lord of creation is full of compassion, seated in splendor adorned with all grace;
Majestic and glorious, reigning victorious, now and forever enthroned on our praise.
(Chorus)

3. With the sound of the trumpet He summons the nations, Calling a priesthood to go in His name;
To show forth His power to this generation, to worship before him, a kingdom of praise.
(Chorus)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JUNE:

June 12th and 26th

John 17:1-11

"Who's Been Given to You?"

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.

1. Whom is the Christian church called to serve?
2. Why can't we serve everyone?
3. How did Jesus exercise his authority over all people?
4. How many people did Jesus primarily serve during his earthly life?
5. What was the Father's plan for reaching the world with the good news about Jesus?
6. Whom are we really called to serve as individual Christians?
7. Why don't we really have to look for someone to serve?
8. What's the danger of mission trips?
9. What's really happening when we find ourselves sitting next to someone who keeps telling us about all their problems?
10. How does seeing people as God-given gifts help us serve?