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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 3, 2011

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.

WELCOME

HYMN: #250 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" vs. 1,4

INVOCATION:

- P. Blessed be the Lord of heaven and earth.
- C. BLESSED BE HIS HOLY NAME.
- P. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C. WHOSE KINGDOM ENDURES, NOW AND FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD: (Adapted from Hosea 5:15-6:3)

- P. The Lord said, "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."
- C. 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.
- P. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.
- C. LET US ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD; LET US PRESS ON TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM.
- P. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;
- C. HE WILL COME TO US LIKE THE WINTER RAINS, LIKE THE SPRING RAINS THAT WATER THE EARTH.

CONFESSION OF SIN: (Spoken together)

Heavenly Father, God of loyalty and love, we need your loving touch once again. Pulled by the allure of this world, and the waywardness of our own sin hardened hearts, our loyalty to you often vanishes like a morning mist. Yet you have remained true. Assured of that we call upon your loving faithfulness and mercy, asking for your forgiveness. Touch our broken hearts, and help us become whole again. This we pray in the name of Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: (Portions from 2 Corinthians 5:19)

- P. Though our sins are great,
- C. THE LOVING KINDNESS OF GOD IS EVEN GREATER!
- P. So we celebrate once again today, that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
- C. NOT COUNTING MEN'S SINS AGAINST THEM. ALLELUIA! AMEN.

SONG: "All We Like Sheep" (Is 53:6)

1. All we, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us turning our own sep'rate way, we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory; But Your glory is what we desire to see and in Your presence is where we long to be.
Chorus: O Lord, show us Your mercy and grace, take us to Your holy place; Forgive our sin and heal us Lord. We long to live in Your presence once again.
2. Taking our sickness, taking our pain, Jesus, the sacrifice Lamb, has been slain, He was despised, rejected by men, He took our sin; Draw us near to You, Father, through Jesus, Your Son, let us worship before You, cleansed by Your blood. (*Chorus*)
End...Show us Your mercy and grace, take us to Your holy place; Forgive our sin and heal us Lord. We long to live in Your presence once again.
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PRAYER: (Spoken together)

Lord God, from whom all good proceeds, come to us again this day with the gifts You pour out upon us through Your Son Jesus Christ. Transform our hearts, our minds, that we might think that which is good, and by the guidance and empowering work of Your Holy Spirit in us, accomplish that good in our lives. Amen.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:18-25

18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the

promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” 23 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and “sinners” came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

RESPONSE: *(From Psalm 145)*

P. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise:

C. HIS GREATNESS NO ONE CAN FATHOM.

P. I will meditate on your wonderful works,

C. AND I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR GREAT DEEDS.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Spoken together)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (LW #398)

1. God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r; Crown your ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore, Serving you whom we adore.

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SERMON: Hosea 6:4-6 **"True Loyalty"**

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

OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

REFLECTION ON THE LORD’S PRAYER:

P. We pray “Hallowed by Thy name”. What does this mean?

C. GOD’S NAME IS CERTAINLY HOLY IN ITSELF, BUT WE PRAY IN THIS PETITION THAT IT MAY BE KEPT HOLY AMONG US ALSO.

P. How is God’s name kept holy?

C. GOD’S NAME IS KEPT HOLY WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS TAUGHT IN ITS TRUTH AND PURITY, AND WE, AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD, ALSO LEAD HOLY LIVES ACCORDING TO IT. HELP US TO DO THIS, DEAR FATHER IN HEAVEN! BUT ANYONE WHO TEACHES OR LIVES CONTRARY TO GOD’S WORD PROFANES THE NAME OF GOD AMONG US. PROTECT US FROM THIS, HEAVENLY FATHER!

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

SONG: "Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain"

Worthy, the Lamb that was slain. Worthy, the Lamb that was slain,
to receive glory and honor, wisdom and power. Worthy, the Lamb that was slain. *(Repeat)*
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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

HYMN: "O Living Bread from Heaven" (Tune LW #289)

1. O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our
woes! My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

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BLESSING:

P. May He, who in heaven is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords,

C. BE ENTHRONED IN OUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH.

P. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon
you and remain with you forever.

C. AMEN.

SONG: "Lord Guard and Guide" (tune: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save")

Lord, guard and guide all those who fly, And those who on the ocean ply.

Be with our troops upon the land, And all who for their country stand;

Protect our nation day and night, And may our trust be in Your might.

Watch o'er our cities; guard our skies, And calm our fears in trying times.

Console the families suffering loss; Help us to bear their heavy cross.

Give us the will to do our share, For lands and people in despair.

Oh may our nation always be, A torch aflame with liberty,

A haven for the dispossessed, A land that welcomes many guests.

And may we keep our motto strong, "In God We Trust" be e'er our song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JULY:

July 10th, 24th, and 31st – 10:30 Service

Hosea 6:4-6

"True Loyalty"

4 "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. 5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. 6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

1. What's seems to be happening with American loyalty?
2. For the loyalty he'd given his people, God expected _____
_____.
3. How did God the Father show his loyalty when mankind fell into sin?
4. How did Jesus show his loyalty to us as our Savior?
5. How does the Holy Spirit show his loyalty to us as God?
6. What does the Lord do when our loyalty to him is not as it should be?
7. Why is God's word sometimes hard to hear?
8. Why doesn't Jesus take the "easy" way when we're falling into sin?
9. Why doesn't Jesus always do things the way we would like?
10. What makes us willing to hear God's word, even when it's difficult?

