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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 21, 2011

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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 today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we invite you to join us every week as part of God's family in worship.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**HYMN: #370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

INVOCATION

**CONFESSION OF SIN:**

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C. BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.  
P. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C. MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION

**HYMN OF PRAISE: (Sung, LW p. 161)**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." 6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 7 "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" 10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**RESPONSE: (Sung, LW 164)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:44-52

P. The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13

C. GLORY TO YOU, O LORD. *(Sung, LW P. 165)*

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. 47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. 52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

P. *(Following the Gospel)*...This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST. *(Sung)*

### SONG: “Lamb of God”

1. Your only Son, No sin to hide. But You have sent Him from Your side. To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

2. Your gift of love, They crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King, They named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus #1:* O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God. I love the holy Lamb of God.

O wash me in Your precious blood. My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost, I should have died. But You have brought me to Your side. To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Chorus #2:* O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God. I love the holy Lamb of God.

O wash me in Your precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

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SERMON: Matthew 13:44-52 "Jesus' Forgiveness Gives Us the Kingdom"

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: “The Nicene Creed”

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.

### THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)*

### PRAYERS

#### REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P. We pray "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever."

How do I know God is able to answer the prayers of His people in Christ Jesus?

C. WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE HE ALONE IS THE KING WHO HAS ALL GOOD GIFTS IN HIS CONTROL. HE ALONE HAS THE POWER TO GRANT OUR PETITIONS. HE HAS ALL GLORY AND IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE.

P. Why do we end the Lord's Prayer with the word "Amen"?

C. THE WORD "AMEN" MEANS "SO SHALL IT BE" AND EMPHASIZES THAT GOD, WHO HAS COMMANDED US TO PRAY, WILL HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND ANSWER THEM AS HE HAS PROMISED.

#### 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.

PRAYER FOR BLESSING: *(Sung, LW p.168)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

#### CALL TO THANKS AND PRAISE

#### **HYMN OF ADORATION:** *(Sung, LW p. 170)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### **HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** *(Sung, LW p. 172)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us 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 BENEDICTION

#### **SONG: "Give Thanks"**

*("Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15)*

*Verse :* Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

*Chorus:* And now, let the weak say, I am strong, Let the poor say, I am rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us, And now, let the weak say, I am strong, Let the poor say, I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us. *(Repeat verse & chorus)*

*Ending...* Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

#### PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST:

August 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service