

A Service of National Repentance

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

12th Sunday after Trinity

September 4, 2022

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Ushers: Guy and Ken

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 51 Hymnal pg.134

We enter God's Presence with Repentance

P: We come into the presence of the Holy, Triune God together with Isaiah and the Seraphim angels, recorded in Isaiah 6:1-6

“I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said:

C: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

P: And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.” (Isaiah 6:1-4)

Note that what impresses the angels the most is the Holiness of God. As holy as they are, even the angels approach God’s throne in great humbleness and awe, covering their faces and their feet before God. When we understand the Holiness of God, we will respond as Isaiah did.

C: “Woe is me, for I am lost! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:5)

P: Isaiah knew what God told Moses, that “no man can see me and live.” Isaiah was a sinner who could not stand in God’s presence, yet here he was before God’s throne. Instead of destroying him however, God cleansed him of his sins so that Isaiah could serve Him. Before we can intercede for our nation and pray for God’s mercy and forgiveness, we must be cleansed ourselves. Therefore let us confess our sins unto God.

C: Oh Lord, our gracious Father, You are the God who searches the heart. You know the thoughts and intents of our heart, that they are sinful and corrupt. You see and know our covetousness and greed, you see our anger and outbursts of wrath, you know our sinful desires. Like Isaiah, I too am a

person of unclean lips. My lips have spoken lies and unkind words. I have uttered words of complaint when I should have sung your praise. I have failed to use my tongue and lips to tell others about your love and forgiveness or to defend the innocent. Lord, these are only the beginning of my sins. I am truly sorry for my sins and seek your grace and mercy to grant me your full and free forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only Son and our Lord. Amen

P: "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.'" (Isaiah 6:6-7)

God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. He assures us that "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sins." By His mercy in Christ Jesus, He receives you as His own dear children and delights in your heartfelt worship.



Response of Praise: Hymn 321 O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee

1. O faithful God, thanks be to Thee Who dost forgive iniquity.
Thou grantest help in sin's distress, And soul and body dost Thou bless.
2. Thy servant now declares to me: "Thy sins are all forgiven thee.
Depart in peace, but sin no more And e'er My pardoning grace adore."
3. O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart, For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart
Through Christ, our Savior's precious blood, Which for the sake of sinners flowed.
4. Give us Thy Spirit, peace afford Now and forever, gracious Lord.
Preserve to us till life is spent Thy holy Word and Sacrament.

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.

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 worshiped 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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:13-18

13 For You formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

when I awake, I am still with You.

The Unborn are the Work of God and the objects of His Love.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 24:1-4

24 In the days of Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years, but he then rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar again. 2 Then the Lord sent bands of Chaldeans, bands of Arameans, bands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonite raiders against Jehoiakim. He sent them into Judah to destroy them according to the word of the Lord, which he had spoken through his servants the prophets. 3 Surely this happened at the Lord's command to remove them from his presence because of all the sins Manasseh had committed, 4 as well as the innocent blood he had shed. He filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord was not willing to forgive.

Shedding Innocent Blood brings God's Wrath.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 106:34-42

34 They did not destroy the peoples as the Lord had commanded them, 35 but they mixed with the nations, and they learned to do what the nations did. 36 They also served their idols, and the idols became a snare for them. 37 They also sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons. 38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. So the land was polluted by their children's blood, 39 and they made themselves unclean by what they did. They prostituted themselves by their actions. 40 Therefore the Lord burned with anger against his people, and he loathed the people who belonged to him.

41 So he handed them over to the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them. 42 Then their enemies oppressed them, and they had to submit to their power.

The Unborn are Sacrificed to the gods of
Convenience and Pleasure.

Hymn 323 - With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

1. With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free,-- O God, be merciful to me!
2. I smite upon my troubled breast, With deep and conscious guilt opprest:
Christ and His cross my only plea,-- O God, be merciful to me!
3. Far off I stand with tearful eyes Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But Thou dost all my anguish see,-- O God, be merciful to me!
4. Nor alms nor deeds that I have done Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee,-- O God, be merciful to me!
5. And when, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be, O God, be merciful to me!

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-10

3 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 2 “Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the Lord had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. 4 Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

5 The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. 6 When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh.

By the decree of the king and his leading officials:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything. Do not let them eat food or drink water. 8 Instead, let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call fervently to God. Let them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who knows? God may turn and relent. He may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

10 When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

*God's Amazing Grace Overcomes
the Darkest of Sins.*

Prayer of National Repentance:

O Lord, you are the great God, who is to be feared. You have watched over this country from its very beginning and have blessed it above measure. You have shown mercy to those who love you and keep your commands. From sea to sea your mercy and goodness is evident in the bounty of our produce, in the beauty of the land in the freedoms we have enjoyed, and particularly in the forgiveness you have so graciously given. But for all this, we as a nation must hang our heads in shame. We have sinned. We are guilty and have acted wickedly. We have rebelled and turned aside from your commands and standards. We have enjoyed the bounty of your goodness and yet have trusted in our own knowledge, skill and strength. We have failed to recognize you as the giver of all good things and the source of this nations greatness. The people of this land are filled with pride in our

accomplishments rather than giving praise to you, and ignore your commands while taking pride in their sins and rebellion.

C: O Lord, have mercy upon us for our sin is great.

The churches of our land are not without blame. As you condemned the people of Israel, so the church of our day has “Mingled with the [unbelievers] and learned their works.” (Ps. 106:35) In many cases the churches of our land have joined the ranks of the heathen in demanding the right to disobey your commandments and to boast in their wickedness. And we, your people, have failed to give a bold proclamation against the wickedness around us. We have all violated your law and have not listened to your voice.

C: Lord have mercy upon us.

Oh Lord God, most holy and true, you have blessed this land abundantly and richly with your favor, yet we as a nation have forsaken your laws and refused to obey your commands. We have arrogantly lifted our heads against you and gone our own ways. Lord, we especially confess with great sorrow in our heart, that this land has been filled with innocent blood from one end to the other. Like the blood of Able, the blood of millions of unborn innocents cries out to you for vengeance. We plead for your mercy. For you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Do not destroy this land as we deserve, but show mercy for the sake of those who do call upon you in faith and for the sake of those whom you may still call to faith in your Son.

Now listen to the prayer of your servants and to our plea for grace, and let your face shine upon us. Oh restore your word and the true faith to the people of this land, and make us bold to confess your name and your truth before all.

C: O Lord our God, listen! Lord, be merciful! Lord, forgive for Jesus sake!

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Lord we also pray for all those women who may, for whatever reason—social pressure, ignorance, or fear—have had an abortion, may you show them that there is forgiveness with you. Rather than trying to justify their actions, teach them to come to you in sorrow and confession, lead them to admit their guilt before you and look to you for mercy and forgiveness. Reassure them by your word that Jesus Christ our Lord has fully paid for all sin and that you will receive them in love and will grant healing and restoration. Grant us the courage and wisdom to reach out to those who may be hurting in their guilt and do not know where to turn for help and relief. We ask it all in the name of our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Hymn: 779 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

1 Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2 Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore.
With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.

3 Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours the merit; To You alone the praise!
Give us a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

4 Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear,
And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere
Till, in Your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,
Heirs of Your free salvation, We praise You evermore.

Offering of Thankful Hearts:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

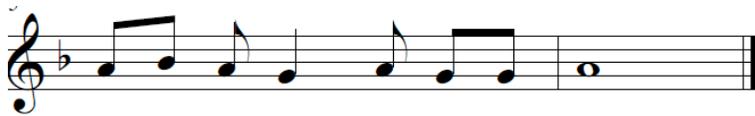
The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

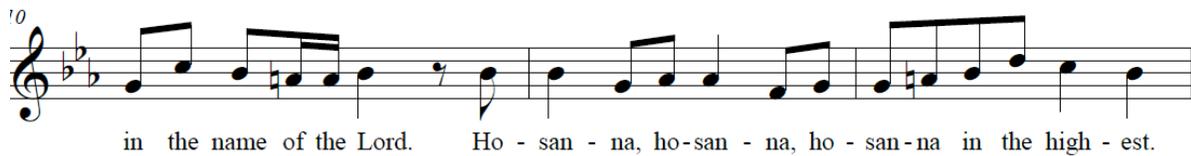
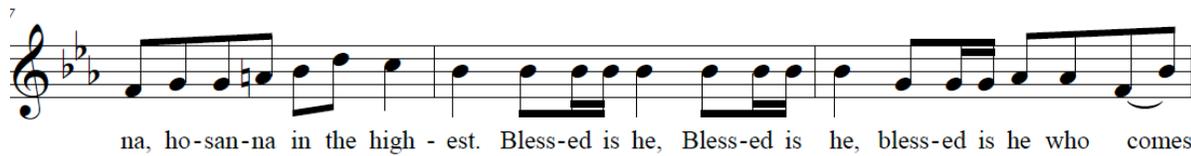


C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right to do so.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



The Lord's Prayer: 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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A_____ men.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of seven lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "C: 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De - 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - as in the be - gin - ning, Is to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re - peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el. sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty."

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 313 O Lord, We Praise Thee

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy.

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

1 John 3:20

“For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Viewing and discussing the documentary, *“The Matter of Life.”*

Tuesday - Instruction Class with Ralph and Raena at 11:00.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth in Sweden at 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 3:00.

Thursday - Shut-in visits with Rosemarie and George

Next Sunday - **Worship Service** at 10:00

Sunday School and Bible Class begin at 11:20

Sunday School and Bible Class Begin

Next Sunday we plan to resume our Fall Schedule with Sunday School and Bible Class following the regular worship service at 11:15. This Fall we are planning a series titled **“Be ready to give a Defense!”** We will examine some of the many evidences in the world for the Bible and our Christian faith. We will look at the evidence from Archeology, History, many fields of Science and the Bible itself to see

the solid foundation for our faith. Understanding the many evidences for the Word of God will both confirm and strengthen our own faith and help prepare us to “always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” 1 Peter 3:15

Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference

The Fall Pastoral Conference has been scheduled for September 13-15 in Clarkston, WA.

CLC Call News

Pastor James Albrecht of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL.

Convention Essays Available

The two essays presented at last Summer’s Convention are now available. “*Jesus said: I Am the Light of the World*” and “*Jesus said: You are the Light of the World.*” Your pastor can get a copy to you if you are interested in them.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Austin, MN
is celebrating their 80th Anniversary on September 25, 2022.