

***St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church***

Holstein, IA

September 17, 2023

9:00 A.M.

***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
RALLY SUNDAY***

***GATHER***

***Prelude***

***Welcome and Announcements***

***Confession and Forgiveness***

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,  
† Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ***

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



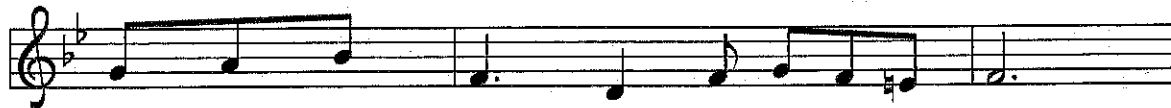
1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Opening Prayer

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Romans 12:4-12**

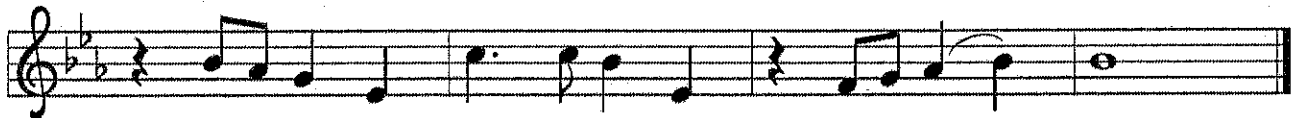
<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

The Word of the Lord.

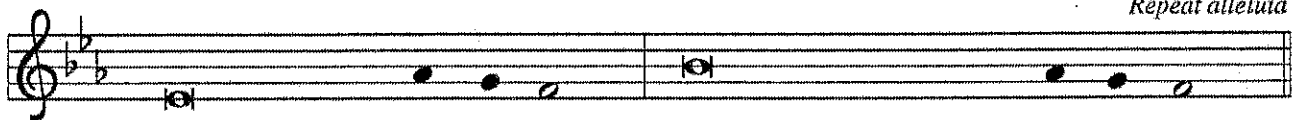
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**Children's Message / Installation of Sunday School Teachers**

**Gospel Alleluia**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**Matthew 11:25-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Pastor Bob Lewis

**Hymn of the Day**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Children's Offering / Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

## MEAL

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



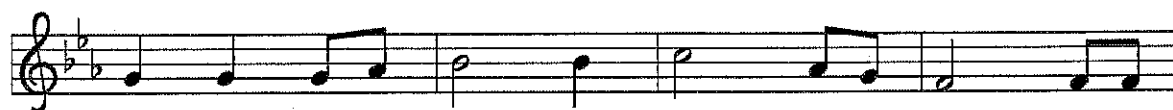
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

## 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.

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Distribution

### *Jesus Messiah*

(Leader will sing verses; congregation please join in the refrains.)

Refrain: **Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.**

**The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

Blessing

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Closing Song

*The Church Song*

(see green insert)

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



### Worship Participants

<b>Ministers:</b>	All the members
<b>Pastor:</b>	Pastor Bob Lewis
<b>DYME:</b>	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Organist:</b>	Sharen Borchers
<b>Pianist:</b>	Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Lector:</b>	Jerry Sindt
<b>Deacons:</b>	Andrew Butcher and Craig Fox
<b>Greeter:</b>	Jan & Norm Buenger
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Landyn Peterson and Chloe Murphy
<b>Sound and Video:</b>	Dave Kistenmacher and Doug Wessling
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Randy & Kathy Vollmar Audrey Dittmer

### St. Paul Church Calendar

#### SUNDAY, September 17 - The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

##### RALLY SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM	Sunday School

#### TUESDAY, September 19

9:00 AM	Sewing Day
7:00 PM	Trustees meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, September 20

12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
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#### THURSDAY, September 21

7:00 PM	Task Forces meet
8:00 PM	Congregation Council meeting

#### SUNDAY, September 24 - The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM	Sunday School



# Closing Song

## The Church Song

*Refrain*



We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord;



we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.




1 The church is not a build - ing  
2 You can go to wor - ship  
3 The church is not a busi - ness,  
4 The church, it is the peo - ple



where peo - ple go to pray;  
but you can - not go to church;  
a com - mit - tee or a board;  
liv - ing out their lives,



it's not made out of sticks and stones,  
you can't find a build - ing that's a - live  
it's not a cor - por - a - tion for  
called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied



*Refrain*

it's not made out of clay.  
no mat - ter how you search.  
the busi - ness of the Lord.  
for the work of Je - sus Christ.

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