

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Holstein, IA September 29, 2024 9:00 A.M.
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, who refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it's not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We begin our worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

Amen.

We come to worship in spirit and in truth.

We come to share the Good News.

The Spirit of God is moving among us and calling us, leading and strengthening us.
God is at work, among and within, in our world and the next, in us and those around us, to make all things new.

Confession and Forgiveness

Creator God, we gather as your children in need of forgiveness.

We have all sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

For the times we have failed to put you first in our hearts,

God, forgive our lack of faith.

For the people we have failed to help because of our selfishness,

God, forgive our lack of concern.

Most merciful God, forgive our sins, and hear the prayers of our hearts.

God has heard our prayers and forgives our sin. We are no longer held captive by the chains of sin. We are free, released from the bonds of death. Jesus loves us! This is all we need to know, for we do not receive the keys to the community of God because of our great faith, or by our kind deeds. It is because Jesus died on the cross and rose victorious over death that we have become heirs to everlasting life. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Amen.

Opening Song

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)

Refrain: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul; Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before. O my soul; I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Refrain**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul; Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before. O my soul; I'll worship Your Holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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Prayer of the Day

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

HELP US O LORD

Larry Olson

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O - pen our hearts to
feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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Psalm 19:7-14

- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ by them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

James 5:13-20

- ¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
- ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.
- ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

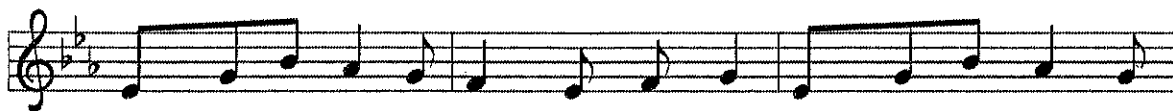
⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Lynn Egesdal

Hymn of the Day *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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Statement of Faith

I believe in the God of promise – the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel – the God of the past – the God of now – the God who owns the future.

I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh – God who seeks us out – God who comes to serve – God who embraces outcasts – God who reigns from a cross – God who conquers death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit – God with us forever – God giving us faith – God empowering our witness – God filling us with peace. I Believe! God, help my unbelief. Amen.

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Sharing the Peace

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

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sung response between petitions:

Refrain -- All Fine

Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

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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.**

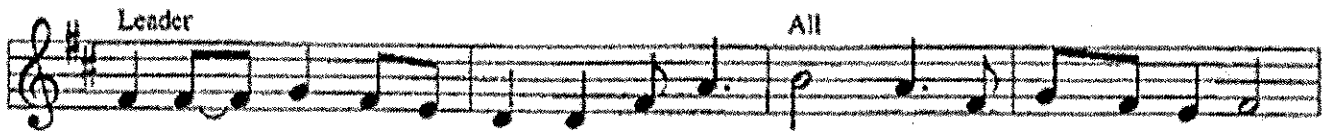
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Blessing

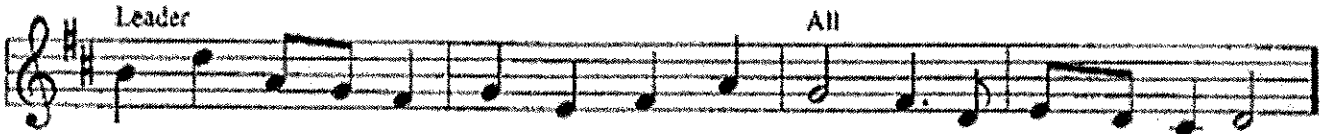
God all mighty, God most merciful,
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom



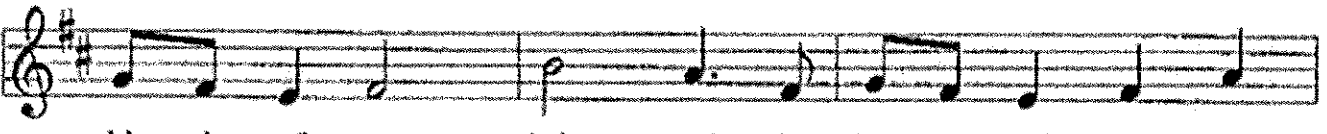
1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the king - dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple: bring forth the king - dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: bound for the king - dom of God!



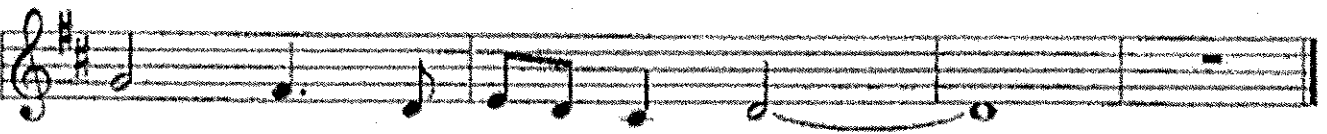
Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Guest Pastor:	Lynn Egesdal
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Diane Droegmiller
Deacons:	Susan Endrulat and Craig Fox
Greeter:	Diane Droegmiller
Acolytes:	Trinity Stevenson and Graham Boling
Sound & Video:	Randy & Kathy Vollmar
Coffee Hosts:	Dave & Bonnie Stevenson Clarence & Bernice Todd

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, September 29 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

WEDNESDAY, October 2

5:00 PM	LOGOS Ad meeting
7:00 PM	LOGOS Leaders meeting

SUNDAY, October 6 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Presentation of Bibles to 3 year olds
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship