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St. Paul Lutheran Church

Beloit, Wisconsin

Worship Bulletin

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GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

VIDEO PRELUDE (IN-PERSON ONLY)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence is kept.)*

AM1: We are your Church, Jesus, but sometimes we fail to believe it; and so we focus more on what divides us than on your call and the unconditional welcome that unites us. *(pause)*

May your Spirit flow through us to bind and connect us in ways that neither our diversity, nor our self-righteousness, nor our sin can separate.

AM2: We are your Body, Jesus but sometimes we fail to act like it; and so we grow more concerned about ourselves than our neighbors who you call us to love and serve. *(pause)*

May your grace and compassion flow through us to heal and embrace all, especially those who are broken and wounded.

AM3: We are your Messengers, Jesus, but sometimes we fail to speak like it; and so we keep quiet or even spread bad news, instead of opposing injustice with the message of the Gospel. *(pause)*

May we speak up with your prophetic voice in ways that encourage the despairing, liberate the oppressed, and hold the powerful accountable.

People: Forgive us when we fail to be who we are – who you have called us to be – and teach us to live and to love as your presence in this world. For Christ’s sake, Amen.

Pastor: The God who calls us and creates us into Christ’s church, Christ’s body, Christ’s messengers, is always and overwhelmingly merciful to us. God knows our weaknesses and lifts us when we fail. In Christ God forgives us and recreates us, each moment.

Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world.

People: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Behold the Lamb

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

(online only)

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come
in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings
us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, ²complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. ³Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. ⁵Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

⁶ Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

⁷ But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

¹¹ and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple, Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³ When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I’ll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. ²⁵ Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?”

They argued among themselves, “If we say ‘from heaven,’ he’ll say to us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶ But we can’t say ‘from humans’ because we’re afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet.” ²⁷ Then they replied, “We don’t know.”

Jesus also said to them, “Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

²⁹ “‘No, I don’t want to,’ he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, ‘Yes, sir.’ But he didn’t go.

³¹ “Which one of these two did his father’s will?”

They said, “The first one.”

Jesus said to them, “I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God’s kingdom ahead of you. ³² For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn’t believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn’t change your hearts and lives and you didn’t believe him.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love Is Humble Service

ELW 712

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud. We join together in lifting our prayers to God.

Intercessor: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Intercessor: Through all the world, give your church unity. Fill the whole church with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful, and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Your Son took on all bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. We also pray for all those on our prayer list, and those whom we name now . . . (. . . *long pause* . . .). . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and empathy. Bless all who seek to learn and act for racial justice; bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us— prostitutes and tax officers, likely and unlikely, the obedient and the slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God’s Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you – observing safe distance guidelines. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ’s Peace this week.

Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

MEAL & SENDING – *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

COMMUNION SONG

Praise to the Lord

ELW 844

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COMMUNION

At St. Paul we believe that this meal is a sacrament in which we celebrate the life, death, and living presence of Jesus Christ who meets us here in his body and blood. As we participate in this sacrament we are strengthened in the covenant made through our baptism, reminded that we are sealed with the cross of Christ and called to serve God's mission in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the world. Others may have different or added understandings within their faith traditions. All who hunger and thirst for Jesus are invited to the table, where Christ is the host, to participate together with us in this sacrament.

If you are worshipping with us at home, please lift the elements of your own communion table alongside of the pastor. We will eat and drink together after the words of institution.

If you are worshipping in person at St. Paul, as you are dismissed you will be offered the bread and cup. Please partake on your way out, reminded that this meal strengthens you for the good work God has called you to in the days ahead.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, given for you.

***People:* Amen.**

SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.

Show forgiveness to one another as in Christ you have received forgiveness.

Live honorably, fulfilling the law through love for all.

And may the power of God go with you,

May Christ Jesus ☩ be present among you always,

And may the Holy Spirit fill you with the joy of grace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor	Rev. Lucy Wynard
Organist & Director of Music	David Frank
Reader	Jean Neitzel
Intercessor	Sharyn Pann
Camera Person	Jen Murry (Thursday)
Greeters	Lexi Blazer (Thursday)
	Carol Josh (Sunday)
	Roger Neitzel (Sunday)
PowerPoint	Xander Murry (Thursday)
	Zach Fillbach (Sunday)
Council Person	Katie Hassenfelt (Thursday)
	Jean Neitzel (Sunday)

PRAYER LIST

Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested.

Timothy (son of Gladys Weeden); **Vilas**; **Carol W.** (sister of Beth Rodermel); **Shirley** (mother of Ken Harris); **Ashley**; **Debbie** (sister of Chet Organ); and **all those affected by Covid-19 and by the violence in our nation and around the world.**

Friends and Family in the Military: **Nolan**; **Anaka**; **Wesley** (grandson of Jeanette Rochester); **Kyle & Kim** (grandson of Marge Kline & his wife); **Marc** (son of Tom Hulbert); **David** and **Adam** (grandsons of Addie Flowers); and **Matthew** (grandson of Pat & Roger Baker).

We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family and all who loved Russell Mortimer, father of Larry Mortimer.

May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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COMMUNION SONG

Praise to the Lord

ELW 844



1 Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's
2 There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on



ser-vants. Bless-ed be the name of our God
earth, who lifts the poor from the dust, seat-ing them



now and ev - er. From the ris - ing of the sun,
with the might-y, who stoops to raise the weak and low:

Refrain



may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

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