



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### The Best is Yet to Come

*Worship: The Door of Wonder*

September 28 & 29, 2013

#### AS WE GATHER

“Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy . . . .” Those are the concluding words of the preface to Holy Communion in one of the liturgies in our hymnal. Are we truly joining with angels and saints in worshipping our Lord? According to the Scriptures, the answer is “Absolutely Yes!” There is a wonder and mystery to worship. Holy things are happening that go beyond the senses. God speaks to us. We pray and praise. He hears and rejoices in the gathering of His children who have come to be spiritually fed, forgiven, and strengthened to walk with Christ. “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1)

#### WELCOME

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11*

#### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

#### OPENING HYMN #816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *Rise for last stanza*

From all that dwell below the skies Let the creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord: Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia! Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and evermore: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People: Praise the LORD, O My soul!**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, we come into your presence this day with rejoicing. Yet our hearts are also heavy with the burden of our sin. We confess our sin to you and to one another, trusting in your promise to forgive us and to guide us by your Spirit to change our sinful ways. Our arrogance and self-deception,

**People: we confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Our discontent with your gracious provision,

**People: we confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Our meager generosity,

**People: we confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Our giving in to the temptation to store up treasures on earth,

**People: we confess to you, Lord.**

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven through the cross of Jesus. Peace and mercy be upon you now and forever!

**People: Amen.**

#### HYMN #940

#### “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Stanzas 1 & 5

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav’n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

#### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, you are the strength of all who trust in you, and without your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of your grace that we may please you in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**10:30 RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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*We ask that flash pictures not be taken during the worship service.*

**+ WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**EPISTLE** 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (*True Contentment*)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**5:00 ANTHEM**

*“My Savior”*

Choir

**10:30 ANTHEM**

*“Beautiful Savior”*

Pre-K – 3

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 16:19-31 (*The Rich Man and Lazarus*)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, or can anyone cross over from there to us.’ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ “ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ “

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #803** *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”* Rise for the last stanza

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:

Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

**SERMON**

*“The Joy and Wonder of Worship”*

*Psalm 100*

**10:30 RITE OF ADULT CONFIRMATION**

(Rise)

**5:00 & 8:00 NICENE CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for all of God's children and for all people in their time of need. Holy Father, we come to you with praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Open our minds and hearts to walk through the door of wonder as we worship you in Spirit and Truth.

**People: Fill us with joy in your presence, make us glad to gather in your house with our church family, and grant us true reverence and awe as we worship Jesus Christ who personally comes to us to give us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.**

Pastor: Holy Father, you graciously gather your children into the arms of your love and mercy. We give you thanks and praise for the baptism of Lynn, Cooper, and Vivianna, and also for bringing the Klich family into our fellowship here at St. Paul's.

**People: Lead us all to lovingly welcome these new members of Christ's kingdom.**

Pastor: Remember, Lord, our Synod President Matthew, our District President John, all pastors, teachers, deaconesses and servants of the Church.

**People: Grant them to hold fast and diligently teach the faith that comes to us from the inspired words of your holy Scriptures.**

Pastor: Remember, Lord, our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**People: In your kindness and love, grant us seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth.**

Pastor: Remember, Lord, our families. Bless children with the virtues of honor, respect, and obedience toward their parents, grandparents, and others in authority. Bless parents to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of Jesus Christ.

**People: By your Spirit, bless our families and all our relationships with the goodness of your grace, that we may love and forgive others as you**

**have loved and forgiven us in Christ.**

Pastor: Remember, Lord, all who suffer for your name, all who are in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel and all who cry out to you in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers; Joyce, Dorothy, Eugene, Chris, Pat, Nancy, Helen, Eleanor, Lorina, Anna, Jean, Sarah and Joe.

**People: Grant them the protection of your holy angels, abide with them through the blessing of your Holy Spirit, and comfort them with the promises found in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Remember, Lord, all who are gathered here before you, our living and true God. We pray for our well-being and the guiding of your Spirit.

**People: Order our days in your peace, deliver us from the danger of eternal death and keep us in the close fellowship of your chosen flock.**

Pastor: Almighty God, source of every blessing, we give you thanks for those celebrating in these days. We join in thanksgiving with Marty and Gina as well as Jerry and Audrey as they celebrate wedding anniversaries, and we rejoice with the Ullerichs as they celebrate David and Lisa's birthdays.

**People: Help us all to recognize your abundant blessings in our daily lives.**

Pastor: Holy Father, you have bound us together in communion with the whole Church in heaven and on earth through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, once given and shed for all.

**People: Give us grace to walk before you with a firm faith, and grant us a share in the eternal fellowship of all your saints.**

Pastor: Lord God, grant that we, your servants, may receive worthily this blessed sacrament, the New Testament of our divine Redeemer, for He is truly the Lamb of God, who gave Himself once and for all as a holy, spotless and perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin and for the life and salvation of the whole world. Through Him and with Him and in Him all honor and glory is yours, O God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI HYMN # 550 “Lamb of God” *Stanzas 1 & 3*

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.

#### Refrain

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

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.

#### Refrain

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

### HYMN #651 “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav’nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.

I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev’ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand.

For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv’n Till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv’n  
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav’n.

### HYMN #851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed ‘Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be , O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

### HYMN #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev’ry day life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

## COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord, who hears the cries of all who are in need, bless you. The Lord, who raised Jesus from the grave as the firstfruit of His new creation, keep you. The Lord, who calls you to take hold of that which is truly life, look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #645 "Built on the Rock"**

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spiers in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling,  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer. 9

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing;  
"I know My own; My own know me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Preacher	Pastor Harold Bender
Liturgist	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Lectors	Virginia Sell, Laurel Privatt, John Ficken
Acolytes	Abbie Moravec, Bree Novotny, Emily Reinhardt
Organist	Roger Gottschalk
Music Coordinator	Kim Woller
Choir Director	Nancy Hoelke
Pre-K – 3 Teachers	Ellen Van Dyke, Jo Shemanske, Sue Graf, Barb Heimsoth, Jane Jahnke

**A Request from the Elders**

The Board of Elders seeks to work diligently on keeping track of those who are staying connected to the fellowship of believers and those who might be drifting away. The attendance books that you sign are a big help to them in their serving as elders. So please be diligent to sign the attendance book every time you worship here at St. Paul's. Thank you!

**It's Time for a New Pictorial Directory** *Pastor Bender needs your help.* He is still working on learning names and faces of all the family of Christ gathered here at St. Paul's. a pictorial directory is a great way to help him, and, us all get to know one another better.

JoLynn Bender, pastor's wife, is the team leader with support already from Mary and Darlene in our church office, Lenore VanSanten and Barb Heimsoth. There is a flyer that has been put in your mailbox regarding your willingness to help with certain different tasks to be accomplished. Please consider helping. There is a box on the table in the narthex where you may place the forms. The dates for picture taking are November 5-9 and November 12-16. You can schedule your photo session online if you would like. **Go to our website:** [www.splcwa.org](http://www.splcwa.org) and click on the Lifetouch logo which will give you directions to schedule your photo session. **If you submit your email address to Lifetouch when you sign up for your pictures, you will receive a \$10 coupon.**



***The Sr. Fun Seekers Museum Tour scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.***

***No Sr. High Bible Class on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.***

**Widows Lunch:** October 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00am at The Charcoal Grill 15375 W. Greenfield Ave.

**Quilters- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last session for 2013!** Our beautiful quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary October 5 & 6. Big thanks to everyone who has helped us out through October of this year with their donations, time and talents.

**All Ladies of the Congregation:** You are invited to join your sisters in Christ at the Ladies Aid meeting on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. Pastor Bender will share his Guatemalan experiences with us. We will have a mite in-gathering for LWML. Please join us!

