

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 17, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

Welcome! We are so happy that you have joined us for worship today! If you are a visitor today, please complete one of the ivory and red cards found in the pew rack and hand them to one of the ushers on the way out; *we have been expecting you, and there is a place for you at SPR!*

Worship in The Age of Covid: SPR's Health Professionals' Team is cognizant of safety, and – to that end – we ask that if you are over 5 years of age and have not been vaccinated, you join us via livestream rather than in person. Likewise, if you are feeling ill or under the weather, please also join us electronically. Masks are not required but encouraged.

All the baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If parents wish younger children to receive Communion, they may do so. We suggest that parents contact the pastors for information to inform children about Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present with us in this Sacrament offering us forgiveness of sins and new life.

Children who attend worship with their families are more likely to participate in worship as adults, so we encourage families to include their children in weekly services! Activity bags and a children's bulletin are available in the Narthex, the ushers will be glad to help you find them.

You are invited to light a prayer candle near the front of the church either before or after the liturgy, or during Holy Communion. Please see that your candle is stabilized.

entrance RITE

Today's hymns may be found in "Evangelical Lutheran Worship/ELW" (red hymnal).

Prelude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette from Suite du premier ton
Louis-Nicholas Clérambault (1676-1749)

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand and turn to face the baptismal font.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

The Presider pronounces the absolution.

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Entrance Hymn

In Thee is Gladness

Please face the procession as it enters the nave.

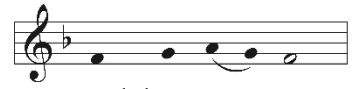
Greeting

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Hep, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



A - - men.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day is said by the Presider.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Sit **Children's Time**

First Reading + Genesis 50:15-21

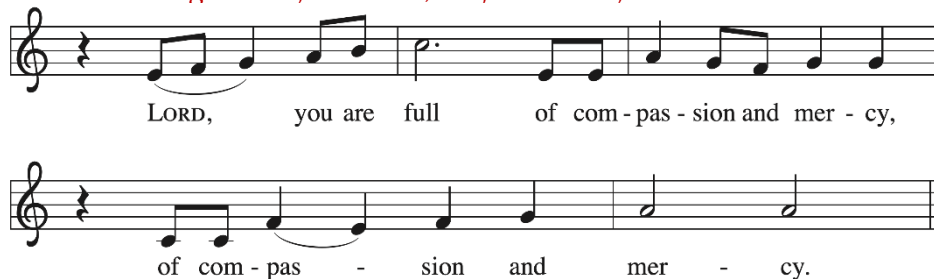
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm + 103:1-13

The cantor sings the refrain once, all join thereafter:



Musical notation for the first two lines of the refrain. The first line contains the lyrics: LORD, you are full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy, and the second line contains: of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

Refrain

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel. LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; ***Refrain***

you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever. You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you. As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD. ***Refrain***

Second Reading + Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

The choir sings the acclamation once, all join thereafter:



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

✠ O Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life!

Holy Gospel + Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into

prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit **Sermon**

#605 Hymn of the Day

Stand *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

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.

Stand or **Prayers of Intercession**

kneel *The response to each petition is:*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Stand **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of the risen Christ with those near to you.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sit **Preparation of the Altar**

O Fire!

Jodi French

O Fire!

Life of the life of every creature, holy are you.

O Fire! O Life of life!

O boldest path, penetrating into all places,

In the heights, on earth, and in every abyss.

You bring and bind all together.

From you clouds flow, air flies,

Rocks have their humors,

Rivers spring forth from the waters,

And earth sweats her green vigor.

Life of life, holy are you,

Fire, holy fire.

O Fire!

Text by Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen (1098-1179), whom we commemorate today.

Stand The assembly stands as the gifts are presented and sings:



1. In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ ma
2. This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre



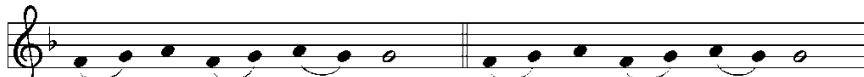
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all God's
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the



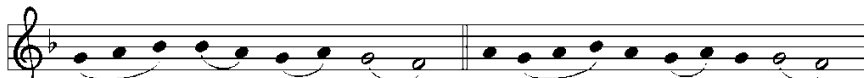
peo - ple, his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.
Spir - it, sign of heav - en's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.

Prayer

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



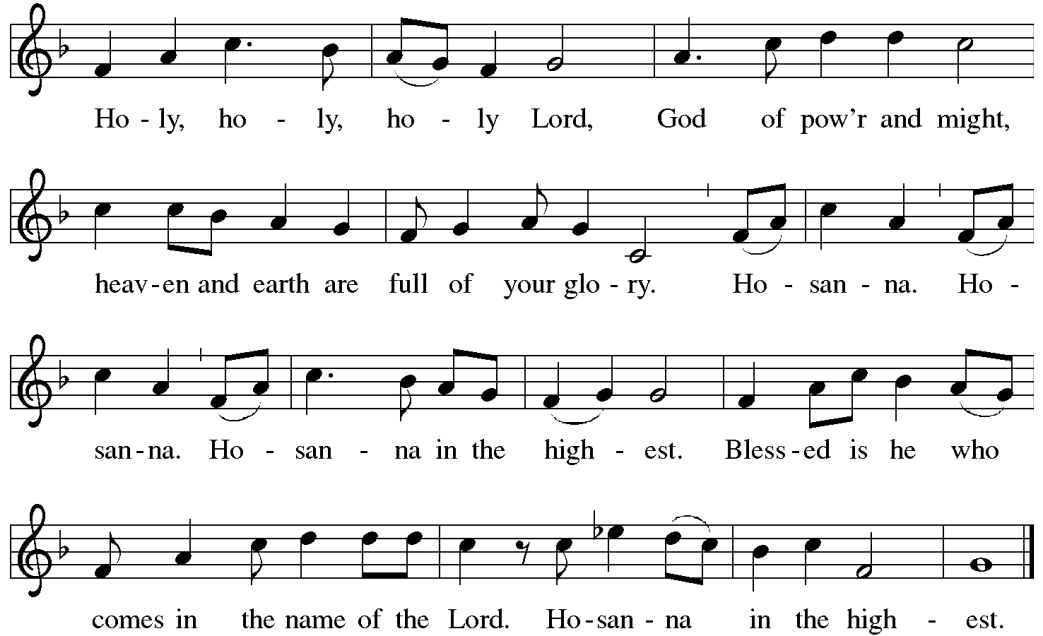
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Stand or
kneel*

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy....we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore...in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Stand

The Lord's Prayer

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

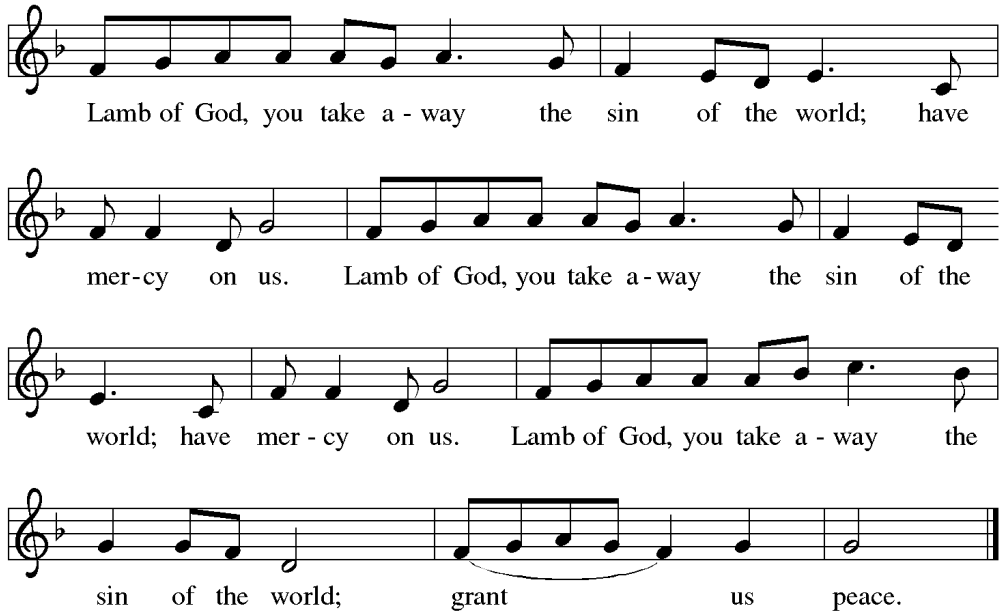
Our Father/Mother/God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy things for holy people!

One is holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God!

Sit

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

All who are baptized are welcome at the table of Christ; no one is turned away. Because of continued caution surrounding Covid-19, holy communion will be distributed by intinction: the clergy will dip the bread and place it on the tongue or in the hand. Those not communing are invited forward to receive a blessing, signaled by placing your hands across your chest.

Hymns at the Distribution

#466 *In the Singing*

#721 *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

Stand **Prayer**

SENDING

Sit **Announcements**

Stand **Benediction**

Dismissal

The eucharist is ended. Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Grand plein jeu from Suite du premier ton
Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

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PARISH announcements



PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers all those sick in mind, body, or spirit: especially, Louisa Scott, Jane Hagedorn, Leo Treadway, Marlene Nasset, LeRoy Sorenson, Kaj Reinholdt, Joni Ripley, Janice Erickson, Susie Adams, Shirley Heyer, Synovia Colbert, Lois Gehrman, Anna Swenson-Seleen, Anthony Hedlund, Joe McKinney, Denine Harrell, Janyce Kovach, Cypress Supica, Jono Stupica, and Janis Lundin; *Those having birthdays:* Lillie Eiken, Jim Halgerson, John Johnson, Dorothy Gjerdrum, Tina Proctor, Eric Beckman. *Sympathy is extended* to the family and friends of Novi Colbert, who passed away on September 7; Jennifer Walding, on the death of her sister-in-law, Cindy Walding.

BIBLE MATTERS + Please join us on **Wednesday, September 20**, 10:00 a.m. in the lower level for this time of study, fellowship, and learning as we look forward to the coming week's lectionary texts. *It is also available via Zoom*; the link is in the Friday e-mail.

THE WAY + A new cohort of The Way is coalescing for fall! Starting on **Sunday, September 24**, and meeting every other Sunday for dinner and *lectio divina*, a method of scripture reading that invites us to listen for the Holy Spirit speaking into our daily lives. The Way is based on the ancient catechumenate, and is open to newcomers as well as longtime SPR members! Contact Sister Stacie Lightner for more info, music@stpaulref.org.

ADULT FORUM SEPTEMBER 24 , 9:10 A.M. + Matthew Webster is a member of St. Paul-Reformation where he has served as Parish Council President. An attorney specializing in immigration law, Webster has recently been elected Chair of the Immigration Law Association of Minnesota. As we prepare to support our sanctuary family in their asylum hearing, Mathew will lead us through what that might look like, how the process works, and how we can be supportive.



MUSIC FOR ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS + Join us on **Friday, September 29**, at **7:00 p.m.** at SPR for the commemoration of Michael and All Angels. The SPR Chancel Choir will present the *Missa Gabrielis* by Johann Michael Haydn within the context of a mass, and will be accompanied by chamber orchestra and organ. A reception will follow.



SPR'S 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN + "With Glad and Generous Hearts" begins next week, **September 24** and concludes with a celebration brunch on **October 22**. Please join us in recommitting to the work of this congregation as we continue to do ministry on the corner of Laurel and Oxford. Stay tuned for updates and watch your e-mail for weekly e-mails detailing the many ministries that occur in this place.

ORDINATION OF ELIZABETH CALLEN + SPR's former Vicar, Elizabeth Callen, will be ordained at St. Paul-Reformation by Bishop Patricia Lull **this coming Friday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Elizabeth has been called to serve as the pastor of Servants United Parish in the Southern Illinois Synod. Servants United is a consortium of six Lutheran parishes. Ecumenical clergy are invited to vest and process, the color is red. Pastors of the ELCA are invited to vest and process in chasuble (red). A reception will follow! *Congratulations, Elizabeth!*

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES + On **September 30**, members of St. Paul-Reformation will be meeting at Global Health Ministries to pack supplies for first aid kits that they will carry with them for community health workers when they go to El Salvador next month. We need large size suitcases with rollers in which to pack these supplies. If you have old suitcases that you could donate for this project, please bring them to the narthex or the church office by **September 29**. *Thank you!*



PLEASE JOIN US at the **Immigration Hearing** for the Adedigba Family on **Friday, October 20, 1:00 p.m.** at the Bishop Whipple Federal Building located at 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling. It is exceptionally important that a large crowd be present, even if not in the courtroom itself.

A LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND SERVICE IN ST. PAUL...AND BEYOND! + At the end of July, St. Paul-Reformation celebrated 140 years of ministry in the city of St. Paul. Throughout the coming year, we will be hearing more about the history of this congregation, as well as looking forward to the next 140 years. God is not finished with us yet, and we are just getting started!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF 9/17

Sunday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:30 a.m. Instructed Eucharist: Bread-O-Rama
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 1:00 p.m. Deep Dive Confirmation

Tuesday, September 19

- 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Text Study
- 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 20

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Matters
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 22

- 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Callen Ordination

Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:10 a.m. Godly Play
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

LEADERS IN THIS LITURGY

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Shebeck	<i>Presider</i>
Sr. Stacie Lightner, DMA	<i>Cantor</i>
Anthony Hedlund	<i>Assisting Minister</i>
Cheri Gohr, Victoria Smith	<i>Lectors</i>
Deanna Sande, Bonnie Olson, Jan Swenson, Joe Herbert	<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>
Jim Bowen	<i>cantor</i>
Chloe Proctor	<i>Acolyte</i>
Deanna Sande, Karen Allard	<i>Coffee/Treats</i>



JOHANN MICHAEL HAYDN'S

Missa Gabrielis

**MUSIC FOR ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
WITH ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7:00 P.M.

**ST. PAUL-REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 OXFORD STREET NORTH, SAINT PAUL**

A reception to follow!



By the GRACE OF GOD and the CALL OF THE CHURCH,

ELIZABETH CALLEN

WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE HOLY OFFICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

on Friday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

at St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church.

A reception follows in the Lower Auditorium.



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