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**18th Sunday after Pentecost October 12, 2025**

**NOTE: Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex for worship services.**  
**Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.**

Presiding Minister	Pastor David Viles
Organist / Keyboard	Zola Finch
Song Leader	Kathy Meller
Acolyte	Madeline Stubinger
Audio / Video Technician	Dan Tschirgi
Reader	Harry Thompson
Council	AJ Ferrell
Greeters	Harry & Jana Thompson
Altar Flowers	Cynthia Loesch

Prelude

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Chili Supper** - Thanks to all who donated to St. Paul's WELCA Chili Supper. We had a good day with people attending to eat and buy carry outs along with a good country store. Also, a big THANK YOU to all who worked, planned and cleaned up.

**Fellowship Hour today** after service. Thank you Leroy Plochberger for hosting.

**Freundschaft Gruppe** - will meet tomorrow evening for dinner at 5:30 PM. Please make reservations with Jeannette at 573-782-4594 by 9 PM this evening.

**Time & Talent Surveys** have been emailed out to everyone with an email. Please complete and submit as soon as possible. If you need a hard copy, they are available at the back of the narthex. The plan is to have all the responses back by November 2, and will be able to contact the different committees and other areas for your participation.

**STARS** will meet on Wednesday for lunch (chili & chicken noodle soup) at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a side dish to share. Nurses from Cole County Health Dept. will be here to give flu shots from 11:20 to 12:20. Bring your photo ID, Medicare, Medicare Advantage or other insurance cards. Regular and high dose vaccines will be available. Let Erika Gerth know if you would like to receive a flu shot and she will provide the appropriate form for you to complete in advance of the event. If you plan to attend, please make reservations with Rose Strobel at 573-782-4553 or 573-694-3634 by Monday, Oct. 13.

**Mutual Ministry Meeting** on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the parsonage.

**Strobel Reunion** in the basement this afternoon.

**Special Offering Envelopes** – This month you have two wonderful opportunities to help your neighbors who are in need. The Mission Envelope is designated to Central and NE Food Pantry. The Reformation Day Envelope will benefit the Samaritan Center. They do such good work for our local communities. Thank you for your generosity in giving for the sake of those who have so little.

## Announcements Continued

**Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 31, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** Come to St. Paul's parking lot with your trunk full of candy and fun things to delight the children.

**Hymn History** – Born in 1919 of Czechoslovakian parents, Jaroslav Vajda was educated at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He served Lutheran congregations in the Midwest from 1944 to 1963, when he became a full time writer and editor, including editor and developer for Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. He didn't write his first hymn until 49 years of age, and then went on to work on many hymns, mostly the texts, as in our hymn of the day "Go, My Children, With My Blessing." Stanza 1 traces the creation of the Christian's new life in Baptism. Stanza 2 describes the forgiveness and how we learn of God's love in the proclamation of the Word. Stanza 3 reminds us that God wants us to "grow in love and love by serving," when we are "fed and nourished" by our Communion with him.

**NOTE: Use Hymnals to read Music for the Hymns if desired.**

**\*Gathering Song: Hymn # 864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

**1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven, evermore God's praises  
sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!**

**3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, as mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the great Eternal One!**

**2 God be praised for grace and favor  
to our forebears in distress.  
God be praised, the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

**4 Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence for Reflection*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**GREETING (Please be seated)**

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

**Kyrie: Hymnal Page # 147 - 148**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord have mercy.**

Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **A-men.**

**Hymn of Praise: Hymnal Page 148-149**

Song Leader

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**All**

**I Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. A-men.**

### **Final Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. All-le-lu-ia.**

### **Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Choir:** Psalm 111 God Remembers the Covenant

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **WORD**

#### **The 1st lesson is a reading from 2 Kings, the 5th chapter.**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 111. (Read Responsively)**

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

**The 2nd lesson is a reading from 2 Timothy, the second chapter.**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal Page 151**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor David Viles  
“Living a Life of Gratitude”**

**Hymn of the Day: Hymn # 840 Now Thank We All Our God**

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| <b>1</b> Now thank we all our God<br>with hearts and hands and<br>voices, who wondrous things has<br>done, in whom this world<br>rejoices; who, from our mothers'<br>arms, has blest us on our way<br>with countless gifts of love,<br>and still is ours today. | <b>3</b> All praise and thanks to God<br>the Father now be given,<br>the Son, and Spirit blest,<br>who reign in highest heaven,<br>the one eternal God,<br>whom earth and heav'n adore;<br>for thus it was, is now,<br>and shall be evermore. |
| <b>2</b> Oh, may this bounteous God<br>through all our life be near us,<br>with ever joyful hearts<br>and blessed peace to cheer us,  |   |

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

**\* Apostle's Creed – Please stand.**

**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.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession:**

The congregation's response to "God of grace," is "**receive our prayer.**"

**MEAL**

**Offering:** We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts. Through this small sacrifice, God's love is shown through us, to those who are in need.

**\*(Please Stand) Offertory:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

**Song: Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal Page 153**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\* Words of Institution – Eucharist Prayer**

**\*The 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.**

## **Distribution of the Elements**

Please be seated as we sing Lamb of God:

Hymnal Page # 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

All are welcome to the Lord's supper regardless of membership or other church affiliation.

### **\*Blessing after the Meal**

**Pastor David Viles**

**\*(544 verse 1) Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.**

### **\*Prayer after Communion:**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\*Blessing: (Please Stand)**

**Pastor David Viles**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### **\*Sending Song: Hymn #543 Go My Children, with My Blessing**

- 1     **"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**
- 2     **"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**
- 3     **"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**



**Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

**Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House**

**P: Go in peace. Grateful for God's Blessings.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**