

# Living Stone

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Welcome to Living Stone!** We are glad you are here. Jesus Christ is THE Living Stone through whom we receive forgiveness, life, and salvation. Living Stone at St. Paul's is another opportunity to gather for Word and Sacrament worship centered in Christ Jesus.

## **A Brief Statement Concerning Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every weekend at St. Paul's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at St. Paul's previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession or are unsure about communing are invited to come forward during distribution, crossing their arms in the pattern of an "X" over their chest, and receive a blessing. For further study, see Matthew 5:23; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need to the Pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray.

## **LIVING STONE WORSHIP**

✠ **"The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost"** ✠

**Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.**

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## **Prayer Before Worship**

Softening our hardness of heart, Lord God, that we may love all whom You love. Continue transforming our lives into invitations that summon people to the love of Christ, so that Your full blessing may come to all for whom He died. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Announcements & Greeting**

## Opening Song

## “Great Things”

### Verse 1

Come, let us worship our King.  
Come, let us bow at His feet.  
He has done great things.  
See what our Savior has done,  
See how His love overcomes.  
He has done great things.  
He has done great things.

### Chorus

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.  
You free every captive and break every chain.  
O God, You have done great things.  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.  
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.  
O God, You have done great things.

### Verse 2

You’ve been faithful through every storm.  
You’ll be faithful forevermore.  
You have done great things.  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is Yes and Amen.  
You will do great things. God, You do great things.

### Chorus

### Bridge

Hallelujah, God above it all!  
Hallelujah, God unshakable!  
Hallelujah, You have done great things! (REPEAT)  
You’ve done great things!

### Chorus

You have done great things.  
O, God You do great things

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## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us pray.  
Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18–25

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the Son of Man, that you care for Him? You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that He, for Whom and by Whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

“I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.” And again, “I will put my trust in Him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given Me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

- 1 Ev’ry promise we can make, Ev’ry prayer and step of faith;  
Ev’ry diff’rence we will make Is only by His grace.  
Ev’ry mountain we will climb, Ev’ry ray of hope we shine;  
Ev’ry blessing left behind Is only by His grace.

## Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide,  
Christ in us our Cornerstone; We will go forth in grace alone.

- 2 Ev’ry soul we long to reach, Ev’ry heart we hope to teach;  
Ev’rywhere we share His peace Is only by His grace.  
Ev’ry loving word we say, Ev’ry tear we wipe away;  
Ev’ry sorrow turned to praise Is only by His grace.

## Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide,  
Christ in us our Cornerstone; We will go forth in grace alone. (repeat)

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## Sermon

## “The Perfect High Priest”

Hebrews 2:14–18

## Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

## Children’s Message

## Offertory

*“While we will not yet be passing offering plates, the offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us, including reflecting on the Word of God proclaimed and preparing our hearts for the reception of the Lord’s Supper.”*

## Offertory Song

## “Father Welcome”

- ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.
- 1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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## Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for God's grace and care on the occasion of Lois Mahsman's birthday (Oct. 4).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for 25 years of marriage for John and Tavia Shively (Oct. 12).
- ✠ Nevan Shively recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Ron Dahman who is hospitalized.
- ✠ Joseph Ackerman, father of Elizabeth Knehans, continuing to receive treatment.

## Responsive Psalm

Psalm 111

- P Praise the LORD!
- C **I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- C **Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**
- P He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- C **He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.**
- P He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- C **The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;**
- P They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- C **He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.**
- P Holy and awesome is His name!
- C **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Confession and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- (Silence for meditation and reflection.)*
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C **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.**

**Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”**

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

**Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”**

- C 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.

John 1:29

**Distribution**

**Song**

**“Behold the Lamb”**

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| <p>1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,<br/>Slain for us: and we remember<br/>The promise made that all who come in faith<br/>Find forgiveness at the cross.<br/>So, we share in this Bread of Life,<br/>And we drink of His sacrifice,<br/>As a sign of our bonds of peace<br/>Around the table of the King.</p> <p>2 The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,<br/>Torn for you: eat and remember<br/>The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,<br/>Paid the price to make us one.<br/>So, we share in this Bread of Life,<br/>And we drink of His sacrifice,<br/>As a sign of our bonds of love<br/>Around the table of the King.</p> | <p>3 The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin,<br/>Shed for you: drink and remember<br/>He drained death’s cup that all may enter in<br/>To receive the life of God.<br/>So, we share in this Bread of Life,<br/>And we drink of His sacrifice,<br/>As a sign of our bonds of grace<br/>Around the table of the King.</p> <p>4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise<br/>To respond and to remember<br/>Our call to follow in the steps of Christ<br/>As His body here on earth.<br/>As we share in His suffering,<br/>We proclaim: Christ will come again!<br/>And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n<br/>Around the table of the King.</p> |
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**Song**

**“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

- 1 How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.
- 2 Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
- 3 I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.
- Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
C **Amen.**

## Closing Song

## “Who You Say I Am”

- 1 Who am I that the highest King  
would welcome me.  
I was lost, but He brought me in.  
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

### Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

- 2 Free at last, He has ransomed me.  
His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

### Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

### Bridge

I am chosen, not forsaken.  
I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me.  
I am who You say I am. *(Repeat)*  
I am who You say I am.

### Chorus 2

In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

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**We rejoice in the following baptism in the sanctuary today!**

*(10:45)* ✠ **Fletcher Reid Kearbey** ✠

Son of Travis & Julie Kearbey

Sponsors: Sarah Sherwood and Kristina Naseer

**Preacher**  
**Presiding Minister**  
**Assisting Seminarians**

**Acolyte**  
**Instrumentalists**

**Sound**

**Pastor Thomas**  
**Rev. Dr. Paul Sieveking**  
**Joe Reineke**  
**Lance Schroeder**  
**Lindsey Hawkins**  
**Paul Zahn, guitar**  
**Mark Yaeger, piano**  
**Mike Baebler, percussion**  
**Leslie Rudzinski, Amory Richards, vocals**  
**Hope Dicken**

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