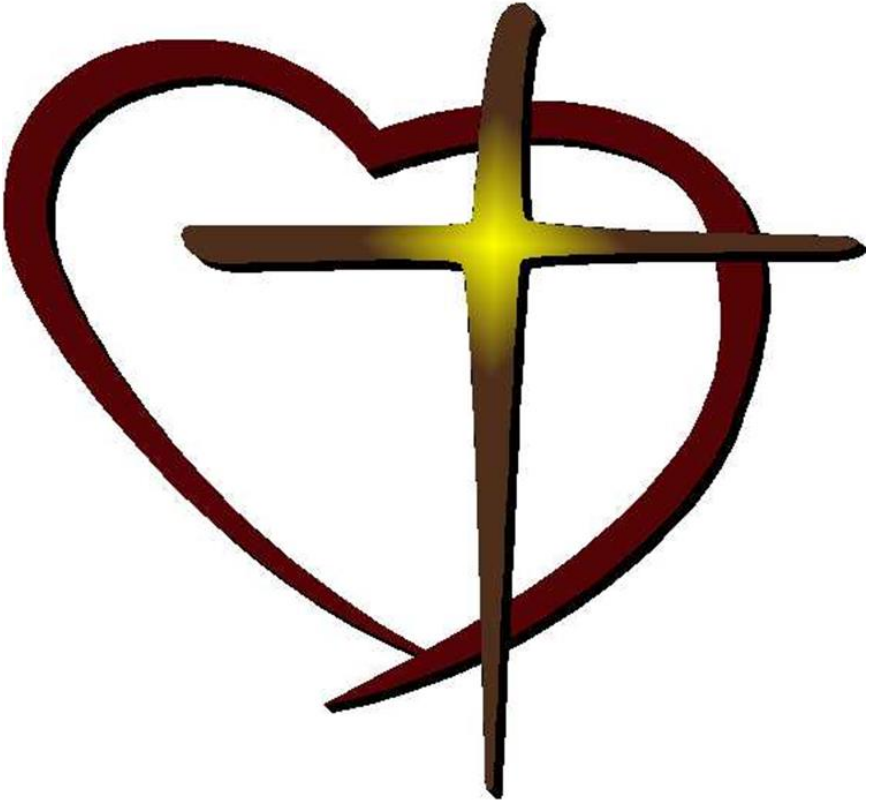


\_\_\_\_\_Sixth Sunday after Pentecost\_\_\_\_\_

# The Christian Loves God Above All Things



July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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## MINISTRIES

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*As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.*

### ***Welcome!***

- Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
  - An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
  - The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
  - Hearing assistance devices are also available from the ushers.
  - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
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## The Christian Loves God Above All Things

*The Church prays for the love of God that we might always love him above all things. The lessons warn of the earthly ramifications of such love, but also point to the promised heavenly rewards.*

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### HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task – **CW 478**

### INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: ♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.**

***Blessed are they who take refuge in him.***

***Your Word, O Lord is eternal;***

***it stands firm in the heavens.***

***Your faithfulness continues forever.***

***Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.***

***Blessed are they who take refuge in him.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ॐ Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Jeremiah confronted Hananiah*

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: <sup>8</sup>From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 89

*We praise God's love*

*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalms tone*

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I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;\*  
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.



I will declare that your love stands firm foréver,\*  
that you established your faithfulness in heavén itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,\*  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the hóly ones.

*Refrain*

O LORD God Almighty, who ís like you?\*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to accláim you,\*  
who walk in the light of your presénce, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name áll day long,\*  
they exult in your ríghteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and í to the Son\***  
**and to the Hóly Spírit,**  
**as it was in the begínning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Ámen.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1-11

*Baptized, we die and live with Christ*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;

death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (p. 30)

**C: 🛤 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **GOSPEL & SERMON TEXT**

Matthew 10:34-42

*Jesus did not come to bring peace, but a sword*

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—<sup>36</sup> a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup> “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

**C: 🛤 Praise be to you, O Christ!**

#### **HYMN**

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart – **CW 434**

#### **SERMON**

Pastor Matthew Holtz

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

## **OFFERING**

### **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL** *(9:30 Service)*

Perry Abitz – President  
Dave Paulson – Secretary  
John Volhard – Treasurer  
Chad Woehler – Spiritual Growth Chair  
Jim Immel – Spiritual Life Chair  
Tyler Blob - School Board Chair  
Jon Cherney – ECC Board Chair

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

Let Me Be Yours Forever – **CW 596**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and

comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image – **CW 320**

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## Worship Notes

Presiding Minister: Matthew Holtz

Organist: Stacey Kraus

### Service Teams:

8:00 a.m. R. Hoh (Head Usher), G. Petermann, C. Luehring, B. Hopfensperger, M./C. Krueger, T. Luehring

9:30 a.m. B. Holz (Head Usher), C. Luehring, J. / M. Holz, T. Abitz, B. Casey, A. Malueg, G. Fredericks, M. Fay

6:00 p.m. C. Waack, (Head Usher), J. Ings, C. Feidt, P. Rooyakkers, J. Kaepernick, J. Eckstein