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***Online worship***



# **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Beloit, Wisconsin

## ***Worship Bulletin***

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## **GATHERING** – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

***People:* Amen.**

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence is kept.)*

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgement on one another before even examining ourselves.

***People:*** Make us humble, cast away our sins, and turn us again to life in you, Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Pastor:* God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live freed and renewed to do God's work in the world.

***People:* Amen.**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.  
 Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

God of servant rule, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image and for your Kingdom; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours – no more nor less than all that we are, and all that we have, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**WORD** – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**

**1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. <sup>4</sup>Brothers and

sisters, siblings in Christ – you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. <sup>5</sup> We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us, and of the Lord, when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy, in spite of great suffering. <sup>7</sup> As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. <sup>9</sup> People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

*Reader:* Word of God, Word of Life.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

## **MATTHEW 22:15-22**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. <sup>17</sup> So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup> Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a coin. <sup>20</sup> "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.

<sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

*Pastor:* The gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**PASTOR LUCY WYNARD**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

### **Chorus 1**

One heart one spirit  
One voice to praise You  
We are the body of Christ  
One goal one vision  
To see You exalted  
We are the body of Christ

### **Verse 1**

And to this we give our lives  
To see You glorified

### **Chorus 2**

One heart one spirit  
One voice to praise You  
We are the body of Christ

## *We Are the Body of Christ*

One goal one vision  
To see You exalted  
We are the body of Christ

### **Verse 2**

And to this we give our lives  
To see You glorified

### **Chorus 3**

One heart one spirit  
One voice to praise You  
We are the body of Christ  
One goal one vision  
To see You exalted  
We are the body of Christ

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud. We join together in lifting our prayers to God.*

*Intercessor:* With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Intercessor:* Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among all preachers and evangelists. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Strengthen us especially to share the good news in this difficult time among our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of all judges, lawyers, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. We pray especially for all those on our prayer list, and those whom we name now . . . (. . . *long pause* . . .). . . . Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you, especially Vilas Adams. We give thanks for his witness, and the witness of all the saints who have gone before us, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**All: 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.**

**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.**

### **OFFERING**

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

## **PEACE**

*Pastor:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you – observing safe distance guidelines. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ’s Peace this week. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

<b>SENDING</b> – <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>
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## **SENDING SONG**

*You Servants of God*

**ELW 825**

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## **SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

*Pastor:* May the God of all creation – in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service – give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

***People:* Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

**Pastor**

**Organist & Director of Music**

**Reader**

**Intercessor**

**Rev. Lucy Wynard**

**David Frank**

**Rachel Wilson**

**Marilyn Harris**

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested. To have yourself or someone else added to the prayer list, please let us know.*

***We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family  
and all who loved Vilas Adams.***

***May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.***

**Larry M.** (Soup Lunch friend of St. Paul); **Joyce E.**; **Alan** (son of Henry and Sharyn Pann); **Carol M.**; **Jeanette B.**; **Steve H.**; **Timothy** (son of Gladys Weeden); **Carol W.** (sister of Beth Rodermel); **Shirley** (mother of Ken Harris); **Ashley**; **Debbie** (sister of Chet Organ); **Todd** (friend of Chet Organ); **all those affected by Covid-19 and by the violence in our nation and around the world, and friends and family in the military.**



**SENDING SONG**

# You Servants of God

ELW 825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806