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**Gathering Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

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| <p>1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,<br/>Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;<br/>Streams of mercy, never ceasing,<br/>Call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>While the hope of endless glory<br/>Fills my heart with joy and love,<br/>Teach me ever to adore Thee;<br/>May I still Thy goodness prove.</p> <p>2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,<br/>Hither by Thy help I've come;<br/>And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,<br/>Safely to arrive at home.<br/>Jesus sought me when a stranger,<br/>Wand'ring from the fold of God;<br/>He, to rescue me from danger,<br/>Interposed His precious blood.</p> | <p>3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor<br/>Daily I'm constrained to be;<br/>Let that grace now like a fetter<br/>Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:<br/>Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;<br/>Prone to leave the God I love.<br/>Here's my heart, O take and seal it,<br/>Seal it for Thy courts above.</p> <p>4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,<br/>I shall see Thy lovely face;<br/>Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,<br/>How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!<br/>Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;<br/>Take my ransom'd soul away;<br/>Send Thine angels soon to carry<br/>Me to realms of endless day.</p> |
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**Welcome / Announcements / Greeting Time**

**Opening Song: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>A sword and shield victorious;<br/>He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod<br/>And wins salvation glorious.<br/>The old satanic foe<br/>Has sworn to work us woe.<br/>With craft and dreadful might<br/>He arms himself to fight.<br/>On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might.<br/>We would be lost, rejected.<br/>But now a champion comes to fight,<br/>Whom God Himself elected.<br/>You ask who this may be?<br/>The Lord of hosts is He,<br/>Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,<br/>God's only Son, adored.<br/>He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land<br/>All threat'ning to devour us,<br/>We tremble not, unmoved we stand;<br/>They cannot overpow'r us.<br/>Let this world's tyrant rage;<br/>In battle we'll engage.<br/>His might is doomed to fail;<br/>God's judgment must prevail!<br/>One little word subdues him.</p> <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,<br/>No thanks to foes, who fear it;<br/>For God Himself fights by our side<br/>With weapons of the Spirit.<br/>Were they to take our house,<br/>Goods, honor, child, or spouse,<br/>Though life be wrenched away,<br/>They cannot win the day.<br/>The Kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

### Song: "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

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

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

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

**First Reading**      *Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**      *Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel**      *John 8:31–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

## Song: "Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace repeat

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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## Sermon

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

#### Service of the Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

P It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with grateful hearts, we ask that You remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Distribution

### Post-Communion Prayer

C Let us pray.

**O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C Amen.

### Offering –

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### Song: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

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

2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

### Benediction

## **Prayers of the Congregation – October 31**

*This prayer page is to help shape your prayers for the coming week. Those with prayer concerns contact the Church Office by phone (256-353-8759) or [email](#). Keep this page and put it where you will see it often and lift these petitions before God the Father. This page is intended for our members only because of the use of last names.*

### **Intercessions for special needs**

- Ms Kristi's mother (Preschool)
- Art G
- Darrell and Carol, parents of Chad
- Helga D
- Robert R
- Mary S
- Cathy G
- Betty W
- Maxine, Dalinda, Robert
- Virginia T
- Beverly, Scott, Dewart, Pauline
- Brennon, Cindy T's grandson
- St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Somerville
- Missionaries and captives in Haiti

Kathy, niece of Sue B

Joe, cousin of Bo P

Nadine T and family

April, cousin of Cindy T

Helga D

Wilson A

Marilyn T\*

Craig F\*

Christopher\*, grandson of Gloria M

ConRad W\*, friend of Marilyn T

Sherrie\*, sister of Genene S

For all those who serve our nation

### ***For those grieving:***

*Please remember the family and friends of Frances Bailey, who passed from this life to eternal, Tuesday, October 26.*

### **For our homebound members and friends:**

Doug, Carol, Randy, Margaret, Duron, Del and Sandra, Paul, Kaye, Dottie, Peggy, Adriana, Jerry, Darlene, David, Mary, Marilyn, and Jo.

- *These are new to the prayer list and will remain on the list for 2 weeks unless the Church Office is otherwise notified.*

**WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church!** We are honored to have you in worship today. We come together in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings the promise of salvation and everlasting life to all who believe in Him as Savior and Lord. **May He richly bless your life as we worship in Spirit and Truth!**

*(John 4:24)*

**IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY, we want to warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus.** If you have no church home, we would be honored to have you join us at St. Paul's. For more information about what Lutheran Christians believe and about St. Paul's, please visit us on our website at [www.StPaulsDec.com](http://www.StPaulsDec.com).

**OUR MISSION at St. Paul's is to glorify God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, and telling.**

#### **OUR VISION FOR MINISTRY**

*By the power and grace of Jesus Christ we will work to build a diverse community of spiritually maturing Christians who are... living out their faith in daily life; inviting, welcoming and including new people; and involved in meaningful ministry to others!*

#### **OUR CORE VALUES**

*Generosity (Acts 20:35)*

*Children (Mark 10:14)*

*A Place to Belong (Isaiah 56:7)*

*Respectfulness (Mark 12:31)*

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm**

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:15am	Traditional Worship
<b>Oct 31</b>	8:15am	Facebook Live Worship
<i>Nursery open</i>	9:30am	Children and Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship on Radio 98.5 FM
	10:45am	CrossLife Worship Under the Tent and Drive-up
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Voters Meeting</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00am	Preschool Ext Care (M-F)
	8:45am	Preschool (M-Th)
	10:00am	LWML meeting
	2:30pm	KTT afterschool (M-F)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30/9:30	Exercise class
	9:30am	Staff meeting
	11:00am	Exercise class
	6:30pm	Elders meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:00am	Quilting group
	4:00pm	KTT Chapel
	5:30pm	FaithLinks Dinner-Variety of Soups!
	6:15pm	Confirmation/Bible studies Dessert & Discussion in the Lobby <i>see below</i>
	6:15pm	Children's Christmas practice
	7:15pm	Praise Band rehearsal
	8:15pm	Adult confirmation
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:30/9:30	Exercise class
	10:00am	Preschool Chapel
	11:00am	Exercise class
	11:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00pm	Outreach (virtual) meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:15am	Traditional Worship & Facebook Live
<b>Nov 7</b>	9:30am	Adult & Children Sunday School
<i>All Saints</i>	9:45am	Pastor's Sunday School class
<i>Sunday</i>	10:45am	CrossLife Worship under the tent
	10:00am	Worship on Radio 98.5 FM
	5:00pm	HS Youth night

**Voters Meeting TODAY at 12 noon**

**NEW Bible Study** four-session video-based study, bestselling author **Max Lucado** reveals that because of Bethlehem, we have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always in us.

**Please join us in the Lobby for Dessert & Discussion** on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm **November 3, 10, 17, December 1, (8)**

**Nov 7 - Daylight Savings – Fall back one hour - All Saints Sunday**

**Nov 14 - Veterans Recognition**

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