

# TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 2024

Whenever you see an asterisk (\*), you are invited to stand as you are able. You are invited to speak sans serif **Bolded type** with the congregation.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

**TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC** is specifically selected to celebrate Jim's 60 years of playing the organ.

**PRELUDE:** "Fugue in C Major" (Dietrich Buxtehude)

# **GATHERING**

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name if the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. A: Amen.

P: Let us pray: 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. **A: Amen.** 

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.** 

# \*GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

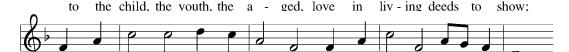
(ELW 712)



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- As we wor ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,
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who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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## \*GREETING

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through lesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.** 

# **WORD**

# FIRST READING: JOB 38:1-7 [34-41]

We continue reading through the book of Job who, despite his faithfulness, had lost his possessions and his children. While his friends assume that his suffering is punishment, he refuses to admit this and asks for a trial before God. God's response includes the third Biblical description of creation (after Genesis 1 and Genesis 2).

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>34</sup>"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?

<sup>35</sup>Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?

<sup>36</sup>Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

<sup>37</sup>Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

<sup>38</sup>when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

<sup>39</sup>"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

<sup>40</sup>when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

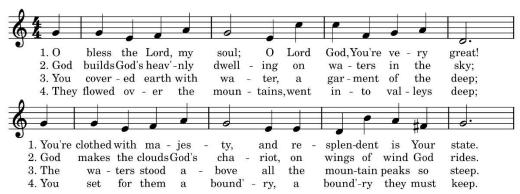
<sup>41</sup>Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

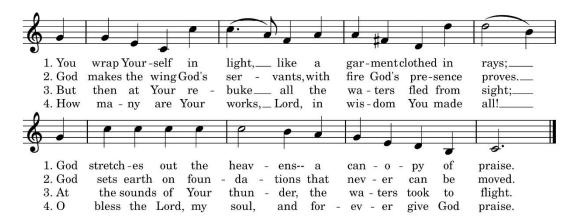
L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God**.

# PSALM: PSALM 104:1-9, 24, 35B

(sung to the tune Lancashire ELW 805)

This song of praise tells of creation in very much the same way as the First Reading.





# **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:1-10**

Those to whom this book was addressed were complaining that God was too long in fulfilling the divine promises, and that their baptism did not protect them against suffering. The author points them to the example of Jesus, using imagery from Jewish sacrificial worship. Priesthood "according to the order of Melchizedek" was priesthood which was exercised by the king, who was the successor of the ruler of Jerusalem who blessed Abraham and gave him bread and wine (Genesis 14:18-21)

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him.

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

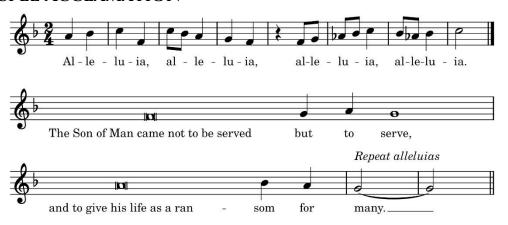
"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord. A: Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# \*GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:35-45

This passage immediately follows Jesus' third prediction of his own betrayal, death, and resurrection.

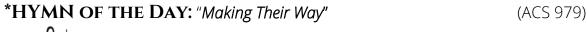
P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the tenth chapter. **A: Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

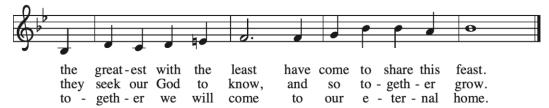
P: The gospel of the Lord. A: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**





Je - sus'dis - ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of - fer-ing thanks, learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love, car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



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# \*Invitation to Baptism

# \*APOSTLES' CREED

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.

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

L: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons like Bishop Collins and Pastor Paul with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

### A: hear our prayer.

L: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

### A: hear our prayer.

L: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

### A: hear our prayer.

L: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace (especially). God of grace,

# A: hear our prayer.

L: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers, seminarians, and those you are calling (*local clergy or seminarians may be named*) to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **A: hear our prayer.** 

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

# A: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

#### A: Amen.

# \*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. A: And also with you.

# MEAL

### **OFFERING**



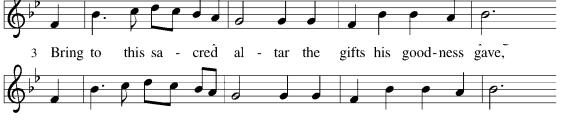
Offerings can be made online at **stpaulpgm.org/give**, mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868, placed in the mail slot (outside door to Pastor Paul's office), or in the offering plate located in the lobby/narthex near the entrance of the sanctuary.

MUSICAL OFFERING: "Nearer Still Nearer"

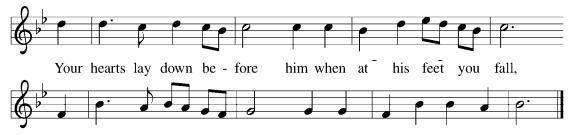
(Jason D. Payne)

**OFFERTORY:** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest (vs 3)"

(ELW 694)



the gold-en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save



and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

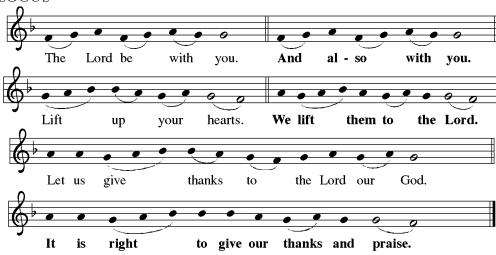
Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.** 

# \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

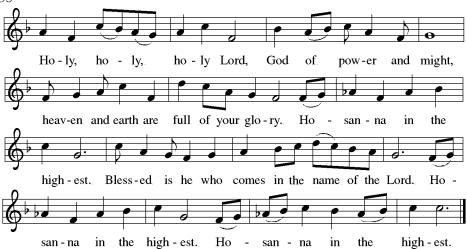
\* DIALOGUE



### \*PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of L: heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### \*Sanctus



#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was handed over,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

# A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

### A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

# A: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **A: Amen.** 

# \*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

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;

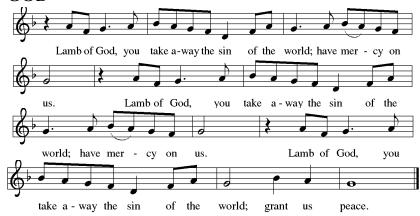
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

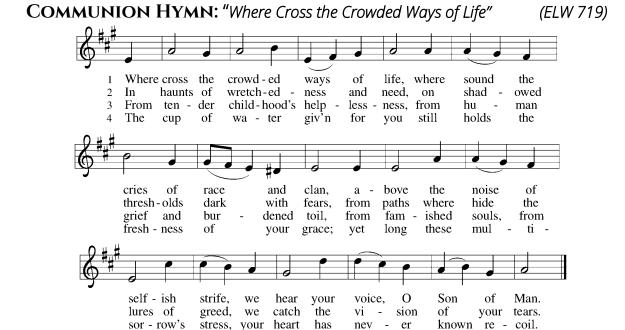
P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### \*LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION

L: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. A: Amen.



5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain: among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;

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6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

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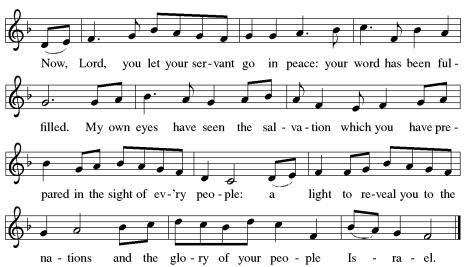
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## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in grace. **A: Amen.** 

# \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - Nunc Dimittis (Now, Lord)



# \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **A: Amen.** 

# **SENDING**

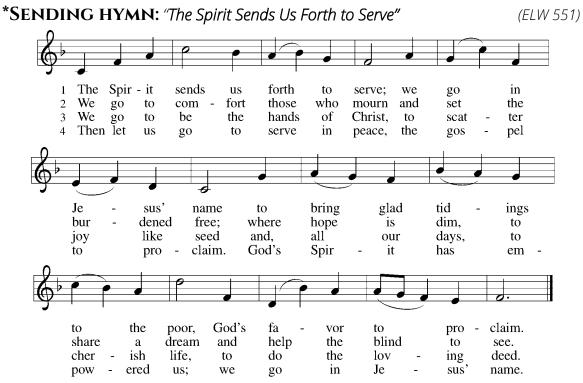
# \*SENDING OF COMMUNION

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may be seated.

# \*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, & and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.** 



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# \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

A: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** "Toccata in E Minor"

(Johann Pachelbel)



# **DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, October 20 Complementary Series

Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 (9) Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

Semi-continuous Series

Job 38:1-7 [34-41] Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b (24)

Monday, October 21

1 Samuel 8:1-18 Hebrews 6:1-12 Psalm 37:23-40

Tuesday, October 22

1 Samuel 10:17-25 Hebrews 6:13-20 Psalm 37:23-40

Wednesday, October 23

1 Samuel 12:1-25 John 13:1-17 Psalm 37:23-40 Thursday, October 24

Jeremiah 23:9-15 Hebrews 7:1-10 Psalm 126

Friday, October 25

Jeremiah 26:12-24 Hebrews 7:11-22 Psalm 126

Saturday, October 26

Jeremiah 29:24-32 Mark 8:22-26 Psalm 126



## **SERVING TODAY**

Worship Leader	Pastor Paul Tomkiel
Assisting Minister	
Musician	James Rearick
Sacristan	Ann Reede
Reader	Linda Govere

### **ABOUT ST. PAUL**

### **PURPOSE**

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus' grace and love.

## **MISSION**

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity, and serve community.

## CORE VALUES

Faith • Compassion • Generosity • Community

### **OUR BIBLE VERSES**

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] 'Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.' – Acts 9:3,15

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock people, where we gather for worship this morning. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, Lenne Lenape, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

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