



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Blue Point**  
**July 5th, 2020**  
**Pentecost 5**

# Confession and Absolution

## 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

*LSB 756*

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near  
With His cheer;  
Never will He leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
That God's Son  
For me won  
When His life was given?
  
- 2 When life's troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight  
May be great,  
They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sends them;  
He who knows  
All my woes  
Knows how best to end them.
  
- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will  
Trust Him still  
When He sends me sadness.  
God is good; His love attends me  
Day by day,  
Come what may,  
Guides me and defends me.
  
- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever,  
For I am  
His dear lamb,  
He, my Shepherd ever.  
I am His because He gave me  
His own blood

For my good,  
By His death to save me.

5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,  
Though it might,  
Day and night,  
Trouble and dismay me.  
Christ has made my death a portal  
From the strife  
Of this life  
To His joy immortal!

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### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

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.

P 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.**

### *Kneel/Stand*

*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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## **Service of the Word**

### **Psalm**

*Psalm 145:1–14 (antiphon: v. 19)*

- <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.
- <sup>2</sup>Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
- <sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
- <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.
- <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and | merciful,\*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.  
9The LORD is | good to all,\*  
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.  
10All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!  
11They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom\*  
and tell | of your power,  
12to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,\*  
and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.  
13Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,\*  
and your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations.  
The LORD is faithful in | all his words\*  
and kind in | all his works.  
14The LORD upholds all who are | falling\*  
and raises up all who are | bowed down.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P Glory be to God on High,  
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great  
glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon  
us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Rom. 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of  
God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his  
ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## Epistle

*Romans 7:14–25a*

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh,  
sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do  
not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do  
what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So  
now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.  
For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to  
carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do  
not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not  
want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies  
close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner  
being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war  
against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of  
sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who  
will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God  
through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of  
God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Alleluia and Verse**

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 11:25–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Creed**

### **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.**

*Sit*

**699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

*LSB 699*

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise

And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till trav’ling days are done.

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## **Sermon—Matthew 11:25-30**

**Theme:**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Adult Confirmation of Alex Steppe (11 AM)**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before

men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

P Alex Steppe the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C **Amen.**

Bible Verse—Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Stand*

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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 meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

P 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.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

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 T body,  
which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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 T 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**

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684

- 1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.
  
- 2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,  
And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.
  
- 3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.
  
- 4 "And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,

Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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**618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

*LSB 618*

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:
  
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!
  
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. (Refrain)
  
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: (Refrain)
  
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. (Refrain)
  
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. (Refrain)

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**622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

*LSB 622*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;

Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy  
people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A 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 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.**

## **Salutation and Benedicamus**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

*LSB 725*

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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**Wednesday Bible Class** will be meeting in person on Wednesday, July 8th at 10 AM. All are welcome! We are studying 1 Samuel. This week we will continue the study on 1 Samuel 27-28. If you would like to join on Zoom, please let the pastor know and he will send you an invite.

**LYF is continuing** to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM for an hour of bible study. We will be meeting in person this week.

**Elders decided** we would continue on with our current schedule for services etc. Please make sure to make reservations each week for services so that we can plan.

**Church Council** will be meeting on Monday, July 6 at 8 PM. Members of the council please let us know if you cannot make

this meeting. We will be preparing for the **Voter's Meeting** which will take place on Sunday, July 12th at 1:30 PM.

**ALIS Registration July 15 & 16 3-6:15pm.** An email will be sent out the week of July 6 through Sycamore on how registration will be handled. If you are unable to attend registration please email [alisooffice2@gmail.com](mailto:alisooffice2@gmail.com) to set-up another time.

**ALIS Kindergarten Orientation** will be held in small groups in July. Parents will be contacted to set-up a time.

**Jonah Fish Fry, July 17, 2020,** 4:30-7:30 PM, at St Paul Lutheran Church, 3.5 miles south of Montrose. Drive-thru only! Fish, baked beans, slaw, and cookies. Adults \$9, Child \$4.

**Camp CILCA will celebrate its 70th year** with DAY CAMPS on Saturdays in July. CILCA Day Camps are designed to provide a full day (9am-7pm) of outdoor adventure. Included are 2 meals and an afternoon snack. Campers will be screened at check-in. All activities will be out-of-doors. In case of rain, campers will split into groups of 10 for indoor activities. Campers should bring a Bible, swim suit, and towel, as well as athletic shoes and water bottle. Register online at [cilca.org](http://cilca.org) REGISTER TODAY! There are 3 camps to choose from:

Teen – July 11, 9am-7pm  
Campers in ages 13-19  
\$50

Middle School – July 18, 9am-7pm  
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\$50

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**Prayers**-For Stephen Heimgartner who is undergoing testing;  
For Blake Mathias, who has been ill; Karen Vollmer, daughter of  
Shirley Wachtel, whose cancer has returned; Thanksgiving to  
God for fathers; For those enduring riots, injustice, throughout  
the country; Health, Safety, and good state and national  
leadership...

## **This Week at St Paul**

Sunday: Divine Service 9:30 and 11 AM	Titus
Monday: Church Council Meeting 8 PM	Philemon
Tuesday: Divine Service 7 PM	Hebrews 1-2
Wednesday: 1 Samuel Bible Study 10 AM LYF Bible study 7 PM.	Hebrews 3-4
Thursday: Greek study 10 AM (Internet) Divine Service 7 PM	Hebrews 5-6
Friday:	Hebrews 7-9
Saturday:	Hebrews 10-13

## **In preparation for Proper 9 – July 5, 2020**

It's been months since New Year's Day. Did you make resolutions? If so, how are you doing with them? Do you remember what they were? Losing weight, saving money, and many other resolutions are fine initiatives. You would think people in general could stick to such causes better than we do, especially when we ourselves have resolved upon them.

Yet we fail to follow through. We do not consistently live up to the standards we set for ourselves. Then, to avoid thinking of ourselves as failures, we forget.

Maybe something similar lies behind the way our world lives from day to day: pretty much disregarding God. If we thought of

Him, we might also be confronted by His standards. We are having enough trouble with our own standards.

When we don't meet our standards, we can engage in motivated forgetting. How long, though, do you think it possible to pretend that we have kept God's Law?

God's Law is all-embracing. It obligates us not to do things that wrong others or offend God. He also commands us to put neighbor before self and to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. "You therefore must be perfect," Jesus said, "as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

Yet Jesus brought another message, too. We will hear it in our church service on Sunday: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Only Jesus could say this. He took your place. He lived the perfect life you should have lived and died the condemned death you should have died.

Under a heavy yoke? He said: "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28, 30). This is the risen Lord's final word. He gives rest. Are you heavy laden?

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