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*Our thoughts and prayers go out to* Molly Fant, June Hallstrom, Matt Deroma, and Brian Shields.

*On All Saints' Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>* we will be remembering our loved ones that have passed since last November 1<sup>st</sup>. Feel free to bring photos of your loved one. There will be a meeting of the Congregation following the service to discuss finances. An all church brunch will follow the meeting. Please plan on attending!

*St. Paul Open Pantry for October - Fall Cleanup* - dish soap, windex, toilet bowl cleaner, multipurpose cleaner, laundry detergent, sponges, etc.

*TODAY, October 22, 2pm at St. Paul the film* “Martin Luther: the Idea that Changed the World” will be shown. Refreshments to follow.

*Altar Flowers are given to The Glory of God* by Vincent and Joan McPartland in memory of loved ones.

*Many thanks to Karen Wadzinski* for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.

*See bulletin square* for information on St. Michael's Food Pack on October 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 22, 2017**

## Welcome to Worship!

*At St. Paul, no one is a stranger*, for we are united by the common bond of our life in Christ. We welcome you to receive Communion at God's Table this morning or to come forward for a blessing if this is more comfortable for you. Communion can also be brought to you where you are sitting, and gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome here!

**Please stand as you are able.**

### Announcements

### Prelude

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*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 ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

**\*Gathering Song "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"**

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## Devotional

### GOSPEL MESSAGE

**October 22, 2017**

**LECTIONARY 29**

**Giving to the Giver**

Does anyone really like paying taxes? Even though we know that money paid to the government helps fund important items such as roads, bridges, and public safety, the mysteriously small paycheck each month and the arduous accounting process each year remind us how much cash we must hand over. It doesn't end there, of course. If you've ever looked at a cell phone or cable TV bill in detail, or examined the fine print of your airline ticket, you know the reality of government fees and taxes. "Do I get to keep any of my money?" we cry in frustration.

On top of that, this is the time when many of our churches are discussing stewardship, budgets for the coming year, and the need for each of us to support the mission and ministry of the congregation and the wider church with our time, skill, and material resources. Give to God what is God's, we are told. And indeed, we should. But let us not give to God, or our neighbor who is served by our giving, as though we were paying a tax. Let us not give grudgingly, believing that stewardship is essential to retaining our salvation. Eternal life is not a bridge, road, or fire department, and we do not earn it with money or good works.

Rather, as we consider how and what we ought to give to God, let us remember that all we have—ourselves, our time, our possessions—are gifts from God, who loves us, cares for us, and sees to it that we have "daily bread." Even the government is a gift, given for the peaceful ordering of society. As we examine what we have and wonder if there is enough to give, let us first be grateful and rejoice that God has given us something to give.

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P: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Musical Offering** Theme from “Schindler’s List” -Williams

*(Please remain quiet after singing the hymn)*

**Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **AMEN!**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** “God, Who’s Giving Knows No Ending”

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C: **AMEN**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**\*Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mer - cy.**  
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mer - cy.**  
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that...and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior 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**

**Prayers of the People**

*(Please respond: Hear our prayer)*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

*(Please remain quiet during the offering)*

**Offertory** *Great and Awesome God*

*-Hayes*

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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**\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: We pray in your name.

C: AMEN!

**Children's Message**

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7**

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<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

**Responsive Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**

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<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song; sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised, more to be feared | than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols; but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence; power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: “The | LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity.”

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD, for you come to | judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the | world with righteousness and the peoples | with your truth.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

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<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

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**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*(After the reading)*

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

**Pastor Anne Strickert**

**Sermon Song “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

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**C: 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.**