



Come, You Who Are Blessed!

**Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2020**

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL

Order of Service: Worship Bulletin

Prayer Upon Entering Church: Father in heaven, with the whole Church in heaven and on earth we wait with eager joy for our Lord's triumphant return. Send Him forth, we pray, that He might renew all things according to His gracious promises, and bring us at last to see that Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We ask all these things in His name, trusting only in His righteousness, His mercy, and His love. Amen.

Opening Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide (CW 160 vs. 1, 3)

1. This joyful Eastertide

Away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified,

Has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,

Not burst his three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;

But now is Christ arisen.

2. My flesh in hope shall rest

And for a season slumber

Till trump from east to west

Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,

Not burst his three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;

But now is Christ arisen.

Invocation and Confession

Leader: We begin the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen.

Leader: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Group: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

Leader: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen.

Prayer of the Day said by group: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Daniel 7:9,10

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

Psalm: Psalm 47 read responsively

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God, Let all the people praise you.

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations;

Group: shout to God with cries of joy.

Leader: How awesome is the Lord Most High,

Group: the great King over all the earth!

Leader: God reigns over the nations;

Group: God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God, Let all the people praise you.

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

Group: the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

Group: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;

Group: sing to him a psalm of praise.

Group: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God, Let all the people praise you.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome

you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’ Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’ At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

Group: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus (CW 351 vs. 1,2)

1. Hail, O once-despised Jesus!

Hail, O Galilean King!

**You have suffered to release us,
Hope to give and peace to bring.**

Hail, O universal Savior,

Bearer of our sin and shame;

By your merits we find favor;

Life is given through your name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

All our sins on you were laid;

By almighty love anointed,

You have full atonement made.

Ev'ry sin has been forgiven

Through the power of your blood;

Open is the gate of heaven;

We are reconciled to God.

Sermon: Come, You Who Are Blessed! (Matthew 25:31-46)

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Offering: We might be separated in our worship, but the Lord still gives us opportunity to gather our gifts for him. If you are uncomfortable placing your offering in the basket in the back of church, please continue to send in your offerings to our PO Box. It is a safe and secure way to continue giving thanks to God in the midst of trial. Our PO Box is: St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 143, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Prayers

The 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.

Blessing spoken by Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Closing hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (CW 341)

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**3. Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

Announcements

Welcome in Jesus' name to any and all guests and visitors here with us today. It is a joy to be able to worship with you. Help us to remember your visit by signing our guest book. Ask an usher if you need help finding the book. If you would like more information about our church please speak with pastor after church. If you need a hearing device, please speak to a greeter. Please come again!

Weekly Preview next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent. Our lessons will be from Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 11:1-10. Our sermon will be based on Isaiah 64:1-9 with the theme, "Lord, Please Forget Our Guilt."

Hospitalized/Homebound members/members to keep in your prayers: Carol Luft, Marcia Graf, Bob Jacobs, Patty Rosenbrock (Heritage Village), Mira Wieggel, Becky Herz and Gloria Martens.

Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm. This will be a masked service for people over the age of 8. We are asking people to wear a mask due to the anticipation of visitors from out of our area.

Church decorating has been suggested to take place on Monday, November 30. We are looking for a consensus if this is a good date or not.

In two weeks, Pastor James Mattek of Christian Family Solutions will be our guest preacher and Bible study leader. He will share more about the healing and helping ministries of Christian Family Solutions, which include Christian counseling, in-home care services, and senior living solutions. Pastor Mattek has served this ministry since 2004. Prior to joining this organization, Pastor Mattek was a parish pastor serving congregations in Watertown, WI and Findlay, OH. As Director of Ministry, Pastor Mattek provides doctrinal leadership and works in mission advancement. To learn more about Christian Family Solutions, please visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org.

Bible Class will not meet next week after church.

This week at St. Paul

Today: Worship 9am
Bible Study after church
Wednesday: Worship 7pm
Saturday: Worship 6pm
Sunday: Worship 9am

Organist: Thank you to Doreen Romadka
Last Week's Attendance: Saturday 9
Sunday 31

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