

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY TRINITY– October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Order of Service: (LSB) Page 184, Divine Service, Setting Three

Hymns: 587, 644, 556, 590

Psalms: 2

Catechetical Review: The Creed

Q: What is the second Article of The Creed?

**A: 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

Q: What does this mean?

**A: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

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**"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."**

**OUR LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US!** One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. We practice what is known as "closed communion" because of the Bible's teaching that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

**AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP** and center our thoughts and minds on God's Word, the organists will be playing 10 minutes of pre-service/prelude music. Please observe silence once the music begins. A few good spiritual disciplines to prepare for worship during this time include: reading the lessons, the hymns of the day, the psalms, and the Catechism (p.321 in the hymnal); examining your life and your sins and giving thanks for receiving God's forgiveness; and, of course prayer. Because of Jesus, we can approach our heavenly Father in confidence that He is tender and merciful. However, and we have all been in this situation, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or cannot find the words. Remember that the Holy Spirit is already praying for you, and that through the

Word of God, He guides us in prayer. Specific prayers for worship are found on the first page of the hymnal, additional prayers for many concerns are found on pages 305-318, and of course, there is the prayer that our Lord taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to sign the record of fellowship during the offering.

It is located in the binder at the end of each pew. Thank you.

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS** for the Prayer Partners, call Cathie Mann at (262) 994-7371, or email: cmann5@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the church office.

**FRIENDS AND VISITORS:** Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the early service downstairs and stay for Bible Study as we continue our study of the Life of Luther. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

**SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK:** **Elder:** Wednesday – Jerry Nigro; Sunday: 8:00 – Jared Zunker; 10:30 – Jerry Nigro. **Organist:** Wednesday – Sharon Mueller; Sunday: 8:00 – Sharon Mueller; 10:30 – Lora Heinz. **Altar Guild:** Wednesday – Lori Arnold; Kevin Steffens and Bernice Steffens; Sunday: 8:00 – Karen Badtke; 10:30 – **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – .

**PRELUDE FOR EARLY SERVICE:** "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the Morning"

**ATTENDANCE:** **Last Week:** Wednesday– 13; Sunday: 8:00– 86; 10:30– 80; **TOTAL:** 179. Sunday School- 18.

**OUR GIVING:** **Last Week:** General Fund - \$5,102.33; Sunday School – \$14.00; **TOTAL** - \$5,216.33. Needed each week to meet budget - \$4,470.00.

**ORGAN FUND:** \$100.00 **FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR ORGAN:** \$9,746.30

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Karen Badtke, in loving memory of Dad.

**THE ETERNAL CANDLE** for the month of October is given to the glory of God by Nancy Neau, in loving memory of Grace & Russell Nielsen.

**THANK YOU** for all your prayers, cards, and concern. My health is improving ~ Lora Heinz

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. John's Lutheran Church and School is currently accepting applications for the position of School Administrative Assistant. The primary focus of this position will be assisting with clerical and organizational functions of the **Christian Day School** at St. John's. Please see bulletin board in Narthex for more details.

**REFORMATION BOOK ORDERS:** We are taking orders for the new hardback book from CPH: *The Reformation* by Dr. Cameron MacKenzie. The special pre-order price is \$22.49 and all orders and payment must be in by Sunday, October 15. The form to sign-up for this book order is in the Good Shepherd room. Thank you.

**REFORMATION SERVICE AND RALLY:** The dual-Circuit Reformation Celebration will be at St. John's-Racine on Oct. 29 at 4:00 pm. There will be a meal immediately following. (Brats, German potato salad, etc.).

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Those who exalt themselves before the Lord, and stand proudly upon their own works, will be humbled. Let us come before the Lord in humility, standing upon the foundation of Christ, expecting His favor because of His mercy.

