# St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Setting One of the ELW

Prelude - Adagio in G minor by Albinoni, arranged by S. D. Wolff

# GATHERING

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the ₱ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- C 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.

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C Amen.

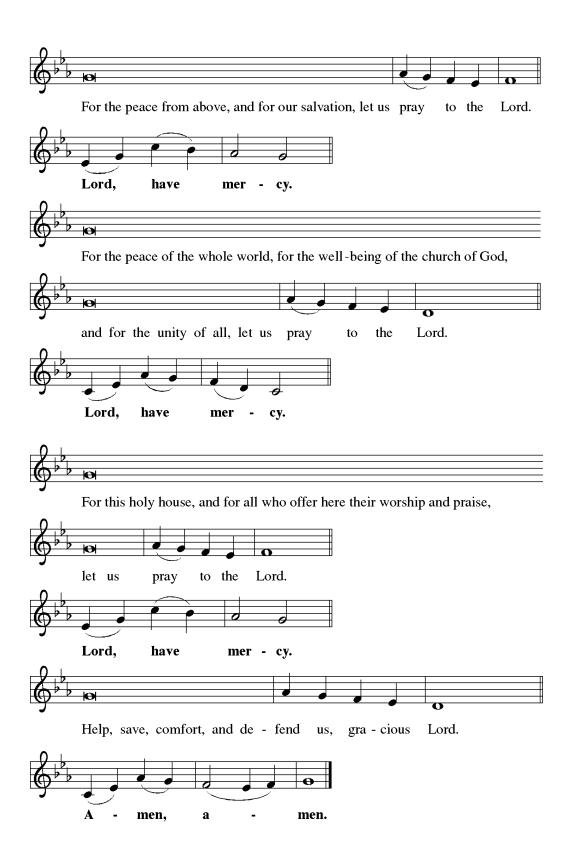
# **Gathering Song - All Are Welcome**

## Greeting

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

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#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE – THIS IS THE FEAST**



- P The Lord be with you
- C And also with you
- P Let us pray

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

WORD Children's Message

# First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

# Psalm: Psalm 54

# (spoken responsively by verse)

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup> by your name; in your might, de-<sup>1</sup> fend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my | prayer, O God; give ear to the words | of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have <sup>1</sup> sought my life, those who have no re-<sup>1</sup> gard for God.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God <sup>1</sup> is my helper; it is the Lord who sus- <sup>1</sup> tains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who <sup>1</sup> spy on me; in your faithful-<sup>1</sup> ness, destroy them.

# <sup>6</sup>I will offer you a <sup>1</sup> freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for <sup>1</sup> it is good.

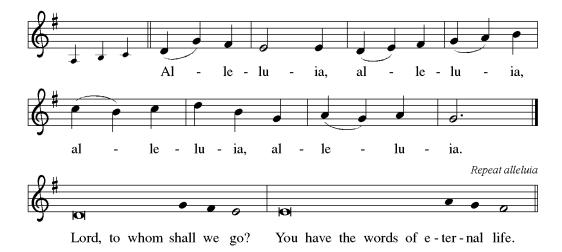
<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup> every trouble, and my eye looks down <sup>1</sup> on my enemies.

# Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>41</sup>Those conflicts and

disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.



# **Gospel Acclamation**

# Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

## Sermon

# Hymn of the Day - Children of the Heavenly Father

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## **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**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

## A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak *(especially)* Barbara, Jan, Tony, JoAnn, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Leslie, Bob, Ellie, Barbara, David, Ted, Naomi, Karen, Fran, Lois, David, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# PEACE

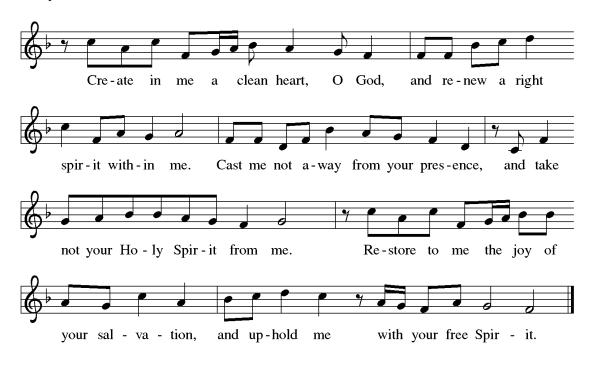
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

MEAL

# Offering

Offertory - I am Jesus' Little Lamb from Brüder Choral-Buch, setting by Robert Cundick

Offertory - Create in Me a Clean Heart



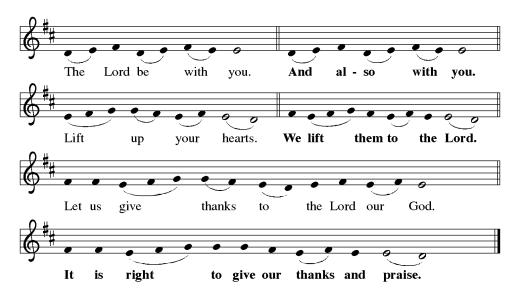
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### **Offertory Prayer**

- P Let us pray together
- C God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

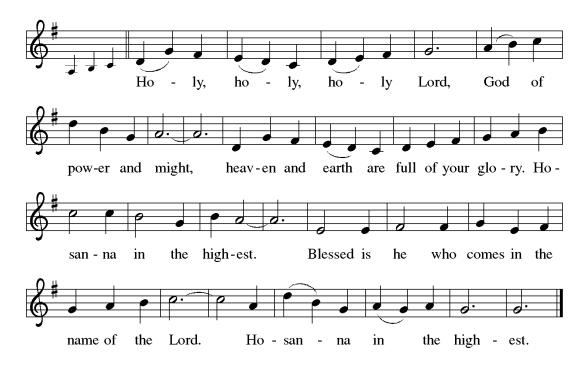
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



# Preface

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 heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# **Holy Holy Holy**

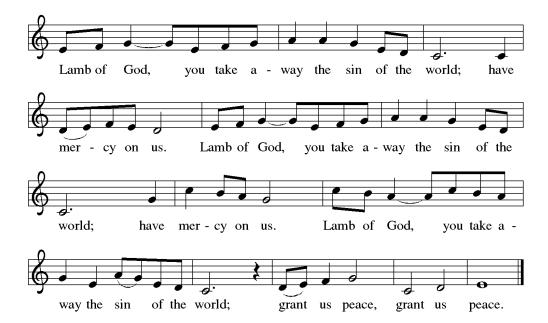


Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### LORD'S PRAYER

- A Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C 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.
- P Come to the banquet for all is ready.

#### **COMMUNION SONG – LAMB OF GOD**



## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. And each person may respond Amen.

# COMMUNION HYMN – Jesus Loves Me!

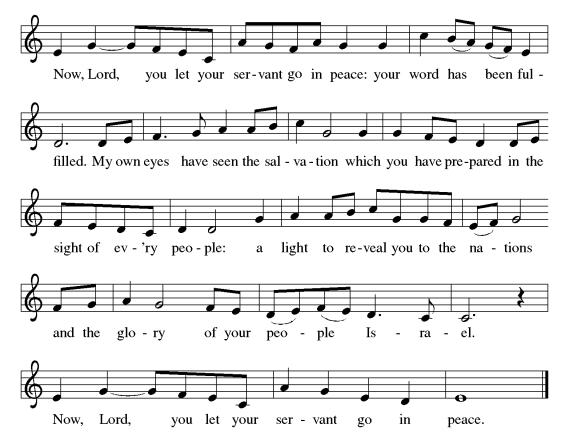
### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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C Amen.

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

## We give you thanks, almighty God...

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

OR

## O God, we give you thanks...

- A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

OR

## God of abundance...

- A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## SENDING

- 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.
- C Amen

## SENDING HYMN – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C We will. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude - Praeludium in D minor by Georg Böhm

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God with the following recognitions:

- In memory of Jeannette and Ernie Dahl by Martha Dahl
- In memory of parents, Ruth and Dick Boynton, on my mother's birthday, September 18, by Lois Boynton

#### **Increase in cost for Altar Flowers**

As you are aware, many items are seeing an increase in costs, and flowers are one of those increases we are faced with. Beginning September 1, our weekly costs for Altar flowers will be \$80, which breaks down to \$40 each vase (up from \$30 each). We have tried to keep the price at a cost of one vase per recognition, but we are not seeing many Sundays with two recognitions which places us behind. If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Tony Perrotte, JoAnn Bowman, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis Jenkins, Leslie Johnson, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Barbara Shade, David Dahl, Ted Dominick, Naomi Watson, Fran Whitfield, Lois Kinzie, David Franzen

### **Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of:

- Jessica Hart, daughter of Brian and Jessica Hart, granddaughter of Phil and Sally Hart, who died on Monday, September 13.
- Mike Winfree (brother-in-law of Robin Winfree)

#### Prayer List Changes – If you have names to add, or delete at any time, email staff, or call the office.

Prayer of the Church (Friends): Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Lydia Taylor (cousin of Bee Ellertson), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), David Deardorff (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Virginia Hinshaw (greatgrandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Michelle Meadors, Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Chuck Noll (friend of the Waugh's), Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Marjorie Bower (daughter of Doug and Fran Whitfield), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Jim Allen (family member of Ted and Diana Dominick), Betty Sue Dickerson and son Barry Dickerson (friends of the church), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Clarence Schulze (father of Sharon Schulze), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Mary Bader, Ed Giberson (friend of Martha Dahl), Melanie (wife of Karen Shoaf), Keith Watts and Emily Craig (relatives of Pat Casper)

#### **Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11. Here is the info:

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRlgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09 Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

**The Tuesday Work Crew is back!** If you wish to join in – here is their schedule: They meet for Bible study on Tuesdays at 8:45-9:30 am in Trinity Hall. Then at 9:30 until noon (flexible on ending time), they perform needed tasks around the church. It can be anything from setting up or taking down tables and chairs, doing monthly/quarterly scheduled tasks which involves the elevator, fire alarm, emergency lights, etc. They also put together furniture, and do minor repairs if it falls in their comfort zone. Sometimes they go out to lunch. Feel free to stop by!

**WCPE Appeal:** During the past year, the corona virus postponed St. Paul's annual appeal in support of "Sing for Joy" a radio program of sacred music, aired by WCPE and their website, <u>theclassicalstation.org</u>. Now we have an opportunity to restart our appeal and to reach the \$1000.00 goal so that St. Paul's can continue to be named on the air, as a sponsor of the WCPE show. Donors should send a check made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church but delivered to Hitch Havill at 12075 Morehead, Chapel Hill, NC, 27517. He will consolidate the checks and make sure that St. Paul's sends our funds to WCPE. Hitch also can be reached at the church following our Sunday service. Deadline is October 1, 2021.

**Costumes for Dress Up or Halloween** – Looking for a Halloween costume or just want to play dressup? Our granddaughter has a large collection of dance recital attire we would like to share! There are costumes and accessories for each. We will bring the collection to church on Sunday, Sept. 26 and they will be available right after service for any child interested. The \$5.00 donation for each ensemble will go to the support of children from Burton Elementary School. Please share this info with anyone who might be interested. Questions? -- contact Marcia Redman, 919-797-0501.

**The St. Paul's Preschool and PMO** appreciate all of the support from St. Paul's members. One very easy way you can add your support to the preschool is by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card. When you link your card to St. Paul's Preschool & PMO, we will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter. The Harris Teeter account number is **3049**. You can link in any store or online and you do not need to be a preschool parent to link your card.

#### Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM

Bible Study began on September 16th and will be in Trinity Hall and over Zoom. We are studying the book: Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. We will send emails if any study guides are needed. Here is the zoom information. Topic: Pastor's Bible Study Time: Sep 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM (and the weeks following will use the same link)

 Join Zoom Meeting

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**Croasdaile Worship** will be on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. Next date is **September** 23.

## St. Paul's In-Person Worship and Building Guidelines

The Reopening Task Force met and reviewed the rules announced by our governor and the CDC.

- On Sunday mornings, we will continue to meet at 10:00 am for one worship service, socially distancing in the sanctuary at every other pew, and also gathering in Trinity Hall where the service is projected. All will gather in the sanctuary for Holy Communion.
- We will still wear masks in worship in an effort to offer some protection from disease. We will allow singing and humming while masked.
- All areas of the church are purified with IWave technology which eliminates up to 97% of all virus and bacteria particles.
- Committees may begin meeting in person or a combination of in person and zoom. Contact the church office to reserve space.
- In order to be able to offer in person worship we need assistance on Sunday morning. Visit the listing below of **Sign-Up Genius links**. We also need people to help with the new video and sound equipment. Contact Curtis Chi or Tim Hoke if you would like to be trained.

**We now have a new live link to our Sunday morning Worship Service** on Sundays at 10:00 AM Here is the printed out link: https://vimeo.com/event/1277798 which can be typed into phones, computers, or a smart TV.

## In-Person Worship Zoom information: Sunday Morning Worship

Time: at 9:30 am - **worship begins at 10:00 am** Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584944760?pwd=YTZISFp3NVg2Z09GV0JpOEhObER5Zz09 Meeting ID: 885 8494 4760 Passcode: 435920 Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 885 8494 4760 Passcode: 435920 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbCjEelyDd

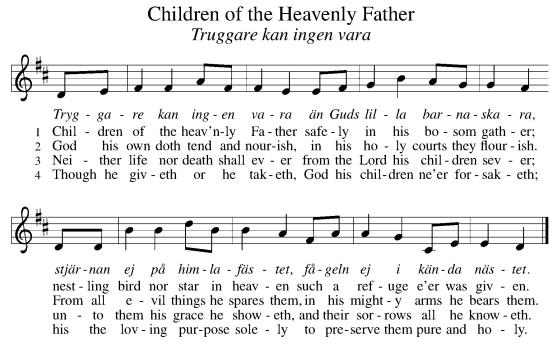
Here is a listing of the Sign-Up Genius links we are presently using to accomplish our many needed

- tasks. Please fill in as you are able. You can bookmark these sites to make it easier to return to them.
   Devotions <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1</u> Please send your devotions to Vicar Mac Mullins at vicar@stpaulsdurham.org
- Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Worship Tasks
   https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1
   Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, video, etc.
- Sunday morning 10:00 AM Communion Assistants and Lock-Up https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion



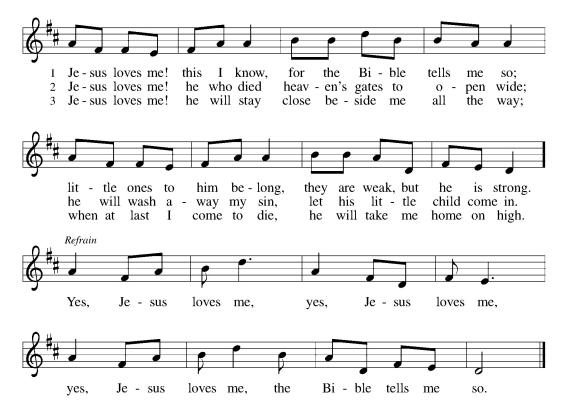
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