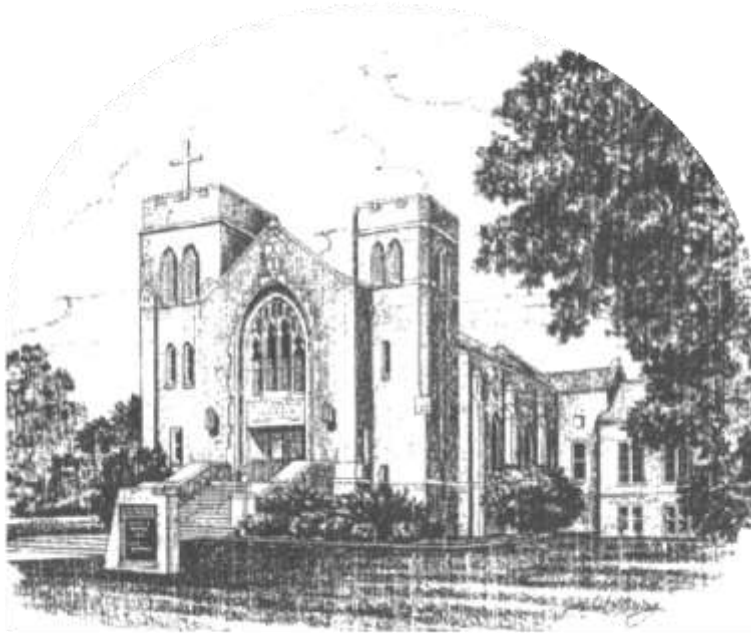


St. Paul Lutheran Church
Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

Silent Prayer

You have crowned us with your presence. May we this hour crown you, glorify you with lives that are lived for you. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

***GATHERING HYMN**

“What a Fellowship”

WOV #780

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: 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.

L: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

L: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

WOV 783

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

C Em F C F

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

C G G7 C Em

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

F C F C G C

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4
 Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 25:1-8

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-13

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA**

VERSE

(Sung Twice)

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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***GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“Softly and Tenderly”

WOV #734

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

G C G

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

A7 D G

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's
 plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
 prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

C G C G D7 G

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
 heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
 mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

D G D E A
Refrain

"Come home, come home! You who are wea - ry, come

D A7 D7 G

home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

C G C G D7 G

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection + of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**



***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: *“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, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING** *Numbers 6:23-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you

And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Here I Am, Lord

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1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



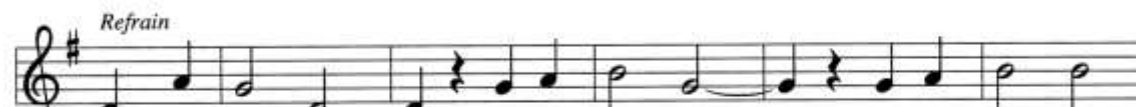
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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HERE I AM, LORD
7 7 7 4 D and refrain

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Pentecost 2020 – Setting 2 LBW

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 26, 2020 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 27, 2020 - 9:00 AM

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES

Pastor: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Debbie Kneese

Musicians: Saturday – PT & Friends Sunday – PT & Friends/Luellen Smiley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Reader: Karen Dueser

Musicians: Saturday – Rebecca Innocenti Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Helping with Worship during the month of September:

Head Usher: Dennis Henze

Ushers: Fred Hahn, Walker Innocenti, Steven Kneese, Travis Peyton

Altar Guild: Penny Sievers & Karen Dueser

Saturday Altar Guild: John Dale Hurst

Helping with Worship during the month of October:

Head Usher: Darren Seifert

Ushers: Calvin Bruns, Clay Caran, John Carriger

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bargmann & Deborah Niemeier

Reformation Sunday (Oct. 25th): Janet Lambrecht & Laurey Garcia

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Ann Adix	Mario Garcia	David Lassmann
Robbie Boldt	Daniel Goehring	Cole Ohrt
Katherine Brown	Kay Hilbrich	Michael Pattillo
JoAnn Cornelius	Philip Hoefling	David Stern
Carol Donovan	Lois Kelch	The Stern Family

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (27th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday (30th)	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday (3rd)	5:00 pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday (4th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS RESTORATION - In June, the council approved restoring the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. We need your help to offset the cost of this project.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will begin on Sunday, October 4, 2020. We are going to try to follow CDC Recommendations. Just like school, we will be conducting temperature checks upon arrival. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in class!

A Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held for the community on Wednesday, October 7th in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00-6:00 PM. Cost is covered by Medicare and insurance. There will be a \$20 charge for those without insurance for Fluzone and \$50 for Flublok (the recommended vaccine for ages 65+). Please bring your current insurance card.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE UTMOST SAFETY and well-being to our congregation members, staff, and visitors, we have closed the church office. If you are needing immediate assistance please feel free to give us a call:

Pastor Tim: 512-922-6217

Youth Director, Nicholas: 571-992-8655

Secretary, Katie: 361-491-1579

Everyone's safety at this time is our priority and we appreciate your cooperation. Thank you!

DRIVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION Immediately following the Sunday morning worship service until 10:30, Holy Communion will be distributed at the driveway by the elevator.

BROADCAST OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICE at 9:00 AM is at 100.1 FM, or you can listen to the livestream on the internet. The easiest way to get to the livestream is on our church website: www.stpaulykt.org and click on the Shoutcast link in the middle of the webpage.

WORSHIP BULLETINS and Announcements are available in various places: on our church website: www.stpaulykt.org, in the container on the porch at the Educational Building entrance, at the Sanctuary entrances on Sunday mornings, and the Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW OFFERING EGIVING! In addition to the other ways of giving, a new option is available, Visit our website at www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link eGiving and it will lead you through process. For more information, call the church office at 361-564-2135.

GROCERY PICK-UP Should anyone need groceries but do not feel comfortable with going outside please let St. Paul know so Nicholas, or a volunteer, can go shopping on your behalf. Nicholas can be reached through the church phone (361-564-2135), email, (dcenicholas@gmail.com) or through FB messenger on our Facebook Page.

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