

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

**“In Jesus’ name, Do justice, Love kindness, Walk humbly with God.”**

St. Paul is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

515 South Wheaton Avenue - Wheaton, Illinois - 630-668-5953

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 12, 2017**

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**Amos:  
Justice Rolls Down**

# Welcome to St. Paul

Visiting today? We are glad you are here!  
Stop by the Welcome Center and receive a sweet gift.

- Please write your name and other information on the yellow welcome card.
- There are multiple areas and resources designed for children to experience and participate in worship according to their needs. Please see information for parents and "Children at St. Paul, Wheaton" on the laminated page posted at the outside end of your pew.
- Assisted listening headphones are available for those having difficulty hearing.
- Members, please wear your name tag. Extras are located in the pew racks.

## About Worship

We follow an ancient pattern through the *liturgy* (which literally means “the work of the people”). Some parts of the service may change each week, but there is a consistent flow: praising God, hearing God’s word, offering our prayers and gifts, celebrating communion, and being sent into the world for service. The format remains fairly constant, but the style will vary widely. Sometimes we sing with the pipe organ, and the ministers chant. Sometimes we worship accompanied by piano, guitars, drums, violins, flutes—or whatever our folk play. We range from Bach to blues, because we know that different styles connect to different people. So we all worship together, and change the style every few weeks. It’s one of the ways we minister to and with each other and build community. Thank you for being part of our worship and community today!

*\*At the asterisk, stand as you are able.*

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation  
ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) page numbers are printed in the lower corners in the front portion of the hymnal. Hymn numbers are large numbers printed beside hymn titles in the rest of the book.

## Serving Today

### Presiding Minister

Pastor Jared Olson

### Assisting Minister

Daniel Yurko

### Director of Music

Carl Heine

### Lectors

8:30 Julie Braun

11:00 Diana Troxel

### Communion Deacons

8:30 Rita Hansen

11:00 Kevin Hengst

### Bread Hosts

8:30 Pat Pape

11:00 Pete & Laura Pohl

### Crucifer/Acolytes

8:30 Lynda, Charlie & Sasha

Baumgartner

11:00 Alex, Oliver & Ben Michalak

### Fellowship

Pat Heine, Pat Noeske

### Greeters

8:30 Betty Bradshaw, Grant Eckhoff

11:00 Carlo &

Sherri D’Agostino, Mary Cox

### Ushers

8:30 Al LaMar, Ed, Susan & Ben Mullinger

11:00 John Campbell, Mike Harrington, Mike Michalak, Anthony Tarpeh

### Altar Care

Dawn Harrington, Ginny Harms, Jan Reed

### Counters

Terrie & Diana Troxel, Dan Marsh

# Preparing to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Jared

Children's Message

Dana King

\*Entrance Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ELW, #708

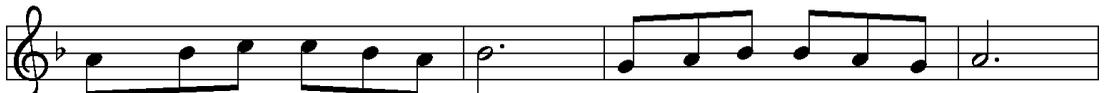
*Refrain*



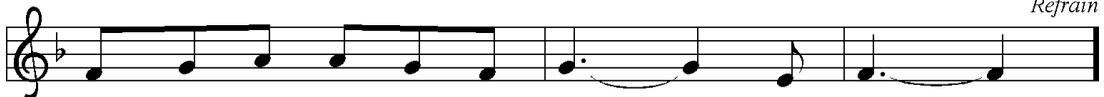
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

*Refrain*

# Gathering Together in Worship

## \*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. 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.

C: **Amen.**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 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

*Refrain*



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 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.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

### \*Prayer of the Day

**P:** God of mercy, your vision of justice for all is at the center of our faith. Clear our eyes to see it newly as something worth striving for, as messy and difficult as it may be. Renew our zeal for your gospel for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

# Responding to the Word of God

Lesson

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

The Word of God as written in Amos:

1The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. <sup>2</sup>And he said: The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

Pastor Jared

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\*Hymn of the Day

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW, #710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diancy, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

## Veteran's Presentation

### \*Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 the People

*After each petition of the prayers:*

A: God of Justice.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

### \*Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share the peace.

## Offering

*Please place your pledge card in the offering plate.*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

A: We bring our offerings to your altar not that we might make ourselves look good, or find special favor with you, for that is not what you desire, O Lord. Use these gifts and the work of our lives as part of your divine will to overthrow oppression, injustice and inequality everywhere, and in that work, may we find our true peace.

C: Amen.

# Sharing the Eucharistic Meal

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
P: It is indeed right . . . join their unending hymn.

## \*Sanctus

ELW, p. 191



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

## \*Eucharistic Prayer

P: Lord, here us as we pray...

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Distribution of Communion**

*The body and blood of Christ are present in this sacrament, for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. All people are welcome to share in this meal with us. Parents, if you have a young child who receives communion, please indicate that when the minister comes to you. Those who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply keep your hands folded. Come forward and receive the bread from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available. The gold chalice contains wine; you may drink directly from the cup or dip your bread into the wine. The pottery chalice contains non-alcoholic grape juice, which you may receive by dipping your bread into the juice. Return to your seat by the side aisles.*

***If you would like communion brought to you, simply let an usher know.***



# Agnus Dei



Lamb of God,            you    take   a - way   the   sin   of   the  
   \*    you    break   the   chains   of   ha - tred   and  
    you    are   the   way   of   jus - tice   and  
    you    are   the   way   of   mer - cy   and

*Congregation:*



have mer - cy on us,            mer - cy on us,



mer - cy    on    us.    Lamb of God,            you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world:            grant    us peace,



grant    us peace,            grant    us            peace.

## Music During Communion



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

### \*Post-Communion Prayer

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.**



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## Going Out into the World Sent by God

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

P: The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.  
C: Amen.



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

\*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude