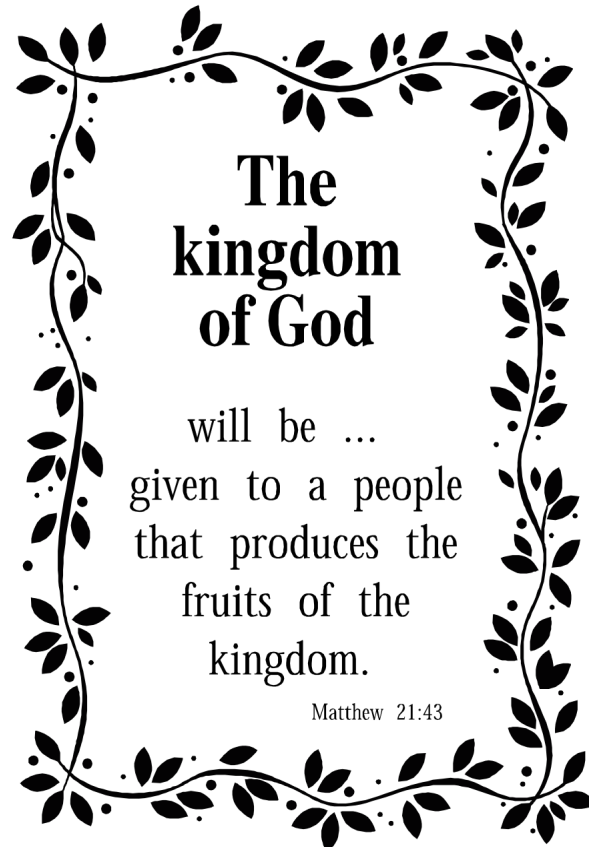


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Order of Service

HYMN: # 254 (verses 1-3)

"The Day Full of Grace"

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

254

The Day Full of Grace



1 The day full of grace, which we be - hold Now
2 How blest was that gra - cious mid - night hour When
3 The day - light grew dim on Cal - va - ry When
4 With joy we draw near our fa - ther - land, Our



gent - ly to view as - cend - ing As God's gra - cious
God in our flesh was giv - en. The Day - spring ap -
Christ for the world was giv - en, But on Eas - ter
heav - en - ly Fa - ther's dwell - ing, Where read - y for



prom - is - es un - fold, Good cheer to the
peared in light and pow'r And spread o'er the
morn our Lord broke free To give us new
us his man - sions stand, Where heav'n with his



saints is lend - ing, And chil - dren of light in
dark - ened heav - en. Then rose o'er the world that
life from heav - en. His Spir - it now tes - ti -
saints is swell - ing, And there we shall walk in



ev - 'ry land Re - joice that the night is end - ing.
Sun di - vine Who gloom from our hearts has driv - en.
fies in us That we are the Fa - ther's chil - dren.
end - less light, For - ev - er his prais - es tell - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn, 15th century, abr., st. 1-2, 4; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 3; tr. composite, st. 1-2, 4.
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Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

ABSOLUTION

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (Hymn # 254 vs 4)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 5:1-7

The LORD has given his people every opportunity to produce fruits of faith! To his great disappointment, he found only the rotten fruit of injustice and unrighteousness. In his righteous anger, he turned his vineyard into a wasteland again. We are well warned. Where the gospel is despised, the cries of human injustice can be heard. The judgment of God is never far behind.

5 Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard.

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge.

2 He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it.

He planted it with the best vines.

He built a tower in the middle of it.

He also cut a winepress into it.

He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,

but it produced only sour grapes.

3 So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What more could have been done for my vineyard

that I have not already done for it?

When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,

why did it produce sour grapes?

5 Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

6 I will make it a wasteland.

It will not be pruned or hoed.

So briars and thorns will shoot up.

I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it.

7 Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Armies is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him.

He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.

He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

THE SECOND LESSON:

Philippians 3:12-21

St. Paul urges us to live up to what we have already attained. God has given us the kingdom of heaven by faith. We are the people he promised would make a difference in the world. So, let's get busy! Let us begin by living drastically different lives from the rest of the world who worship their selfish appetites and their shame. Let us freely do the things that are pleasing in God's sight!

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you

think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. 16 Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained.

17 Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. 18 To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will declare your name to my brothers. Within the congregation I will sing your praise. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12)

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 21:33-43

Notice the patience of God as he seeks fruits of faith in the lives of his people. Could God have done any more for his people than he had done? So also has God been patient with us. Let us then build our lives on Christ lest, forsaking him, we lose everything!

33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. **34** When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

35 The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. **36** Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. **37** Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

38 But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance!’ **39** They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

41 They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone
This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

43 “That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s 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.

382 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus’
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - ’ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - ’ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness

er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus’ name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

THE SERMON: MATTHEW 21:33-43

THE OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

General Prayer

Lord God heavenly Father, we give you heartfelt thanks that you have called us out of the darkness of spiritual ignorance through the light of your gospel, that you have called us out of the darkness of sin and eternal death to the light of eternal life through Christ, and that you have called us forth from a life of sin to a life of service freely given to you. We pray, keep us steadfast and true to our high spiritual calling. Endow us richly with the Holy Spirit, and by his grace sustain our faith, dispelling our doubts and confusion and keeping us faithful and true to your Word. Do not permit us to stray from your Word in the slightest and help us through diligent use of the Scriptures to grow in knowledge, to abound in faith and to be strengthened in our inner man. Enable us by word and deed to make a good profession of our faith before the world. Direct our footsteps along the path of righteousness. Help us to fight against our sinful flesh and prevent us from being dazzled by the attractions of this world. Restrain the devil and his wicked angels lest they threaten our faith and strike terror in our hearts. Cause our hearts to ache with a desire to reach the “other sheep” that are waiting for us to share with them our hope in Christ. Work powerfully in the hearts of all people through your Word and sacraments so that no one perish but all might come to repentance.

Create in us humble hearts so that we daily make confession of our sins. For Jesus’ sake forgive our sins and put our consciences to rest. Fill our hearts with such gratitude for your salvation that we gladly set about to bring the light of the gospel to those who are without Christ and without hope.

Especially Lord, we ask you to bless Pastor Lyon whom we have called to serve as the next pastor at St. Paul’s. Give him the spiritual gifts that are so necessary to perform the duties of the ministry and fill his heart with joy and humility as he prayerfully considers where he can best serve you in your kingdom. If it be your will, bring him and his family safely to us. Lord, we also come to you on behalf of Mrs. Penny Adickes. We have issued her a permanent call to teach grades 1 and 2 in our school. Lead her to accept this call if it be your will and fill her

heart with joy for the privilege of teaching your little ones how to conduct their lives as your children. As she contemplates this call, watch over her closely and give her peace and contentment in her decision. For you are with her to bless her in all that she does.

Dear Jesus, it has pleased you to call out of this world to yourself in heaven, Mr. Arlen Schmidt. His mortal remains were laid to rest yesterday, the service being held here at St. Paul’s. We ask you to comfort his family and friends who mourn his passing and fill their hearts with the sweet hope of a blessed reunion in heaven by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Help them to find strength in your sure promises to be with us always. Hold your cross before the eyes of all who grieve and send the Holy Spirit to comfort and help in the lonely days ahead.

Cause every Christian virtue to flourish in all our lives. Fan into flames the gift of faith that is in our hearts too. Increase our faith so that we turn away from sin in the future and live our lives to your glory. O Father, be our Strength, our Hope, and our Light. Guide and keep us through the years that remain until by grace in Christ we come to eternal life. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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.

366 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For sin - ners

2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With God we

3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the

you be - came a child. You came from heav - en

now are rec - on - ciled. You have for all the

world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we have be -

to ful - fill Your Fa - ther's just and ho - ly

ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger

longs to you; Oh, keep us faith - ful, strong, and

will. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62, abr.; tr. Frieda Pietsch, alt.
Tune: O JESULEIN SÜSS (10 8 88 10) Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623, alt.

The Closing Prayer

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

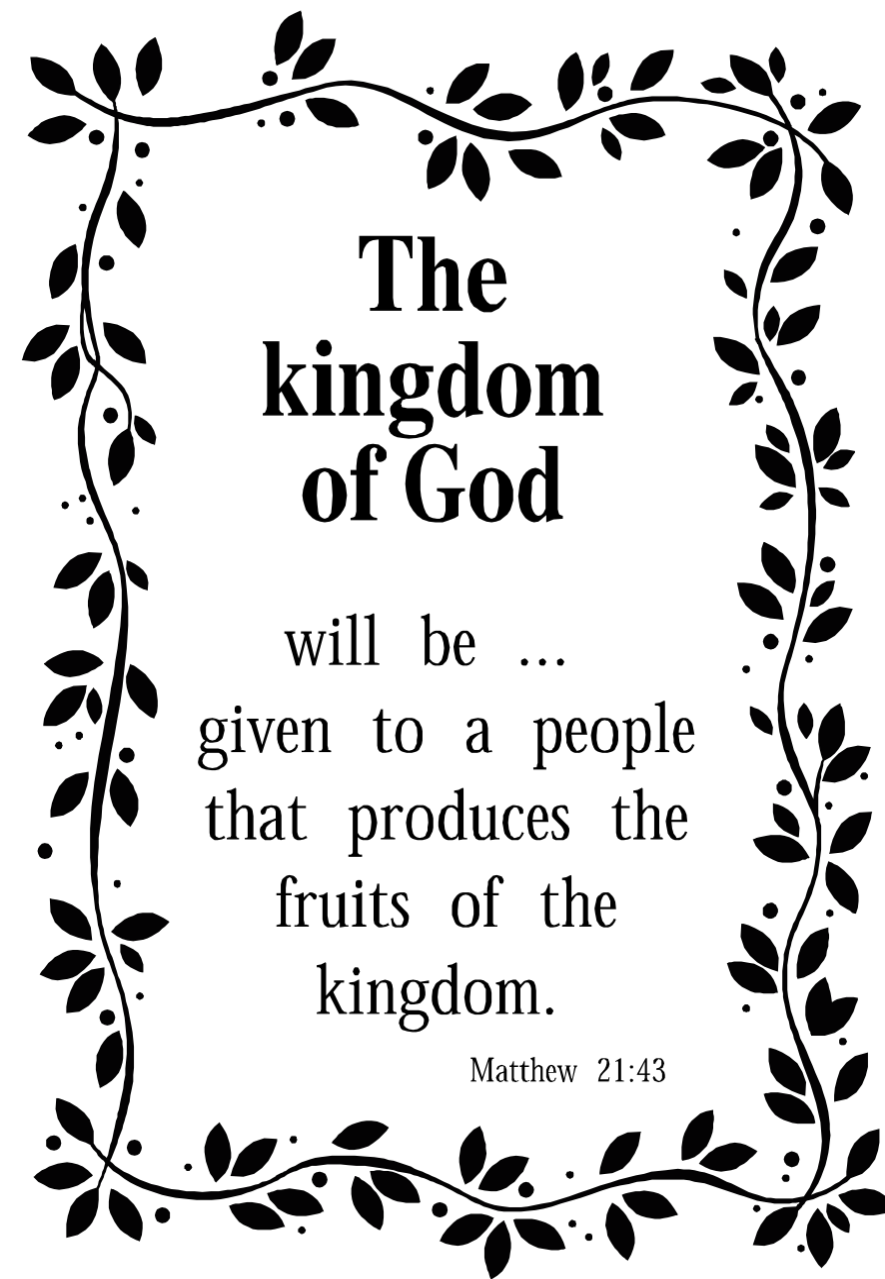
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace. Amen.

319 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my
hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.



Announcements

This Week:

Sunday: 10/25

Worship 8 and 10 am

Bible Study - 9:15-9:40 - Ephesians 1 continues

Sunday School 9:10-9:40 at School

Luther High Fruit/Meat Sale (Church Basement)

Tuesday: 10/27

7 pm - Bible Class - Obadiah

Wed: 10/28

9 am - Bible Class - Obadiah

3:30 pm - Public School Confirmation

Sunday: 11/1

Daylight Savings Ends - Fall Back One Hour

Reformation Sunday

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Luther High Fruit/Meat Sale (Church Basement)

Live Nativity Sign Up

With the Lord - Arlan Schmidt passed away on Sunday, October 18 at the age of 75.

Services were here at the church on Saturday, October 24. May the words of St. Paul comfort those who mourn: "Death has been swallowed up in victory...Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Co 15:54-57)

Pastor Gregory Lyon, currently teaching at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Wauwatosa, WI, has received the call to serve as our pastor here at St. Paul's. Please keep Pastor Lyon in your prayers as he considers the call we have extended to him. Pastor Lyons is 38 years old and along with his wife, Amy, has three small children.

Mrs. Penny Adickes was called to a permanent position as 1st and 2nd grade teacher for St. Paul's. Please pray that Mrs. Adickes will accept this call and continue serving here. Our children are richly blessed to learn under her care!

Luther High Music Dept. Fruit Sale/Trap Club Meat Sale: Luther students will be taking orders in the church basement between services every Sunday through 11/15/20 to raise funds for the Music Department and Trap Club, or you may contact Joshua Stratman at 608-486-4735 or Michael Lazzaretti to place your order.

LIVE NATIVITY PROP REPAIR FINAL NIGHT is October 26th at the Rotary Building (27 Market St.) 6:30pm-9pm. **LIVE NATIVITY SET-UP** at Riverside Park is Saturday, October 31st from 9am-5pm. Rotary provides lunch. Can't help this Saturday? Come down any of the following Saturdays up until Thanksgiving. Call George Italiano 608-317-0271 with questions.

LIVE NATIVITY SIGN UP is **Sunday, November 1 at 12 noon** and must be done individually on-line that day to participate on December 5 & 6. A table will be set up in the narthex today and next Sunday with further details. Contact Karen Bauer with any questions at 608-461-0125.

November Worship Services:

The 4 Sundays in November are known as "End Times" Sundays. They are the last 4 Sundays of the Christian church year. Each Sunday has a different theme.

November 1 - Reformation Sunday urges us to reflect on the faith we confess.

November 8 - Last Judgment is a reminder that the end of the world is approaching.

November 15 - Saints Triumphant is a peek into heaven at the joy that awaits us there.

November 22 - Christ the King Sunday is a reminder that our Savior reigns forever!

November 25/26 - National Day of Thanksgiving.

November 29 - 1st Sunday in the New Christian Church year - Advent!

Offering Summary (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

Weekly Budget: \$9,948.43

Budget to Date: \$407,885.63

Received 10/18/20: \$4,754.12

Rec'd to Date: \$355,816.74

Attendance - 10/18/2020

8:00 am: 83 10:00 am: 55 Total: 138