

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Fond du Lac**  
Order of Worship: August 13/15/16, 2020 (Pentecost 11)

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**Hymn: 369 v. 1, 3, 4**

*Beautiful Savior*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.  
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

**Invocation and Confession of Sins** *(Please stand.)*

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom!  
The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

C: **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**  
*(Psalm 145:3, 17, 18)*

M: We confess our sins to our Holy God.

C: **Forgive us, Holy Father, for our offenses against you and for what we think, do, and say to cause suffering in this world through our many sins. Pardon our unkind, unclean, and impatient words; our thoughtless failures to help or encourage others; our selfish and unloving deeds; our insensitivity toward those who are hurting; and our stubborn rebellion against the perfect purity of your moral standards. We admit our sins and the eternal punishment we deserve because of them, and ask you to have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.**

M: God's flawless Word tells us, "He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth." *(Isaiah 25:8)* He has kept his promise to do this through the perfect life and sacrificial death of his Son, Jesus Christ. Believe it when the Savior proclaims to you through his called servant, "Your sins are forgiven!" *(Luke 7:48)*

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose favors are divine.

'Tis he forgives my sins; 'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses And makes me young again!

**Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

**O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. <sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Verse of the Day:** *(Pastor)*

Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."  
Alleluia. *(John 14:23)*

**Response: 169 v. 1**

*Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."

*(Please stand.)*

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup> "Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Hymn: 533 v. 1, 3-5**

*I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*

I love your kingdom, Lord, The place of your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With his own precious blood.

I love your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of your eye And graven on your hand.

For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

## Sermon

### Hymn/Creed *(Melody: 486)*

I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of human birth.  
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate, Whom the Spirit did conceive,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; He's the God whom I believe.

Crucified, was dead and buried; Down to hell in victory;  
From the dead he rose the third day; Up to heav'n triumphantly.  
There at God's right hand he's ruling; By his will the world is led.  
He will come to judge the nations, Both the living and the dead.

I believe in God the Spirit; In his Church, his chosen band.  
They are joined in sweet communion; Holy in his sight they stand.  
I believe in sins forgiven; I believe I'll rise again;  
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!

## Prayers and 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.**

## Closing Prayer

M:Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word. May it always be a lantern to our feet, a light for our paths, and strength to our lives. Guide us by your grace and use us to love and serve all people by the power of the Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

M: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us,

C: **To him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, forever and ever!** *(Ephesians 3:20-21)*

M: 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. *(Numbers 6:24)*

C: **Amen.**

**Hymn: 566 v. 1, 3**

*We All Are One in Mission*

We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission Compels us from above  
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

Now let us be united, And let our song be heard;  
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

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**Communion:** Please follow the direction of the pastor and ushers for the reception of the Lord's Supper. Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS are invited.

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