



*Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost*



St. Paul
Lutheran

Taylor, TX
LCMC

***Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Child Development Center and Pre-School***
Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley, D.R.S., Ph.D., Pastor

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And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you,

he will by no means lose his reward.



MATTHEW 10:42

Logos

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I will sing of the
Lord's great love
forever.

Psalm 89:1



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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

ALTAR *flowers*



Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in thankfulness for family and friends.
Also to celebrate the 57th wedding anniversary today
for Marilyn and Bob Grimm.



Brunch will resume in August



PRAY FOR:
THE PASHTUN

We pray for the Pashtun men, that their strength and pride might be in You, Lord.

“For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.”

Psalm 149:4

 PRAYER LEAGUE

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INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“All Are Welcome”

Hymn # 641

**¹ Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,**

Hymn # 641

**a place where
saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

Hymn # 641

**Built of hopes and dreams
and visions,
rock of faith and vault of
grace;**

Hymn # 641

**here the love of Christ shall
end divisions:
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

**3 Let us build a house where
love is found
in water, wine and wheat:**

Hymn # 641

**a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.**

Hymn # 641

**Here the love of God, through
Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;**

Hymn # 641

**as we share in Christ the feast
that frees us:**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

**Final Let us build a house where
all are named,
their songs and visions heard**

Hymn # 641

**and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

Hymn # 641

**Built of tears and cries and
laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of
grace,**

Hymn # 641

**let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Glory To God

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
[Refrain]*

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth, and peace to God's people
on earth.*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.

Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord,
⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

- ¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your
faithfulness.
- ² **For I am persuaded that your
steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly
in the heavens.**

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 **‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all
generations.’”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**¹⁸ Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia.

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 10:40-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,

⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S
SERMON

Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

“A Cup of Cold Water”

Matthew 10:40-42

- ❖ Advance the Cause of Christ
- ❖ Even if Simple and Practical
- ❖ A Reward is Promised



Hymn of the Day

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Hymn # 719

**1 Where cross the crowded
ways of life,
where sound the cries of race
and clan,**

Hymn # 719

**above the noise of selfish
strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of
Man.**

Hymn # 719

**3 From tender childhood's
helplessness,
from human grief and burdened
toil,**

Hymn # 719

**from famished souls, from
sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.**

Hymn # 719

**Final Till all the world shall learn
your love,
and follow where your feet have
trod;**

Hymn # 719

**till glorious from your heav'n
above
shall come the city of our God.**

Hymn # 719

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

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.**

Congregation may be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division.
Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work
through world leaders to foster understanding,
justice, and peace.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We also remember our friends and family members before you. We ask that you bless their caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries Jamie & Kelly in East Asia, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Adair, Iowa.

Especially today we celebrate and lift before you the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin, Texas and their pastor, Jeremy Pedersen. May your grace flow through them as they share your Good News.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb for ever and
ever.***

¹ Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain **Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.**

***2 For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one whose
name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy
God!***

Refrain **Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Hymn # 545

**¹ Lord, dismiss us with your
blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;**

Hymn # 545

**let us each, your love
possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.**

Hymn # 545

**² Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.**

Hymn # 545

**Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**

Hymn # 545

**Final Savior, when your love shall
call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.**

Hymn # 545

**May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.**

Hymn # 545

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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