

5 p.m. USHERS & ALTAR GUILD: James & Kathy Brewer

9 a.m. USHERS: Shawn & Ann Raborn

ALTAR GUILD: Faye Bresan; **READER:** Praise Band

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in to the glory of God in memory of Frank Friemel for his birthday, October 21, by Anita Craft, Hertha Kruse, Russ & Debbie Friemel, Ardie & Jerry Holsinger, and Mannie Fritsch-Schmid.

WE WELCOME Pastor Katrina Walther of Brenham, who will lead Saturdays service and Pastor Jerry Wirtley Campus Pastor, Treehouse Ministries in College Station, who will lead Sunday's service.

HOSPITALIZED: Mel Cameron @ St. Mark's

OUR CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES to the family of Amalia Woolf on the death of her sister-in-law, Joycine Eckermann Hanath. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on her.

AMEN DONATIONS: So far in October, we have received 109# of groceries for AMEN! Let's reach/pass the 200# goal for the month. Monetary donations to the AMEN Food Pantry are always welcome (mark your envelope AMEN), as well as food donations in the AMEN cart or the green baskets under the drive through on Walnut or the office porch.

COVID PROTOCOLS: Everyone is required (regardless of vaccination status) to wear a mask while inside the Narthex and Sanctuary at St. Paul. Please join us at the Sunday morning coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall after the 9 a.m. service. Masks are optional in the Fellowship Hall.

LIVESTREAM ASSISTANCE NEEDED! Would you be willing to learn how to do the livestream on Sunday? Please consider this important ministry. We are happy to teach you! If you have any interest in volunteering, please let the church office know.

LWR QUILTERS will meet Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to tack quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share for lunch!

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Praise Worship w/ Pr. Wirtley

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

MONDAY 6:00 PM Worship Cmt. via Zoom??

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM LWR Quilters

9:00 AM Colorado River Conference

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 AM Community Bible Study

6:00 PM Handbell Choir

6:30 PM LYO Wednesday

7:00 PM Vocal Choir

8:00 PM Praise Band

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM Worship w/ Pr. Lawrence Bade

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Class



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The Rev. Katrina Walther, *Supply Pastor*

The Rev. Jerry Wirtley, *Supply Pastor*

Organist Jean McHenry (5 p.m.)

Pianist: Sherise Davis (9 a.m.)

October 16 & 17, 2021

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

FOR THE **SON OF MAN**
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED
BUT TO SERVE,
AND TO GIVE HIS

Life a Ransom

FOR MANY.



Next weekend's readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

LISTEN TO ST. PAUL SERVICES!

Visit our webpage, www.stpaulg.org, and click "**Listen**" to hear our services live on your smart phone or computer! You can also view our bulletin, weekly service video, newsletters and current calendar. Visit our Facebook page to view the service live Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

National Domestic Abuse Hotline number (1-800-799-7233)

Welcome!

- + Welcome to worship!
- + All are welcome at the table of grace. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine. Those at home are invited to use whatever bread or crackers and wine or juice you have on hand. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share whatever elements we have available.
- + The 9 a.m. service will be on Facebook live & audio streamed on our webpage, www.stpaulg.org. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. You may also listen to last week's service on KBUK 104.9 FM on Sundays at 10 am.
- + Everyone is invited for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday morning's service.

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Stand if able)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God, our comforter, **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW 825 "You Servants of God" vs. 1, 3, 4 *(back of bulletin)*

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Sit)

WORD

Children's Word

Psalm 91:9-16 (read responsively)

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**¹²On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Reading Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well

as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand if able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those

Sending Song ELW 546 “To Be Your Presence” *(back of bulletin)*

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God. And we will!**

You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 ~~As - cend - ed on high, al - mighty to save, yet still he is~~
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
~~nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his~~
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
~~tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!~~
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Communion Instructions

We will remain in the pews for communion. We receive the bread and wine/ juice together as one community gathered.

If you did not receive a prepackaged communion kit before entering the Sanctuary, ask one of the ushers for one. Pastor will give verbal instructions to lead us.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Sunday School

Children 6th grade and below gather in the back of the Sanctuary to go to the Friendship Room for Sunday School. Parents can pick their children up at 10:30 a.m.

SENDING

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

(Sit)

Sermon

Rev. Katrina Walther (Saturday)

Rev. Jerry Wirtley (Sunday)

(Stand if able)

Hymn ELW 659 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" *(back of bulletin)*

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 Intercession

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, especially we pray for all affected by the COVID virus, and for the families of Daniel Pietsch, Dorothy Zunker, Joan Goehring, Leah Tietjen, and Joycine Hanath. For Alan, Annette, Annie, Barbara, Beth, Pastor Bill, Blaine, Blair, Brax, Brooke, Cole, Conway, Denise, Don, Donnie, Doris, Earlene, Ed, Edna Mae, Edwin, Elaine, Elva, Enid, Eric, Fay, Gary, George, Iris, J.C., Jan, James, Jean, Jenelle, Jennifer, Jerry, JoAnne, Jon, Joy, Juanita, Justin, Kay, Kevin, Larry, Layla, Leon, Lisa, Marjorie, Megan, Mel, Myrtle, Nellie, Nick, Norbert, Oliver, Phyllis, Raymond, Sarah, Sherise, Sherry, Sheryl, Shirley, Pastor Sue, Tami, Tom, Tucker, and for those we name now in the silence of our hearts, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



Offering

Please place your offering in the offering plate in the Narthex as you enter or exit the Sanctuary. Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul, PO Box 567, La Grange, Texas, 78945; brought to the church office, 427 S Washington St.; You may donate now by scanning the QR Code which will take you will to myEoffering where you can register to give online - you choose the frequency of giving - you may make a one time offering or schedule when you prefer. Thank you for supporting St. Paul!

Offering Song

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.