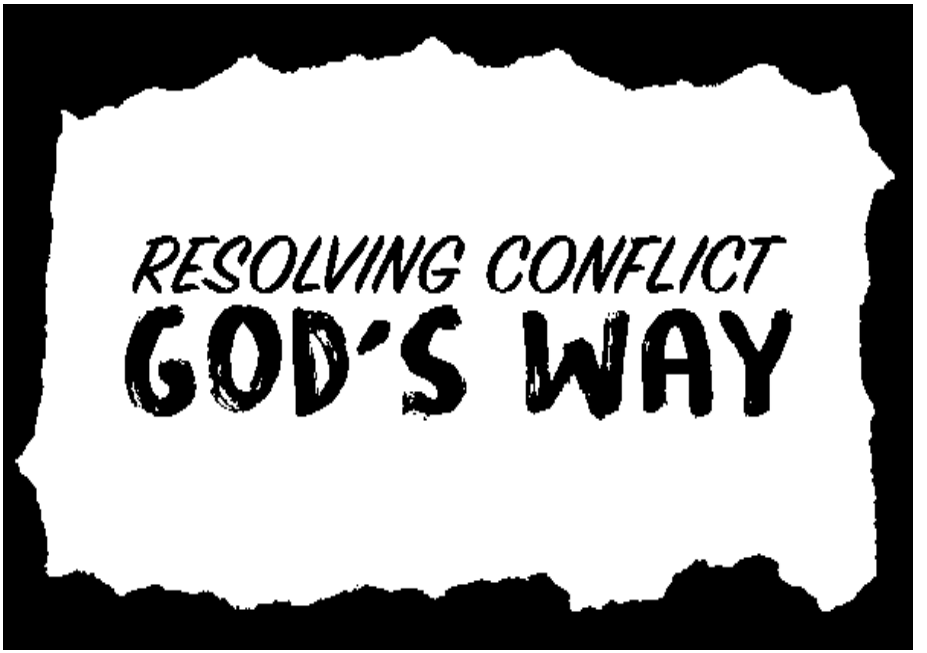


UNDERSTANDING CONFLICT

"WHAT IS IT?"

November 8, 2026
9:30 a.m.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail. We offer gluten free wafers, please advise Pastor Ermeling as he comes by during communion.

As We Gather

Thank you for your presence at worship Today we will begin a three-week series on making peace in a world full of conflict. The foundation verse for our series is based on the words of Jesus that we find in Mathew 5:9: "***Blessed are the peacemaker…".***

We will practical Biblical principles for reconciliation and peacemaking within the context of the life of a Christian. The schedule is as follows:

Stand

Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now *902*

✢ Confession and Absolution ✢

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C **who made Heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

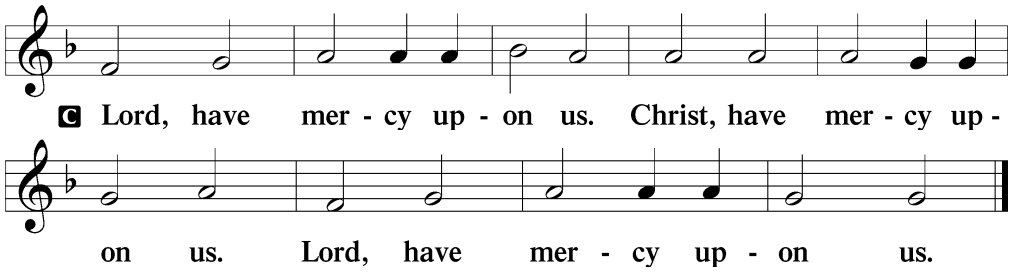
✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

Introit

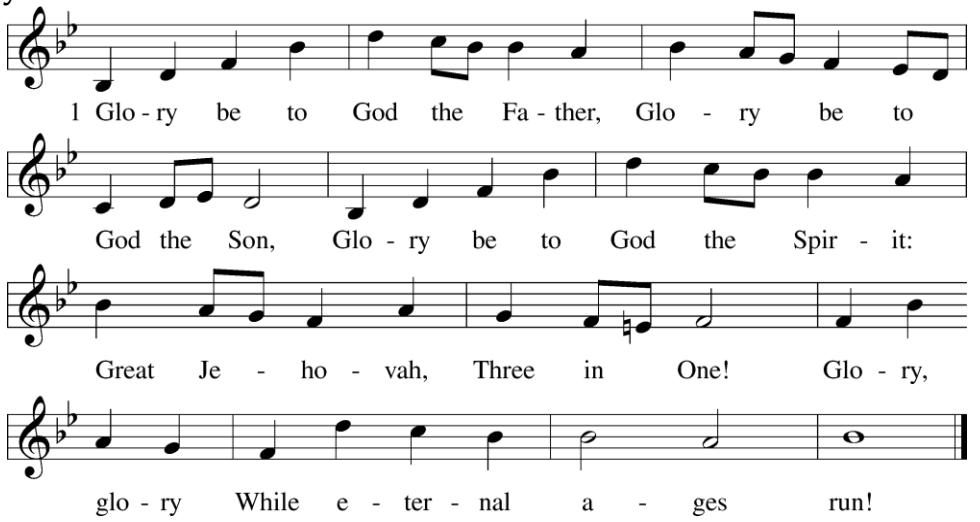
Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Kyrie



Glory Be to God the Father



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 13:5-12

(We get a look at a conflict between Abram and Lot)

5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But
the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so
great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's
herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the
land at that time.
8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between
your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part
company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."
10 Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the
garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD
destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan
and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the land of
Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

James 4:1-3

(James tells us about the causes of conflict in our lives.)

1What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that
battle within you? 2You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot
have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.
3When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may
spend what you get on your pleasures.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Matthew 25:13

Alleluia. Watch therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mathew 5:1-2, 9-12

(*Jesus tells us of the importance of being a "peacemaker*.)

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



[1]Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, [2]and he began to teach them saying:
[9]Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
[10]Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12]Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

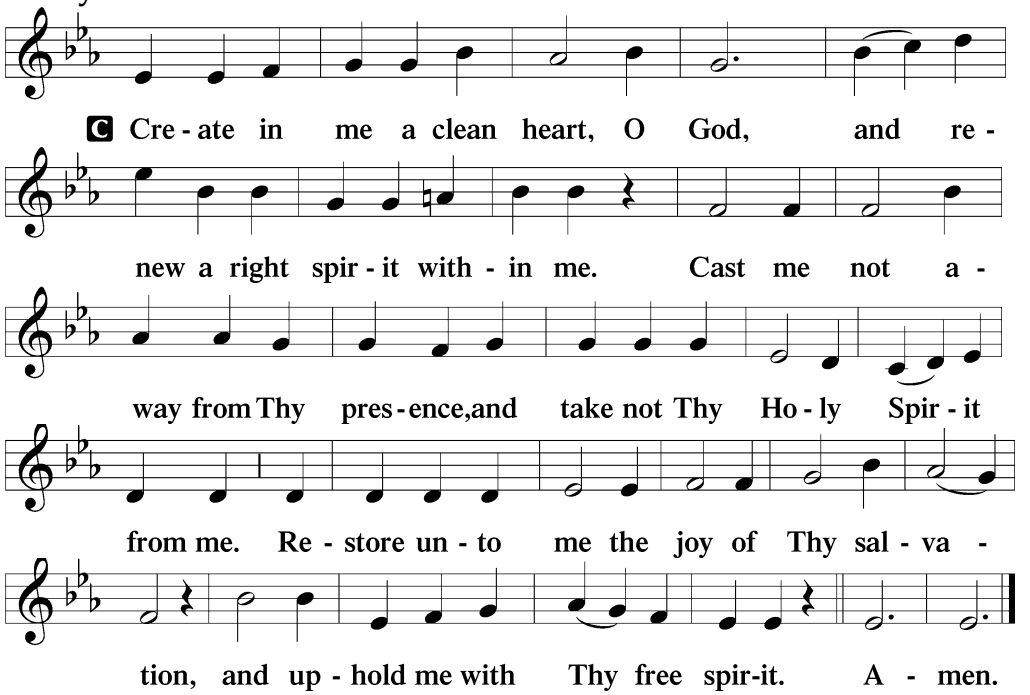
Hymn of the Day My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less *575 sts. 1-2*

Sermon Understanding Conflict – **WHAT IS IT?**

Offering

Stand

Offertory



Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



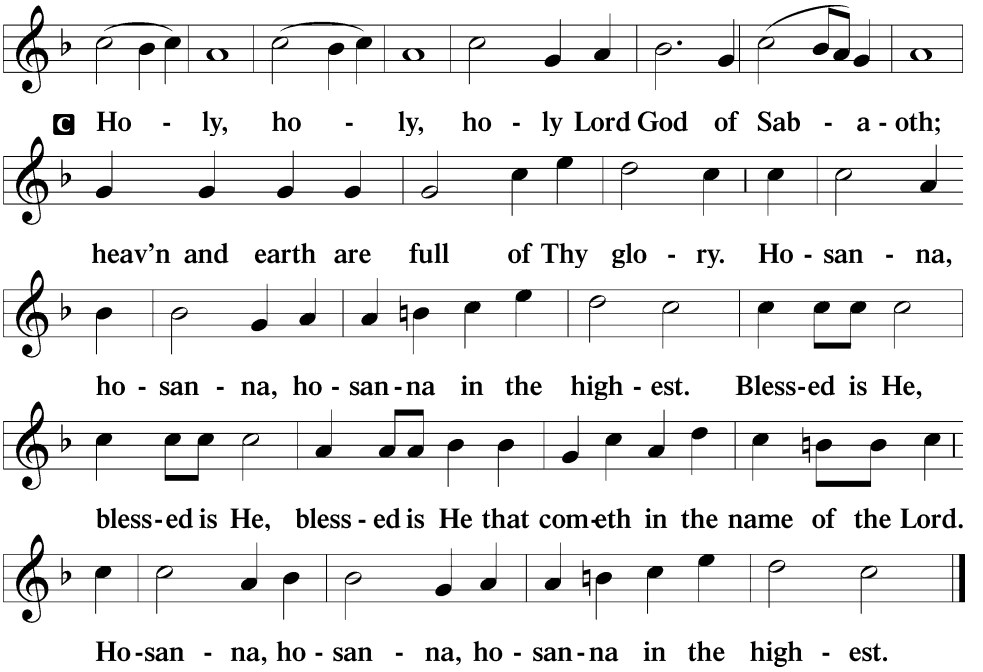
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✢ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution Hymns

I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives *468*

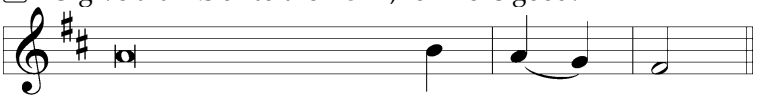
The Day Is Surely Drawing Near *508*

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

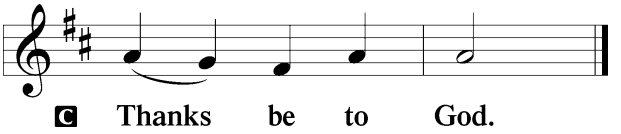


Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



Hymn Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise *917*

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 8	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Spanish Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
	12:30pm	Spanish Bible Study	Irmer Hall
	3:00pm	VLHS Production	VLHS
Wednesday, November 11		Church Office Closed	
Friday, November 13	6:30pm	Spanish Family Bible Study	Irmer Hall
Saturday, November 14	8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall

ANNIVERSARIES

11/09 – Zachary & Kaylee Martinez

11/13 – William & Cymantha Ashby

KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS

You can sing hymns like "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Jesus Priceless Treasure," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 60 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

VLHS Production

You're invited to join us for St. Paul Adventure on Sunday, November 15. We will be attending the matinee performance of Valley Lutheran High Schools production of High School Musical is on **Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 PM**. It is a well-known Disney movie, and the students are very excited to be in the production.

Pastor Ermeling is treating everyone to tickets on the condition you sign up no later than TODAY, **November 8**. After that date you will have to buy your own ticket.

Call the church office to get your name on the list. Everyone will travel on their own and pick up their tracks at the ticket counter at the school. Feel free to invite your friends. It will be a Fun time!

LET US PRAY FOR…

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaullutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMIDIATE CONCERN:

Wayne Bartels, recovering from surgery at Loma Village Health & Rehabilitation Center.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Suzi Riley – health issues
Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer
Nicholas Jimenez – health issues
Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues
Jim Rucker – health issues

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. **PSWD Missions**

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Vernen Ermeling and family
Sunday School teachers & children
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff
The Rev. Ramón Cabrales and Deaconess Carmen
LCMS officers, congregations & schools
Achieve Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY *(members, friends, or relatives)***:**
Jackson Buffington *(Ahrens)***, Maxwell Buffington** *(Ahrens)***, Andy Smiley** *(Parker)*

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith

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