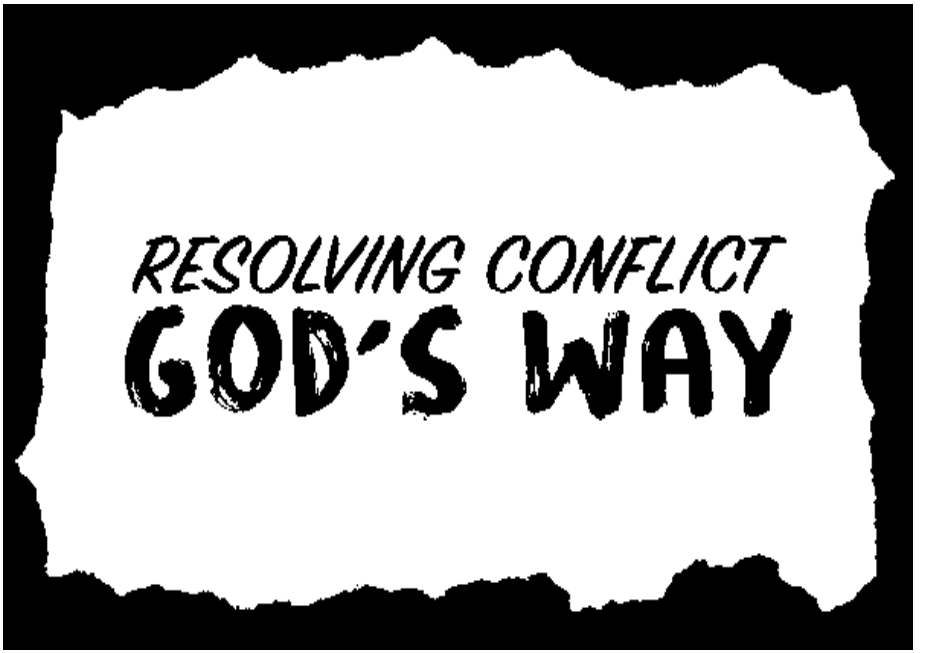


RESPONSES TO CONFLICT

"THE SLIPPERY SLOPE!"

November 15, 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

There is no doubt that we live in a world full of conflict. It all started with Adam and Eve in the garden. It is God's desire- that as much as possible- we live at peace and we become peacemakers in His kingdom. This is week number two of our study of the issues associated with conflict resolution. Our theme today is "What is the correct way to respond to conflict?"

Blessings on your worship with us today.

Stand

Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness *809 sts. 1, 3*

✢ 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.**

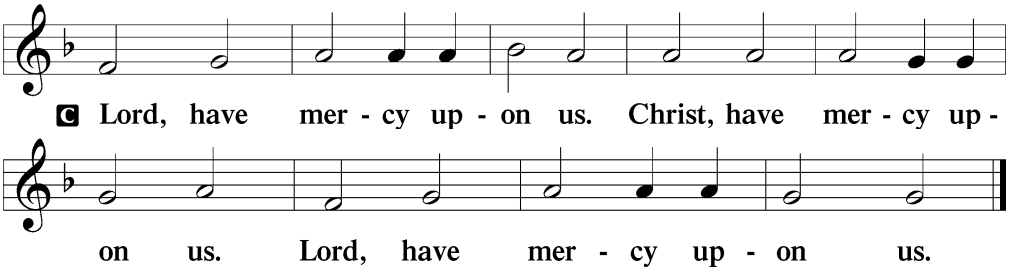
✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

Introit

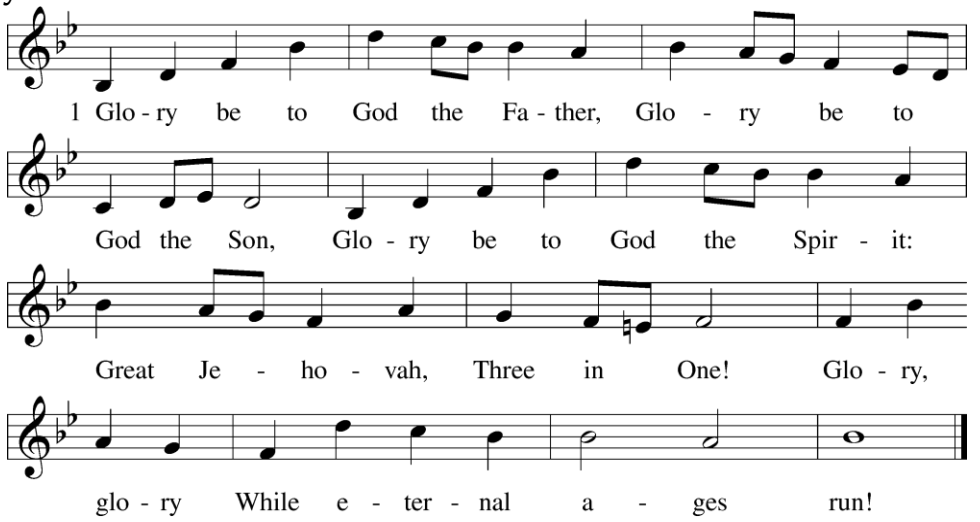
Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
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.
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

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

(Adam and Eve tried to run away from their conflict with God & they also played the blame game.)

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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

Philippians2:1-5

(Paul suggests we follow Christ example of peacemaking.)

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Matthew 25:29a

Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,
and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mathew 18:15-18

(Jesus suggests the model for personal peacemaking.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

P 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.

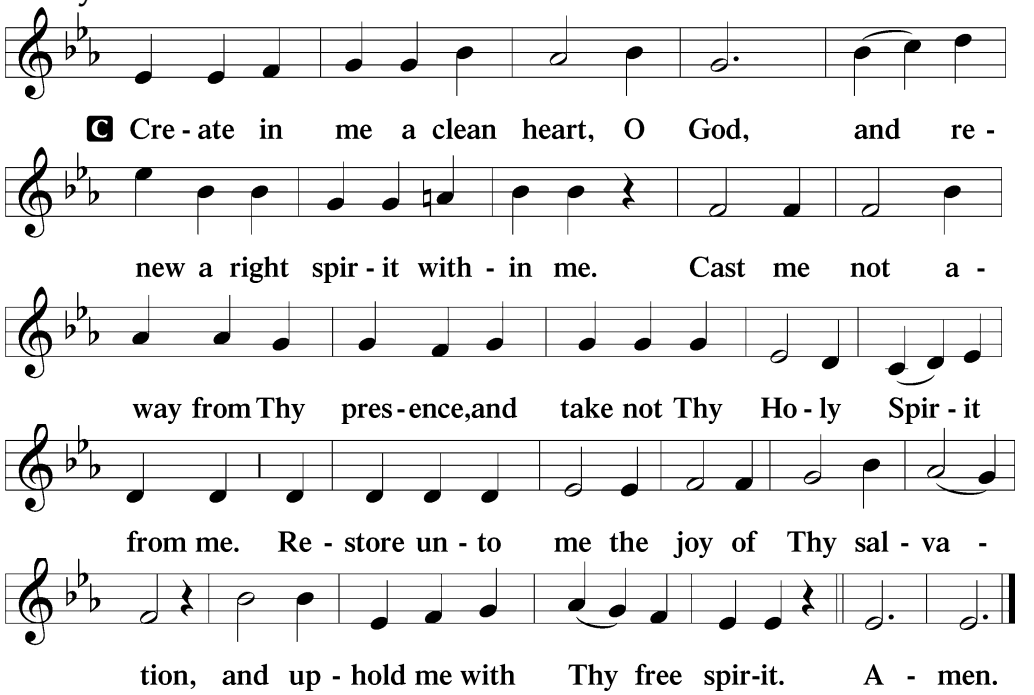
Hymn of the Day May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill *698*

Sermon

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.



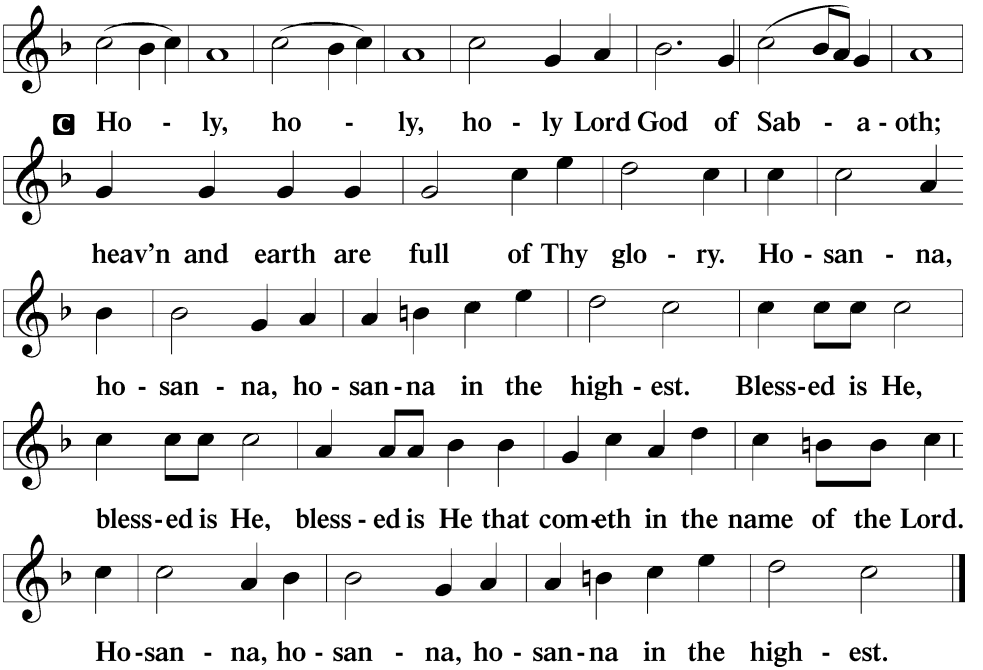
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



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

Your Table I Approach *628*

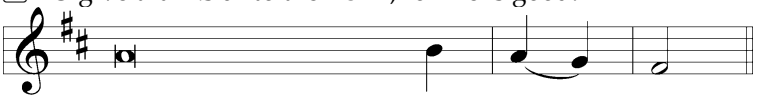
Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion *559*

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

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

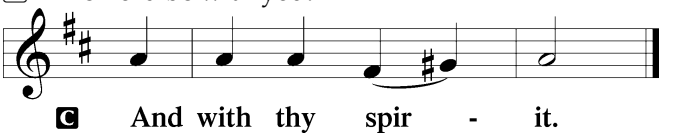


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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



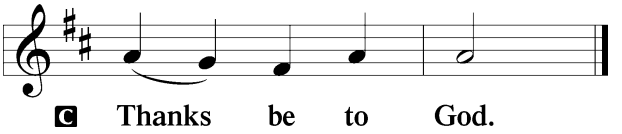
Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C **And with thy spir - it.**

P Bless we the Lord.



C **Thanks be to God.**

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.



C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

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

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 15	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Spanish Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Adult Bible Study	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
	12:30pm	Spanish Bible Study	Irmer Hall
	3:00pm	VLHS Production	VLHS
Friday, November 20	6:30pm	Spanish Family Bible Study	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS	BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
11/17 – Nancy Nay	11/15 – Kathleen Cook
11/20 – Kaitlyn Tressler	11/19 -Douglas Cook

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING, CHANGED TO SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

The meeting will be held in Irmer Hall following our Divine service.

- Election of officers
- Adopt 2027 church budget
- Receive copy of The Annual Report

WHERE DOCTRINE IS LIFE

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Hymn Therapy for Depression, The Case for Technological Foot-Dragging, Worship in the Book of Revelation, Feminism & Grievance Culture and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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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