

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.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Plan now to join us on today at 1:30pm in the church basement where Pastor Reek will present the first of his Intentional Interim Reports.

Do you need child care during Pastor Reek's presentation on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>? LYF members planning to attend NYG will be happy to watch your children at the church in the nursery/narthex/church lawn for a free will offering. Please take advantage of this opportunity to attend the presentation.

**DISASER RELIEF:** We have been praying for our fellow human beings because of all the natural disasters that have been occurring. In addition to our prayers, the Stewardship Committee will have a door collection on Sept. 10, 17, 18, and 24. Thrivent financial, will match donations up to \$3 million. Make checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and put disaster relief in the memo line.

**Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation:** Follow the dramatic story of Martin Luther's life in the new PBS documentary film "*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*". It premieres on NET (Channel 12 for most) on Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. Announcements will be coming soon about a Reformation Celebration to be held at St. Paul's in October.



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Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Christian Education Sunday  
September 10, 2017

**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.**

Preservice music

Offering

A word of welcome to all from the pastor

Intercessions

*Response "Lord, have mercy"*

Opening Song "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" #867

**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.**

Let children hear the mighty deeds  
Which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger days we saw,  
And which our parents told.

So make to them His glories known  
His works of pow'r and grace;  
And we'll convey His wonders down  
Through ev'ry rising race.

Our sons and daughters we shall tell  
And they again to theirs  
That generations yet unborn  
May teach them to their heirs.

O teach them with all diligence  
The truths of God's own Word,  
To place in Him their confidence,  
To fear and trust their Lord,

To learn that in our God alone  
Their hope securely stands,  
That they may never doubt His love  
But walk in His commands.

Benediction

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  $\alpha$  give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Closing Hymn "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" #651

I love Your kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.

You are the great High Priest;  
    You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
    And in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain;  
    Our plea do not disdain;  
Help from above.

O ever be our guide,  
    Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
    Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word  
    Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die,  
    Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
    Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
    Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king!

Message                    "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

The 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.**

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
    Spirit

**Congregation: AMEN**

A Word of Prayer and Preparation

A Word of Confession and Forgiveness

A Psalm for the Day   Psalm 133

P.:     How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together  
    in unity.

**C.:     It is like precious oil poured on the head, running  
    down on the beard.**

P.:     Running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar  
    of his robes.

**C.:     It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount  
    Zion**

P.:     For there the Lord bestows his blessing...

**C.:     Even life...forevermore.**

**All:    Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
    Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall  
    be forevermore. Amen.**

Songs by the school children

    "Jesus Loves Me"  
    "Make Melody in My Heart"

## A Brief Word about Learning

### Readings

The Lesson: Galatians 3:15–22

<sup>15</sup>To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. <sup>19</sup>Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angles by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup>Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. <sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

The Gospel Lesson and Text: Luke 10:23–37

<sup>23</sup>Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." <sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Children's Message

by Principal Amy Duever

Message Hymn "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

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Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways;  
Christ our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring  
To join Your Praise.

You are the holy Lord,  
O all subduing Word,  
Healer of strife,  
Yourself You did abase  
That from sin's deep disgrace  
You so might save our race  
And give us life