

Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
 My sov'reign, eternal unchangeable love,  
 And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,  
 Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you see the following members today, please wish them a  
 "Happy Birthday" – **June 30<sup>th</sup>**–Jim Magolski; Kim Selle;  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>**–Darlene Bosin; George Voight.

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

**TODAY (June 25) PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**  
**WORSHIP (HC)**..... 9:00 am  
*Ice Cream Fellowship hosted by Council after worship*  
**MON (June 26) WORSHIP (HC)**..... 6:30 pm  
**THURS (June 29) Teen Bible Class**..... 7:00 pm  
**NEXT SUN (July 1) WORSHIP**..... 9:00 am  
**NEXT MON (JULY 2) WORSHIP**..... 6:30 pm

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

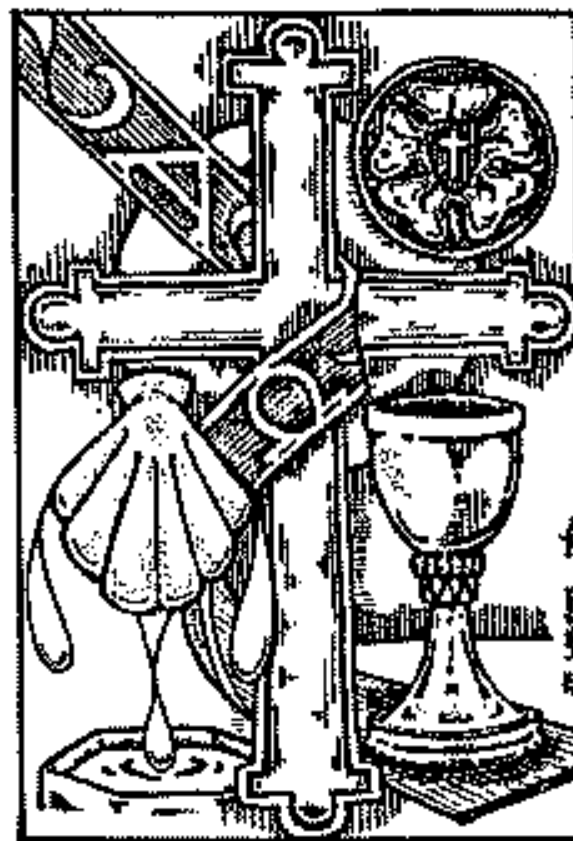
June 18<sup>th</sup> Offerings \$1,582.00  
 Weekly Electronic Offerings 150.00  
 Total Offerings this past week = \$1,732.00

OFFERINGS YTD (25 wks) \$53,751.80  
 AMOUNT NEEDED YTD = \$57,300.00  
 YTD SHORTFALL (\$3,548.20)  
 AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,292.00  
*(The amount needed each week reflects budgeted needs)*

**IN WORSHIP**  
 Sun, June 18 - 44  
 Mon, June 19 - 17  
**Total: 61**



## *PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION – JUNE 25, 1530*



500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Confession of Faith  
 Presented in Augsburg, Germany,  
 by Certain Princes and Imperial Free Cities  
 to Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire

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***THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
AUGSBURG CONFESSION***

June 25, 2017

**AS WE GATHER** - Up till 1530 Luther and his followers had not really entertained the thought of separating from the Catholic Church and of forming a new distinct church body. Even in 1529, when on account of their protest against the action of the Diet at Speyer they were called Protestants, they did not thereby cease to be members of the Catholic Church. But when in 1530 at Augsburg they submitted a confession of their own, which was formally condemned by their Catholic opponents, this act marked the birth of a new church body.

**BELLS AND WELCOME BY PASTOR**

**OPENING HYMN #384:1-2 “By Grace I’m Saved”**

**v.1 - By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

**v.2 - By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

**Invocation**

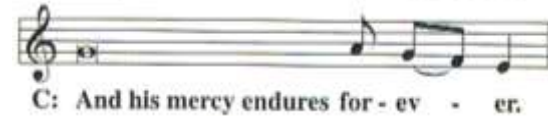
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



After the Sacrament, the service continues with the “Song of Simeon” (Printed below)



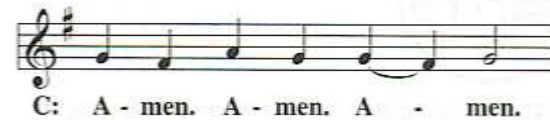
M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**PRAYER, followed by...**



**THE BLESSING, followed by...**



**CLOSING HYMN: #416:1,3,5 “How Firm a Foundation”**

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION, *Spoken by Pastor*

SING: "O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD" (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

**HYMN: #390** "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

Note the date for the text of this hymn--it was just three years after Martin Luther took his stand at the Diet at Worms, Germany on April 18, 1521. On May 25, 1521 the Emperor, Charles V issued the Edict of Worms, branding Luther and his followers heretics, and worthy if death for their beliefs. The edict itself called Luther a "devil in monk's clothing." Quite the opposite, of course was true of Luther, as the hymnist brings out so clearly for us. God was using Luther and the reformers to restore to the Church the good news that "Salvation Unto Us Has Come," in Christ alone!



## Confession of Sins & Absolution

All portions of the spoken liturgy today are drawn from a condensed version of the Augsburg Confession and scriptures quoted in it.

### ARTICLES XI, XII, XXV

#### CONCERNING CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Pastor: Of confession (we) teach that...an enumeration of all sins is not necessary, for this is not possible according to the Psalm.

Congregation: "Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults" (Ps.19:12)

P: True repentance has two parts: the first is contrition, that is, terrors which smite the conscience through the knowledge of sin; the other part is faith which is born of the Gospel, that sins are forgiven for Christ's sake.

C: "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17)

P: Finally, good works must follow, for these are fruits of repentance. Like John the Baptist says,

C: "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." (Matthew 3:8)

A Prayer of confession is spoken by the Pastor...

SING: #384:3 "By Grace I'm Saved"

v.3 - By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise  
When you are by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
And when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send.

## ARTICLE XIV, XXVIII

### CONCERNING ORDER IN THE CHURCH & ABOUT THE POWER OF BISHOPS (*ie, public ministers*)

**Pastor:** "This is what our churches teach about church order. No one should teach publicly in the church or administer the sacraments unless he has been called in a proper and normal way..." (*for God says*)

**C:** "*Let everything be done in a fitting an orderly manner.*"  
(1 Corinthians 14:40)

**P:** "...the power that the public ministers have is the power of the keys--the power or command of God to preach the Gospel, to forgive and not to forgive sins, and to administer the Sacraments according to their calling, in the name of Christ and on behalf of Christ's Church." (*As Christ says*)

**C:** "*Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.*" (Lk 10:16)

**SING:** #546:1,3 "*Lord Jesus, You Have Come*"

**v.1** - *Lord Jesus, you have come A Teacher sent from heaven  
And by both word and deed God's truth to us have given.  
You wisely have ordained The holy ministry  
That we, your flock, may know The truth that sets us free.*

**v.3** - *O blessed ministry Of reconciliation,  
That shows the way to God And brings to us salvation!  
Lord, by your gospel pure You bless and keep your fold;  
You call, enlighten, keep; You comfort and uphold.*

**P:** A full atonement has been made by Christ. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### ARTICLE I - CONCERNING GOD

**P:** "In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the One whom we unanimously hold and teach is one divine essence, which is called and which is truly God, and that there are three persons in this one divine essence, equal in power and alike eternal:

**C:** "**God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Amen!**"

**P:** "In keeping with this teaching, it is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints in the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



**Congregation sings: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"** (*Sanctus – printed on opposite page*)

**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"** (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Devotion...

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

After the Devotion sing: #293 "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

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## PRAYERS

### ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE SACRAMENT

**P: CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER** - "We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present, under the form of the bread and wine, and are distributed to all those who eat in the Lord's Supper."

**C: "Christ instituted this holy Sacrament to awaken our faith and comfort our consciences when we perceive that through the Sacrament grace and the forgiveness of sins are promised us by Christ."**

**P:** "Accordingly the Sacrament requires faith, and without faith it is used in vain. It is against Christ's direct command for the clergy to withhold the cup from the laity."

**C: "We believe that Christ instituted the sacraments not only as outward marks of our confession of faith, but especially as signs of divine grace, to awaken and confirm faith in those who receive them."**

**P:** "Faith is necessary to receive the blessings which Christ promises and offers in the Sacraments."

**C: "We do not believe that receiving the Sacraments is a good work which merits God's favor, either with or without faith."**

**SING: #239:1** "Glory Be To God the Father"

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*) O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of your Church, that being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, we may always make a pure confession of your saving truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-11** (*God's Word always achieves its purpose. It brings about repentance and salvation for some, judgment for others who forsake it*). Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

*After the Lesson, the minister and congregation respond:*

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: (Sing) Hymn #203:1** (*Printed on next page*)

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.

**THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8-17** (*Through the Ministry of the Word God seeks bring the gospel near to lost souls to create faith in Jesus*). "But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

*After the Lesson, the minister and congregation respond:*

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** (Sing) Hymn #203:2

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your Christendom that we  
May sing your praise eternally.

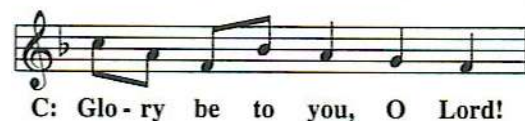
**CONCERNING JUSTIFICATION & ABOUT GOOD WORKS**

**P:** The teaching about faith, which should be the most important teaching in the Church, has remained unknown for a very long time...our deeds cannot reconcile us to God or earn forgiveness of sins, grace and justification. We can only receive these by faith...humans cannot be justified before God by their own merits. Rather, they are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith.

**C:** By his death, Christ has paid the debt of our sins.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:26-33**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."



**HYMN OF THE DAY: #291** "We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"