

St. Paul's Plymouth

August 5th, 2018 – Trinity 10

Service of the Word
(with the Gathering Rite on the Word)



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Welcome!

Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal*, pages 10-11.

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Today's broadcast is sponsored by Bob & Marge Schmidt in thankfulness to the Lord for the many blessings shown them during 54 years of marriage. They were married August 8, 1964.

Focus for Our Worship

The general theme of the season of Holy Trinity is "Life in the Church of the Triune God." The general theme of Sundays 6-11 after the Festival of the Holy Trinity is "The Fundamental Features of the Christian Life." Specifically, on this Sunday of the Cleansing of the Temple, the focus will be on "The Worship of God Wrought by the Spirit."

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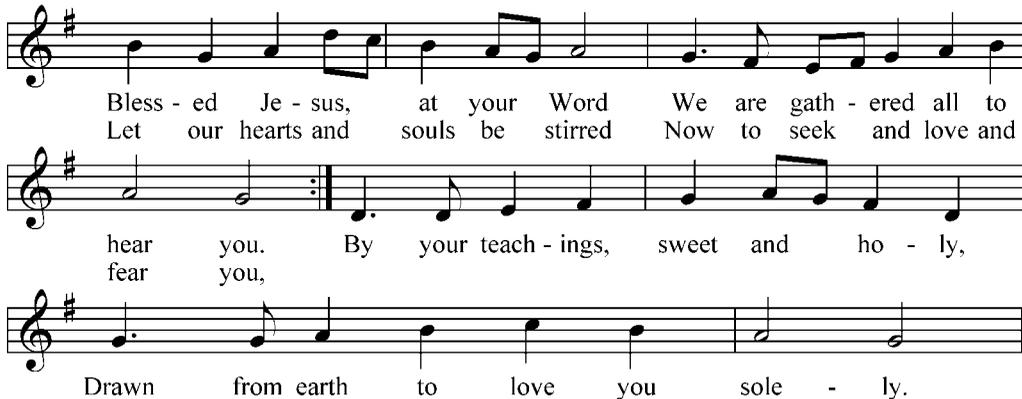
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God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship may be used on any occasion to remind God's people of the blessings of His Word.

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introduction to the hymn.



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you. By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
fear you,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M Oh, how I love Your law!

C I meditate on it all day long.

M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

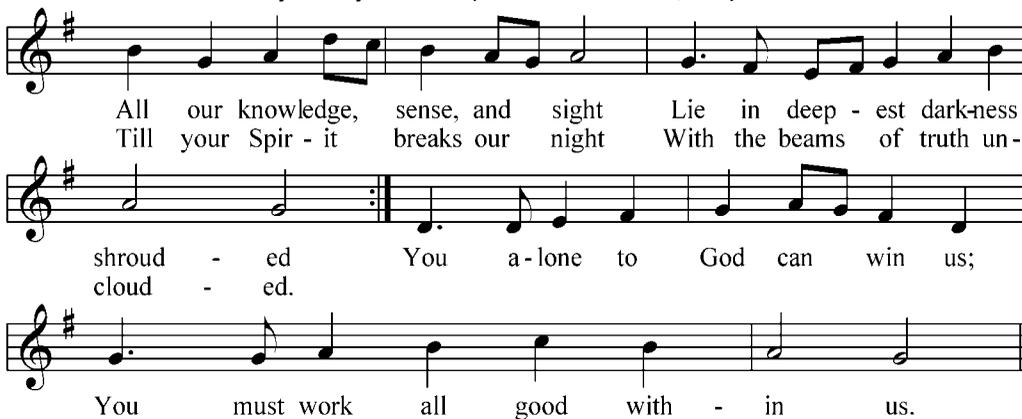
C for they are ever with me.

M I have more insight than all my teachers,

C for I meditate on Your statutes.

M How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C sweeter than honey to my mouth! (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)



All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-
shroud - ed You a-lone to God can win us;
cloud - ed.
You must work all good with - in us.

M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M Yet, so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask His forgiveness.

All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
ceed - ing, Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
plead - ing.
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M God gave His word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion! While we here be - low must wan - der,
va - tion,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God, we pray that You strengthen and preserve us in the one true faith as we continue to faithfully receive the means of grace. We thank You for this house of Yours in which we worship where we hear Your Word and receive Your sacraments until the time when we finally arrive in our heavenly house You have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ezra 3:8-11

After returning from being exiled in Babylon, we read of the priests and the Levites initiating worship in a new house of God with a proclamation of His devotion and love for His people.

⁸ In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Jeshua son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work, appointing Levites twenty years of age and older to supervise the building of the house of the LORD. ⁹ Jeshua and his sons and brothers and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of Hodaviah) and the sons of Henadad and their sons and brothers—all Levites—joined together in supervising those working on the house of God.

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: “He is good; his love to Israel endures forever.”

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 84, found on page 96 in the front portion of the hymnal.

SECOND LESSON – I Corinthians 12:1-11

The Apostle Paul reminds us that the basis of true worship in the house of God is the Holy Spirit’s working through the gospel. As we are strengthened through the message of Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we look to use whatever gifts we have for the good of our fellow believers as we gather in God’s house to His glory.

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I

tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Psalm 122:1

M Alleluia. I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL – John 2:13-22

Sermon Text

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶

To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a market!”

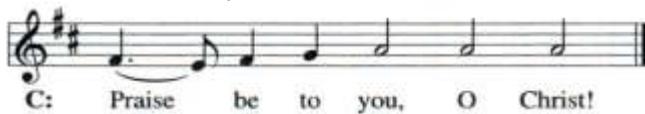
¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

M This is the Gospel of our Lord!



HYMN OF THE DAY “Built on the Rock” (CW 529)

SERMON – John 2:13-22

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" (CW 528)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" (CW 536)



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Ron Collins

Monday – Brody Roberts, Brad Schwab, Laura Smith

Tuesday – M/M Ryan Birkett

Wednesday – M/M Bob Schmidt, Hattie Gronemeyer, Kim Milius, Whitney Scheele

Friday – Vernelle Hueske, Steph Scheele, Jay Schroeder, Dustin Schwab, Dave Upchurch

Saturday – Lily Weichel

Sunday – Suzie Grummert, Ken Meints

This Week, By God's Grace (August 5th – August 12th)

Today	Worship	10:00am
Mon.-Fri.	Volleyball/Football Camp Week at NELHS	
Wednesday	School Registration & Orientation	6:00pm
Thursday	Ladies Aid	2:30pm
Sunday	Worship - Communion (Greeters: Joel & Karen Schroeder)	10:00am
	Voters' Meeting	11:15am
	NELHS All School Reunion	3:00pm
	NELHS Opening Service	4:00pm

In Our Prayers

- **Judy Frank** – she was hospitalized this past week at Beatrice Community Hospital with pneumonia.

Voters' Meeting – A voters' meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, August 12th, following our worship service. Decisions will be made at this meeting in connection with a one-year call for a principal release time teacher.

Thank You – We recently received the following thank you notes:

Sincere thank you to everyone who remembered me on my 90th birthday with cards and other acts of kindness. That was very nice! Alverta Wells

Thank you to everyone for visits, cards, and words of encouragement while I was in Rehab and since returning home. Thank you very much. Art Wells

90th Birthday

- The family of Leon Freese is hosting a Birthday Open House and Card Shower today from 2-4 pm at the Homestead House in Beatrice (2300 Lincoln Street) in honor of Leon's upcoming 90th birthday. Desserts and beverages will be provided. To mail a card or congratulatory note, please use the following address: Leon Freese, c/o Homestead House, 2300 Lincoln Street, Beatrice, NE 68310.

NELHS All School Reunion – Nebraska Lutheran will have an all school reunion on Aug. 12. The gathering begins at 3PM, with a worship service at 4PM and a picnic supper to follow. There is no need to RSVP. We would like as many alumni to be there as possible, so spread the word!

School Volunteers Needed – School volunteers are an integral part of our team ministry here at St. Paul's. We could use more volunteers in the following areas:

- After School Care: supervise students whose parents can't pick-up right away from 3:30-5:30pm
- Serve Hot Lunch: be one of the people who stands behind the kitchen counter and serves hot lunch to our students from 12:10-12:45pm

Please consider serving even if you can only do it once per month. Talk to Mr. Danner, Mrs. Wells, or any of the teachers if you have any questions or if you are available. Thank you!

St. Paul's Junior Choir – Any children in grades 3-8 are invited to be a part of the St. Paul's Junior Choir. The choir meets Fridays from 3:50-4:20pm in Mrs. Schroeder's classroom. Practices begin August 24th. Please speak with Mrs. Rachel Schroeder if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

WELS Military Services – WELS Military Services needs our help in contacting those among our church family who are serving in the military. Please go to www.wels.net/refer and use the simple referral form to provide as much contact information as you can. They will follow up with monthly email devotions, *Meditations* mailed quarterly, and outreach from the nearest WELS pastor (if possible). What a great way our Synod is striving to serve those who are serving us in the military.



WELS Marriage Enrichment – Routine maintenance pays off. You change oil in your car to keep it running longer. Give your marriage the attention it needs to flourish and run all the way to the end. Let an upcoming WELS Marriage Enrichment and Get-Away Weekend help you. Spend the weekend growing closer to your Savior and each other at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Breckenridge, Colorado, October 5-7, 2018. Visit www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment.

NEW WELS APP – WELS released a brand-new version of the WELS Mobile app. There are several changes, including the name. It is now called the WELS App. The new WELS App is available at <https://wels.app>. It can no longer be found in the Apple, Google, or Amazon app stores; those versions are being retired in July.

The WELS App offers a quick and easy way to get wels.net-based devotions, news, and synod information from your mobile device. Daily devotions, Bible readings, weekly worship helps, military and teen devotions are just a sampling of the Bible-based content available for your regular spiritual growth and encouragement. Also included are call reports, WELS *Yearbook* data, videos, and wels.net Q&A content.

Fall Schedules—It is once again time to start compiling the various fall schedules. If you have not served in the past but would like to be included on one of schedules starting this fall, please call the church office this week. Sunday morning service opportunities include the following:

- Sunday Morning Childcare
- Church Greeter

Adult Choir – We are going to try something a little different for choir this year. Instead of needing to commit every Wednesday for 9 months in order to use your voice in the adult choir, you can now sign up for singing individual songs. For example, the adult choir will be singing on Sunday, September 30th. If you would like to participate in singing this song, there are four practices to attend (Wednesdays September 5, 12, 19, & 26). The practices will be from 7-8PM, with childcare available in the church basement. If you would like to sing in this choir, please place your name on the sign-up sheet on the back table.



Bible Study – This fall, beginning on Sunday, September 16th, we are going to be working through Luther’s Small Catechism for 45 minutes each Sunday Morning from 9-9:45AM. This will be an excellent review and study for people of all ages and all levels of Bible knowledge. In order to print up enough books for the study, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Even if you can’t make it every Sunday, please sign up if you are at all interested and pastor will print you your own book to work through.



St. Paul's Golf Outing – The 9th annual St. Paul's Golf Outing will be held at Hidden Acres in Beatrice on Sunday, September 23rd. All golfers and skill levels are welcome. There will be two classes – the "Fun and Fellowship" class and the "Competitive" class. The cost to play (including a cart) is \$20 per person. There is a registration sheet available on the table in the front entrance of church. There is also a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to sponsor a hole (\$50). Hole sponsor contributions will go toward St. Paul's Tuition assistance. After the golf outing, everyone is invited to Dallas and Vickie Christ's shed for supper!

School Cleaning—Thank you to everyone who came last week and helped get the school ready for another great year. Your willingness to serve in this way is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 8th – St. Paul's School Registration and Orientation Night

August 15th – First Day of School at St. Paul's Lutheran School

August 22nd – First PSI Class for the School Year (parents should have received an email about this...if you did not receive this email and your child is planning to attend PSI, please contact Pastor Berger!)

September 15th – Branches Band Concert

September 16th – Sunday School and Bible Class resume!

September 23rd – St. Paul's Golf Outing

Special Church Council Meeting Highlights

- After church on Sunday, July 29th, the Board of Education recommended to the Council to issue a one-year call to Tracie Hueske to provide principal release time for Mr. Danner. This recommendation was accepted and will be brought to the voting assembly after church on Sunday, August 12th.
- The Board of Education also announced that they are working on a schedule for transporting the students who need rides from Beatrice.