**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Muskego**

***Service Planning Guide***

**DATE: September 29-October 3, 2018 FESTIVAL/SERIES: Family Church**

**PREACHER:**  David Kuehl **PRESIDING MINISTER**: David Kuehl

**ORGANIST:**

**FOCUS OF THE SERVICE**:

The body can’t survive without blood. In the same way the family will not thrive without love. Selfishness, pride, sin—all destroy the love relationship between family members. Love is what the family—any kind of family--needs more than anything, so that is what the family needs to be praying for more than anything. Lord, give us a constant blood transfusion, get more Jesus pumping through our veins, so that we may know and live the height, the depth and the width of your love! **Worship Theme: Meaning: The Life-Blood of the Family Church**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Divine Service II (with communion)

**OPENING HYMN*:***  **CW 391 God Love the World So that He Gave vv. 1-5**

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

C Amen.

M Dear friends, how great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.

C And that is what we are!

M The apostle John calls us to love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves have been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. We do not love like God love us. As we come before our God today, let us therefore confess our lack of live for others and the many sins that flow from our love of self.

All Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.

MChrist has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

**RESPONSE CW 391 God Love the World So that He Gave v. 6**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you**

M Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children.

**C Forgive the sins of your people, rid us of our selfishness, and crown our lives with your love**

M that with all the saints and angels we may glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now

**C and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** **2 Samuel 15:1-12** (page 315)—*A self-serving attitude is a poison that destroys the family relationship.*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

M Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus declared: “A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Alleluia. (John 13:34 NIV).

**GOSPEL LESSON:** **John 13:1-17** (page 1079)—*Jesus’ command to his disciples is to love, not just with words, but with words and action.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY CW 492 Son of God, Eternal Savior

## SERMON: Ephesians 3:13-21

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**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY Sat: Sunday:**

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PREFACE**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C It is good and right so to do.**

**M** 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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

(Tune: Aurelia, CW 372)

**O holy, holy, holy Hosanna in the highest!**

##### Lord God of pow’r and might, How truly blest is he

**Your glory, earth and heaven Who in God’s name is coming**

**In countless ways recite. To set his people free!**

**Hosanna! Come and save us, He comes to bring salvation**

**Lord God of hosts on high, And with his blood outpoured,**

**And in your grace and mercy Deliver us from bondage—**

**Receive our fervent cry. Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**M** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN(S): CW 490 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living**

**CW 499 O God of Mercy, God of Might**

# SONG OF SIMEON

# (Tune: Anthes, CW 339)

**O Lord, now let your servant All glory to the Father,**

**Depart in peace, assured: All glory to the Son,**

**For I have seen your promised All glory to the Spirit,**

**incarnate, saving Word— Forever three in one;**

**A Light that will enlighten For as in the beginning,**

**All gloom where Gentiles dwells; Is not, shall ever be,**

**The brilliant, crowning glory God’s triune name resounding**

**Of those in Israel! Through all eternity.**

# CLOSING PRAYER

MWe give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**BLESSING**

**M:** 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.

C: Amen.