

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville, MD



Celebrating 500 Years of Proclaiming God's Grace

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Jesus calls us to be a Lutheran community gathered around Word and Sacrament and sends us to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for our neighbors everywhere.

Welcome to worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! **If you are a guest** with us today we would like to extend a special greeting from our family. We invite you to worship with us; sing with us; pray with us; believe with us; for God has sent His Son to bring life and salvation. The ushers will be glad to answer any questions you have. If you have special prayer requests or would like a visit they will also be able to assist you. Please sign our guest book before you depart today. Make worship and Bible study the center of your weekly life. Be here each Sunday, that we may rejoice in the Lord together! May God bless us!

As Lutherans we believe and teach that:

People are saved by God's **grace alone**. This grace is revealed to and bestowed on us through Jesus Christ. It is through the merits of Christ alone and not by our works that God forgives our sins and grants us eternal life.

It is through **faith alone** that we receive forgiveness of sin and salvation. This faith is created, renewed and sustained by the Holy Spirit through God's Word and sacraments.

Scripture alone is the basis for all Christian doctrine, for it is God's Word; inspired by Him and thus infallible. It is our sole authority. The doctrines formed in Scripture we believe are correctly set forth in the Lutheran Confessions (statements of belief).

As a Christian family we invite you to learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home in the area and are looking for a warm, Christ centered caring family where the Word is proclaimed, and God is exalted; we invite you to be with us. We look forward to getting to know you better and ministering to your needs.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

HYMN - **Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

LSB 901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Stand

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

C: **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13)

Kneel

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

(John 20:19-23)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Ps. 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8

The Lord is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the Lord!*

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Lord is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

C: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are

undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 1

1 Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the
name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and
does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house
of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their
sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

After the reading:

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

After the reading:

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

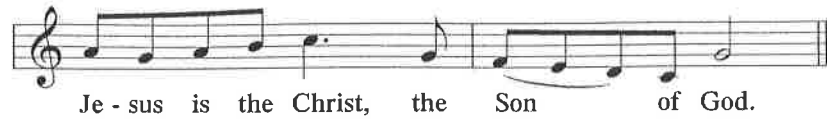
ALLELUIA AND VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ-ten that you 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

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN - In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

(Colossians 3:1)

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Psalm 136)

P: It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 - Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 208



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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

P: 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 – The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN - Come, Let Us Eat

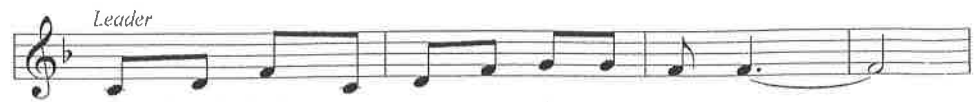
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Leader

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

All

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

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HYMN - Now the Silence

LSB 910



Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp-ty hands up-lift - ed



Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy-ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for-giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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HYMN - At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phane
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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HYMN - O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing

sts. 1-5 LSB 635



1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing
 2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;
 3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;
 4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,
 5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,
 My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,
 Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:
 You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;
 This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing
 To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,
 Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—
 Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior
 Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,
 My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,
 A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,
 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,
 My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,
 A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,
 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,

NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

A: Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: **Amen.**

Hymn - Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

DAILY READINGS August 16: 2 Sam. 6:1–19; 1 Cor. 9:1–23; 17: 2 Sam. 7:1–17; 1 Cor. 9:24–10:22; 18: 2 Sam. 7:18–29; 1 Cor. 10:23–11:16; 19: 2 Sam. 11:1–27; 1 Cor. 11:17–34; 20: 2 Sam. 12:1–25; 1 Cor. 12:1–13; 21: 1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35; 1 Cor. 12:14–31; 22: 1 Kings 2:1–27; 1 Cor. 13:1–13.

If you have the means and are able to still tithe and give offerings, there are several ways in which you can do this. Please review the below means and use the one you are most comfortable with.

Place your offering in the offering plate in the Narthex.

Mail a check to the **church** at 2001 Old Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228. We continue to receive our mail and Karen Ridgway, our church secretary, visits the office periodically to retrieve the mail and make bank deposits.

Donate with your credit card using our **website**. Click on the "Church" tab on the bottom right of the home page and then the "Offerings and Donations" box in the top right or click here: <https://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation/>.

Donate by ACH bank draft (either a one-time donation or automatic recurring donations) using the smartphone **app called Give Plus**. To find the app go to the APP Store or Google Play and search "give plus church." You have the option whether or not to set up an account to track your giving. Please refer to this website for additional information: [GivePlus Mobile](#). While the website indicates that you may also donate using a credit card, our current set-up only allows donations by ACH draft. This app is affiliated with Joyful Response, the electronic giving program, that we have been using for automatic recurring drafts (see below).

Donate with a recurring ACH draft using **Joyful Response**. You may elect at this time to set up an on-going weekly or monthly draft using the form that you may find on our website. Click on the "Church" tab on the bottom right of the home page and then click on "Resources" and then "Forms" in the upper right. You will see the "Joyful Response" form under "Electronic Giving" in the bottom left of your screen. You may also access this form directly from this link: <https://stpaulcatonsville.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Form-Joyful-Response-Enrollment-S00490-1.pdf>. Mail the completed form to the church office at 2001 Old Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 and Karen will set up the automatic draft.

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Pastor Gregory Alms
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THURS, Aug. 27, at Noon, ET



Thy Strong Word

**I Corinthians Chapter 16:
The Collection for the Saints and
More**