

# **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

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## **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 24, 2023**

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Dora Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, Cora Burrer, Everett Quam, Jerald Loeb, Phyllis Hite, Lowell McIntire, Geraldine McIntire, Martha Jerke,  
and Gloria Anderson.

**Please inform the Pastor** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

**Senior Pastor Nominating Forms** – Nominating forms are on the table in the South Narthex. These forms will be available for the next two Sunday's. Please return to the church office prior to Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Donations Needed (Youth Group Half-Nighter)** – The youth group half-nighter will be on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We were so grateful last year for the way people supported the youth and their time together, so I wanted to make known our needs for this year's event. We are in need of quarters for the Retrocade, and we could use soda and snacks for throughout the night. Please let DCE Michael Leapley know if you can provide for any of these needs. Thank you.

**CUNE Visit Day "A Life Called" – October 7-9.** The St. Paul's Lutheran Youth Group (Aberdeen, SD) is going on a trip to Concordia Nebraska to learn about their 5 church work programs: Director of Christian Education, Director of Parish Music, Lutheran Teacher, Pre-Deaconess, and Pre-Seminary. This visit will be geared towards high schoolers considering CUNE and a church work vocation. We will leave from Aberdeen on October 7 at 1pm and return to Aberdeen on October 9 by 10pm. If you're interested in joining the St. Paul's Youth Group for this trip, please contact DCE Michael Leapley by email [michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org](mailto:michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org) or phone (262) 378-9958.

**Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.**

**Meatball Dinner** – Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 4:30-6:30 pm. Signup

sheets are located in the South Narthex. Call the church office for a meal delivery.

**Faith and Reason** – Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Join us for a Bible study that will focus on the intersection of faith and reason. Do we have to take everything at blind faith? Can we only know things through reason? Do faith and reason contradict each other? We will tackle these questions and more in our study! Taught by DCE Michael Leapley.

**Kessler's and Ken's Grocery Receipts** – Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> the Lighthouse Preschool is collecting grocery receipts. The bins are located in the hallway by the coat rack. Be sure the receipts are dated after September 1<sup>st</sup> and prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The LWML** will be collecting the following travel size items: comb, wash cloth, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and nail clipper. For hygiene bags to hand out to people in Guatemala. If you wish to donate, we will have a basket in the South Narthex until Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Funeral Planning Sheet-** Feel free to pick one up in the narthex, fill it out, and turn it back into the office. This gives you and your family a way to not only plan the readings and hymns at your funeral but to discuss what a Christian funeral should look like and the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Oct. 1, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*Like Father Like Son*” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Gregory Hinnens presents the message “*By What Authority*” based on Matthew 21:23-27. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Oct. 1, 2023** “*The Way Through the Maze*” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**Organist: Sunday/Wednesday** – Cyrece Kono

**Offering: September 17, 2023** - \$8,819.50  
Coffee - \$73.00 Sunday School - \$11.00

**Amount to meet Budget:** \$13,615.00 per week

**Sunday Attendance: September 17, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 104 Communed - 86 **10:45am** — 122 Communed - 84

**Wed:** 18 Communed - 15

**Bible Study:** Sunday – 63 Wed: 10am – 9 5:15pm - 3  
7pm - 8

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (September 24-October 1)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

**Wed 10:00 am Bible Study**

**6:15 pm Worship Service**

7:00 pm Faith & Reason Bible Study

7:00 pm Confirmation

**Thurs 9:00 am Quilting**

**Fri 9:00 am Make meatballs**

**Sat 9:00 am Peel potatoes**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

4:30-6:30 pm Meatball Dinner

**Introit** *Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**C: and call on the name of the LORD.**

P: What shall I render to the LORD

**C: for all his benefits to me?**

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

**C: and call on the name of the LORD.**

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

**C: is the death of his saints.**

P: O LORD, I am your servant;

**C: I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**C: and call on the name of the LORD.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C: for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle** *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**     *Matthew 20:1–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Catechetical Review

### The Sacrament of the Altar

*P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**C: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

*P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”**

*P: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

**C: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**