

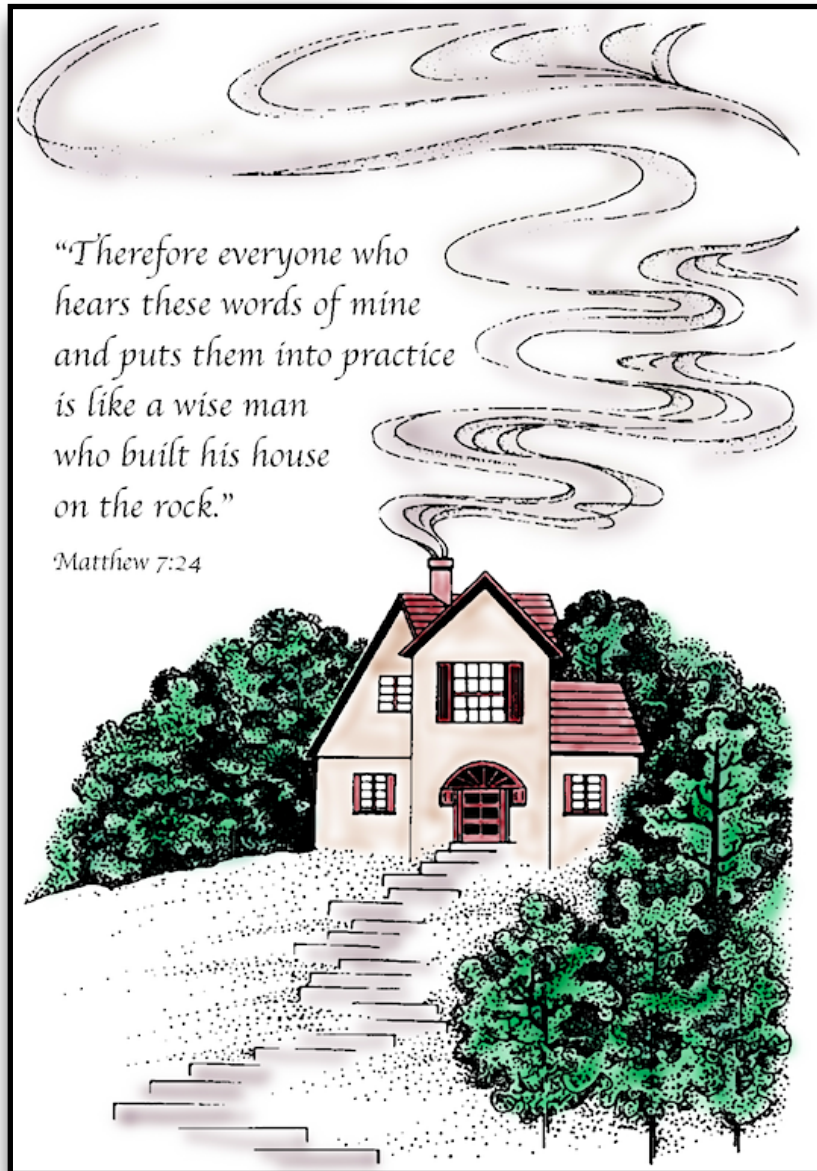
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2nd Sunday after Pentecost – June 11, 2023

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller; Usher: Joshua Ruegge

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 33 (pew bible, page 496)

*To Your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are Sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord.
While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with holy awe
Till Your Gospel brings to me life and immortality.*

*While Your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear You speaking from the sky.
From Your house, when I return, may my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ **We Prepare to Meet Our Lord** +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

793 – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Invocation

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

C 
A - men.


The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef. It contains four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5. A slur is placed under the A4 and B4 notes, and a dash is placed under the C5 note. Below the staff, the word "Amen" is written, with "A" under the first note, a dash under the second note, and "men." under the third and fourth notes.

Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C  Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C  And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C  A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 78

P O my people, hear my teaching:

C **Listen to the words of my mouth.**

P I will utter hidden things, things from of old:

C **What we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

P We will not hide them from our children:

C **We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.**

P The Lord decreed statutes for Jacob:

C **And established the law in Israel.**

P So the next generation would know them:

C **And they in turn would tell their children.**

P Then they would put their trust in God:

C **And would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

P Glory be to God!

C

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Congregation sings:

**All glory be to God on high, And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify, A child of God forever.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth,
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**
[LSB #947, alt.]

P Let us pray:

C

A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a simple melody for the word 'Amen'.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 11:18-21,26-28

18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. | 26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse— 27 the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; 28 the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!

C 
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Second Lesson – Matthew 7:15-29

C 
Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ 24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

C 
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Our Confession of Faith

The 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.

Hymn

656 – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. | 27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

The Touchstones of Bible-Based Lutheranism

1. *Sola Scriptura* – Scripture Alone
2. *Sola Gratia* – Grace Alone
3. *Sola Fide* – Faith Alone

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn

778 (tan hymnal) – *Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

+++ **Our Lord Blesses Us** +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



Closing Hymn

582 – *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/11) 9:30 am Worship Service
Sun (6/18) 9:30 am Worship Service

Extended Calendar

Sat, July 8 Summer Clean-Up Day, 8:00 am to noon
Sun, July 9 Church Council Meeting, 8:30 am
Sun, July 16 Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting, 10:45 am
Sun, July 23 Quarterly Voters' Meeting, 10:45 am
Sun, Aug 6 Elders' Meeting, 8:30 am

In Our Prayers: Willa Mae Janssen who is recovering from a bout with pneumonia. <> Bobbie Brethauer who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. <> Doug Tiefel who is recovering from angioplasty surgery. <> "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Call News – Noah Ohlmann has accepted the call to be a full-time assistant for the lower grades of Grace Lutheran School in Valentine NE for the 2023-2024 school year. <> Isaac Schmitt accepted to call to serve as part-time teacher of kindergarten and lower grades at St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View CA. <> St. Stephen's pastor, Luke Bernthal, accepted the call to serve as principal of their school for the next school year.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 12-17, '23

Mon Matthew 13:31-32 Christians all over the world pray “Thy Kingdom come,” but just how does God’s rule come about? By comparing it to a mustard seed, Jesus shows that despite a small beginning, like being born in a stable and laid in a manger, the Kingdom grows large to the benefit of many others.

Tues Matthew 13:33 In a comparison drawn from the home, Jesus shows that heaven’s kingdom comes about not by outward operations, or by threats of force, but it works inwardly. God’s ruling Word works from within to fill the entire life.

Wed Matthew 13:34-35 Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God with comparisons to common events in daily life. This makes His teaching accessible even to the children, who see their father planting seeds, or their mother making bread. Matthew points to this as a fulfillment of the opening words of Psalm 78.

Thur Mark 4:26-29 Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a farmer sowing seeds. The farmer does not produce the growth, but little by little the plant grows. It is the creative work of God that causes the seed to grow to the harvest, and it is God who causes His Word to produce growth in His people.

Fri Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Moses addresses the people of Israel on the threshold of entering the promised land. He urges them to teach what they have learned about God to their children (cp Ps.78:4) and reminds them that the blessings they are about to enjoy are not from their efforts, but gifts from the Lord.

Sat Acts 4:32-35 The Lord, who works quietly in the hearts of His people, brings about faith which works by love. The early New Testament church revealed the hidden working of the Word by their loving care for one another. This was not some “rules to live by,” but the seed of the Kingdom growing from within.