

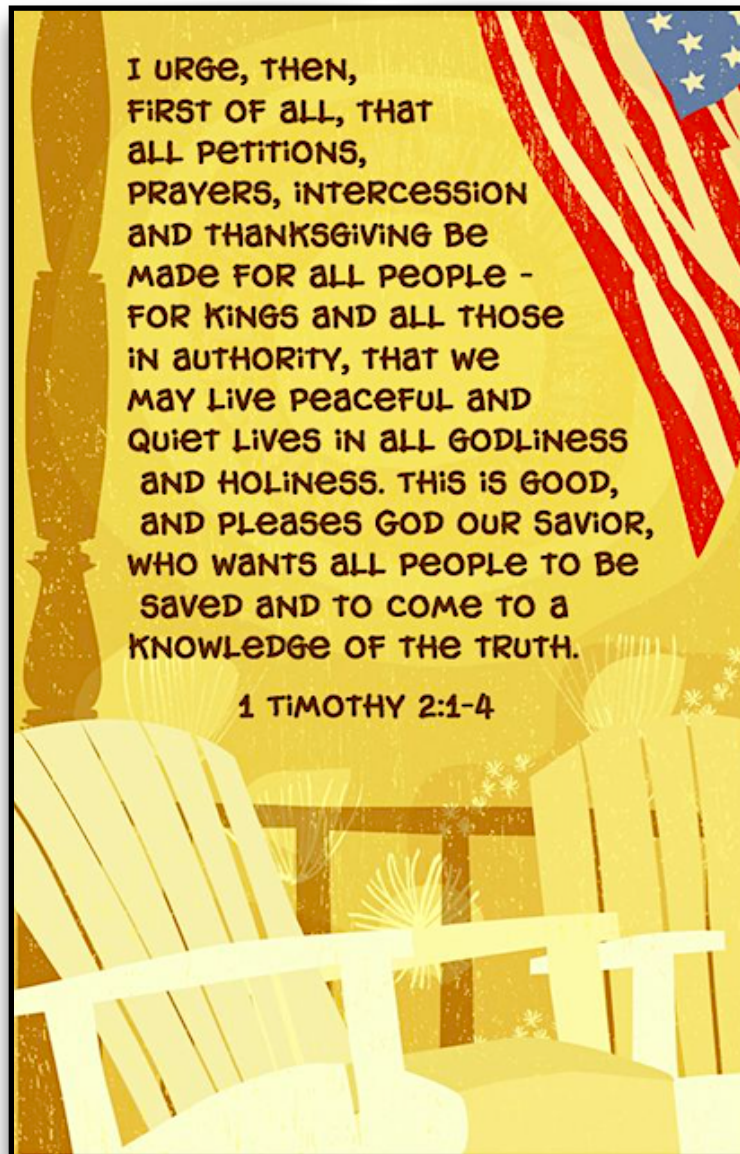
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 2, 2023**

# Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

## Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Jeanna Kettner

Usher: Mark Hartmeister

Communion Usher: Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 67 (pew bible, p.514)
- ◆ The Hymns: 794, 850, 966, 965
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Peter 2:11-17, Matthew 22:15-21
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 145
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

## ***Things to Pray For As You Celebrate the Anniversary of Our Nation's Founding***

1. Ask Him to bless you with a heart of thankfulness for the *temporal* blessings He has showered on our nation.

2. Ask Him to bless us with leaders who govern wisely so the blessings of the Gospel may be freely dispensed for the *eternal* good of all.

- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (965)

# Today's Scriptures

## First Lesson – 1 Peter 2:11-17

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. 17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

## Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 145

P I will exalt you, my God the King:

C **I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

P Every day I will praise you:

C **And extol your name for ever and ever.**

P The LORD is gracious and compassionate:

C **Slow to anger and rich in love.**

P All you have made will praise you, O LORD:

C **Your saints will extol you.**

P They will tell of the glory of your kingdom:

C **And speak of your might.**

P So that all men may know of your mighty acts:

C **And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

P Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:

C **And your dominion endures through all generations.**

P The LORD is near to all who call on him:

C **To all who call on him in truth.**

P He fulfills the desires of those who fear him:

C **He hears their cry and saves them.**

P The LORD watches over all who love him:

C **But all the wicked he will destroy.**

P My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD:

C **Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

## **Second Lesson – Matthew 22:15-21**

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, “Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?” 21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

## **Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. 8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

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**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (7/2)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (7/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

### **Extended Calendar**

Sun, July 16	Church Council Meeting, 8:30 am (rescheduled from July 9)
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:** The family and friends of Arnold Ottjes, father of Lisa Sprengeler, who was called to his eternal rest last Wednesday. The funeral service will be conducted on a date to be determined at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, MN where Arnie was a long-time member. He had moved in April to a nursing care facility in Westminster to be near family members. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).*

**The Summer Clean-Up Day** scheduled for this coming Saturday, July 8, has been rescheduled for a yet-to-determined date (to be announced soon).

**Student Sponsorship:** Our St. Paul Mary & Martha ladies continue to financially support a student at the NCLC's Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Nigeria. The student's name is *Asukwo Asukwo Usuyak*. He is 26 years old. His expected date of graduation is December, 2027. The cost for his support is \$360/yr. St. Paul members are welcome to give a donation for Asukwo's seminary training. To do so place your gift in an envelope marked "Mary/Martha Kinship" and place it in the offering plate or you may give it to the ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. If you wish to donate with a check, please make it out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" and write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the memo line. Thank you.

**The June CLC World Missions Prayer List** is now available. Find hard copies on the shelf by the tract rack. Remember, with thanks to God: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:16).

**A Group of CLC Mission Helpers** traveled to Nepal on June 26 to assist with Gospel evangelism work in that country. They will be proclaiming God's saving word to an estimated 1500 children. Some of these children will be members Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession (HCLCN) congregations, but most are not. For many of the children, this will be the first time they have heard a clear and Biblical presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as the one who died and rose from the dead for their sins. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through their trip blog: [2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com](https://2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com). Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

**Missionary Bruce Naumann** posted a new update "*Finale of the First Phase*" to his mission blog on June 26. You can view it at this address on the internet: <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com>.



### Independence Day Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly strive to do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Defend our liberties and give wisdom to those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. Most of all, we pray that the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, will have free course in our land, so that many more may place their faith in Him as the only Savior. We ask all this in His Name. Amen.

*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.*

*Proverbs 14:34*

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 26–July 1, '23 (catching up from last week)

**Mon Luke 15:11-24** The younger of two sons wants to be given his inheritance so that he can waste it on himself. When all is gone and he is less valuable to feed than the pigs, he decides to go home, where his loving father receives and forgives him. So it is with our loving God and sinful humanity.

**Tues Luke 15:25-32** The older son in yesterday's parable also has selfish desires ("you never gave me..." v29) and acts as though he has earned his inheritance. He does not share the father's desire for the return of the lost one, and calls him "this son of yours" rather than "my brother." A sad picture of our sinful human nature alongside the gentle love of our heavenly Father.

**Wed Acts 3:1-10** Peter and John did not look magnificent when the lame man looked up at them, and he was just expecting some money from them. But from the representatives of Jesus Christ he received much more than he expected, and the chance to walk into the temple with them, praising God.

**Thur Acts 3:11-16** The people are amazed at the wonderful healing of the man lame from birth, and the apostles are quick to point out that this was done by God's Son Jesus Christ, who was disowned by them, but raised by God to life. Look to Him and be saved!

**Fri Isaiah 12:1-2** Isaiah tells of a coming day when the one with whom the Lord was justly angry receives not the Lord's anger but His comfort, much as the "Prodigal Son" (Lk15) was received by his loving father. Such a forgiving God will surely be one's strength and song in this life also.

**Sat Isaiah 12:3-6** What can be said by each of us can also be sung by all of God's children. Give thanks to the Lord (as did the lame man healed in Acts 3)! Sing to the Lord, for our salvation is all His doing, and it is He who has made us dwellers of Zion! Let this be known in all the earth!

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### July 3-8, '23

**Mon Matthew 5:13-16** When God made us His children in Christ, He gave us not only a position as His own, but also a function, namely to benefit others, like salt and light do, and to bring them to see the glory of our heavenly Father in Jesus Christ.

**Tues Acts 4:1-4** The Sadducee rulers did not believe in a resurrection from the dead. When they learned that Peter and John were proclaiming that Jesus was risen from the dead, they tried to stop them. Nevertheless the light had shined, and many of those who heard the message believed.

**Wed Acts 4:5-12** Through Peter and John, the Lord had healed a man lame from birth (Ac 3). But when they explained that it was Jesus by whom the man was healed, they were called before the rulers. There the Spirit filled Peter, so that he testified that both healing and salvation are found in Christ.

**Thur Isaiah 65:17-19** The Lord's kingdom, in its coming, would bring joy and gladness. Even the memory of sadness would not be found in the new Jerusalem, for the Lord would remember their sins no longer. Instead He would rejoice over His people, and weeping would not be heard again.

**Fri Isaiah 65:24-25** When the Lord rules, He answers even before His children call, and He hears their every cry! Such a peace with God He has created in Christ that we can scarce imagine, like wolves and lions who are no danger to a lamb, and a deadly serpent who is no danger to us.

**Sat John 4:39-42** The woman of Sychar let the light of Jesus' words to her shine among her fellow Samaritans. The result was that many came to Him, heard His word for themselves, and now glorified Him as the true Savior of the world!