

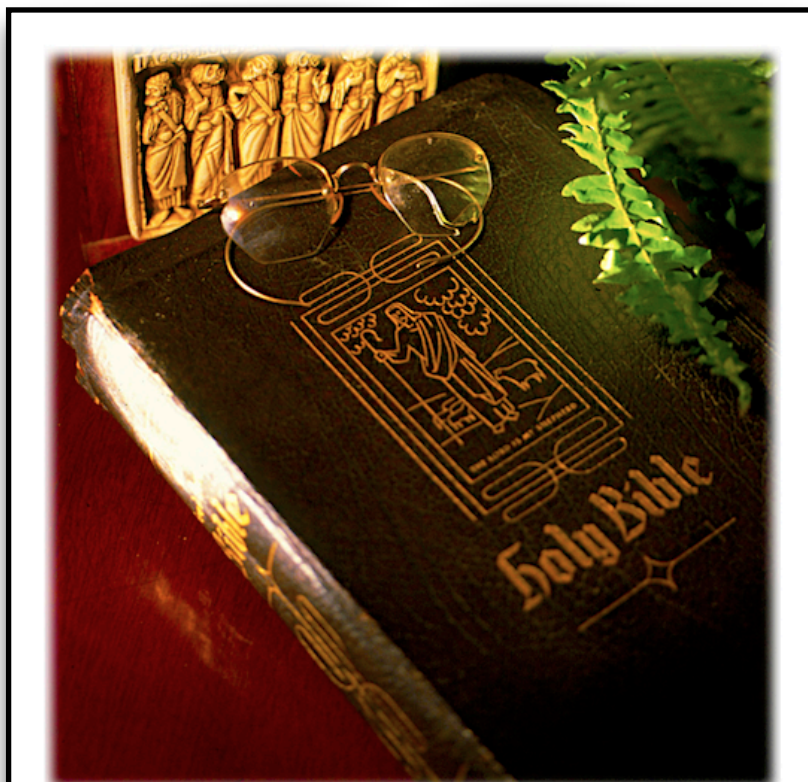
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*For I delight in the law
of God in my inmost self.*

Romans 7:22

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7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 16, 2023

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

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

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, p.557)
- ◆ The Hymns: 684, 761, 555 (1-6), 398
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 11:25-30
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Romans 7:15-25

"Mr. Sin, the Persistent Squatter"

1. He has taken up residence in me.
2. He frustrates my best efforts to evict him.
3. He meets his match in Jesus Christ our Lord.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (398)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 33:12-23

12 Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people. 14 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." 18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." 19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." 21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 119

- P I have chosen the way of truth:
C **I have set my heart on your laws.**
P I hold fast to your statutes, O LORD:
C **Do not let me be put to shame.**
P I run in the path of your commands:
C **For you have set my heart free.**
P Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees:
C **Then I will keep them to the end.**
P Give me understanding, and I will keep your law:
C **And obey it with all my heart.**
P Direct me in the path of your commands:
C **For there I find delight.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 11:25-30

25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. 27 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Sermon Text – Romans 7:15-25

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/16)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting
Tue	9:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Cheyenne
Sun (7/23)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting, 10:45 am

Elders Meeting: Sunday, August 6, 8:30 am

Immanuel Seminary Graduate Jonah Albrecht is being ordained and installed today as the pastor of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood WA and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma WA.

Call News: Mrs. Loretta Leinberger accepted the call from Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Saginaw MI to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant. <> Missionary Peter Evensen returned the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette MI. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI (third pastor), Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi TX, and Calvary in Marquette.

Walk with the Apostle Paul (Greece / Turkey Trip) – "A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27 – June 5, 2024 with a possible three day extension to Rome for those interested. The trip will include visits to Athens, Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and much more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the visits of the Apostle Paul recorded in the Book of Acts. We will be reminded of the zeal and spread of the early Christian church. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. A video of a similar trip can be seen here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul-o6E47MMw. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Nathanael

Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request."

Invitation – Christian composer, Valerie Floeter, will present a program of favorite hymn arrangements on Sunday, July 30, at 2:00 pm at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. It will be a presentation of how she got started, what inspires her, with samples of her latest compositions. There will also be a Q&A session. Light refreshments will follow the program. RSVPs are requested. Contact: Mary Greening (307-220-2422 dukencutie@yahoo.com).

Pacific Coast Women's Retreat – Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all of the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace" and is based upon Psalm 1:3, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. Go to: <https://gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.

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. 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>.

The June CLC World Missions Prayer List may be viewed at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Hard copies are 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).

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 17-22, '23

Mon Matthew 21:28-32 Every sin is like saying “I will not” to God. Jesus calls upon sinners to change their mind (repent) and receive the righteousness that He brings and for which John prepared the way (v32). Some, however, while looking very religious, refuse to believe Jesus, so as to say “I will not.”

Tues Acts 8:26-38 Like one of the two sons yesterday, here is an Ethiopian man who is an outward worshiper of the true God. But when He hears the Good News of Jesus the Savior from sin, he believes and wants to be baptized. This is the work of the Holy Spirit (v29), who wants all people to be saved.

Wed Psalm 1 Where is blessedness found? Definitely not with the wicked, sinners, or mockers. True blessedness is found with the Lord whose word declares sinners righteous in connection with the Messiah (Christ). The Lord plants the tree (v3) and knows (watches over) the Christian’s path (v6).

Thur Romans 3:21-26 The righteousness that God is pleased to see in people is not something that their works (keeping the law, v21) have produced but something that comes to us from God (v22) through the doing and dying of Jesus Christ. This is what gives us sinners the status of “righteous ones” before God.

Fri 1 John 1:8–2:2 A great show of righteousness may fool many people, but the worst part of such a show is fooling ourselves. Like the son in Monday’s parable, we could act like a good son (“I will go”), and not go on to see our need for Jesus’ forgiveness, which brings true righteousness from God.

Sat Luke 18:9-14 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Here Jesus again reaches out to those who compared themselves to other people and thought they had some righteousness to offer God. But the one who saw his sin before God was ready to receive God’s forgiveness.