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9th Sunday after Pentecost – July 30, 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 141 (pew bible, p.555)
- ◆ The Hymns: 790 (1-4), 725, Special*, 790 (5)
**words for this hymn are printed on page 5*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Joel 3:12-16; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit Is Your Prayer Helper!

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (790, stanza 5)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Joel 3:12-16

12 “Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. 13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow— so great is their wickedness!” 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. 16 The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 18

P The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer:

C My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

P He reached down from on high and took hold of me:

C He rescued me from my powerful enemy:

P He brought me out into a spacious place:

C He rescued me because he delighted in me.

P You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning:

C My God turns my darkness into light.

P You save the humble:

C But bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

P You give me your shield of victory:

C And your right hand sustains me.

Second Lesson – Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ 28 “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he

replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ 29 “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’” | 36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” 37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Sermon Text – Romans 8:26-27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

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Come, Oh, Come, Life-giving Spirit

1. Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit,
God from all eternity!
May Your power never fail us;
Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light
Banish all the gloom of night.

2. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind You And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.

3. With our spirit, Lord, bear witness
That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon Him solely
When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should,
That the cross is for our good.

4. Prompt us, Lord, to come before Him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.

5. Grant our hearts in fullest measure
Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please You
Working for You willingly.
Let the Gospel spread and grow,
Bringing Satan's overthrow.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (8/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

August Birthday Blessings To . . .

Georgia Waters, Aug 2	Bob Rankin, Aug 22
Doug Tiefel, Aug 2	Joseph Cornish, Aug 26
Jo Ellen Blakey, Aug 5	Judy Garvin, Aug 29
Bobbie Brethauer, Aug 16	Zachary Ruegge, Aug 30
Joyce Wamboldt, Aug 20	

CLC Call News: Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi TX.

Thank You To All who helped with providing and serving food for the luncheon following Velma Clark's victory service last Friday, and arranging seating in the basement. (Any help you can give with putting away tables and chairs after the service today will also be appreciated!)

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 31 – August 5, '23

Mon Matthew 12:46-50 On the path to our salvation, Jesus faces much opposition, from religious and political rulers, from the devil and demons, and even at times from His own, who do not understand. Who is on His side? Those who do the Father's will (v50). "For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn 6:40).

Tues Jeremiah 23:16-20 Some might wonder why the Lord would be so angry about people acting as His spokesmen and giving people a kind of "hope." But it was a false hope (v16) and told the people who despised God, in effect, that everything was okay and they didn't need a savior (v17).

Wed Jeremiah 23:21-29 Does it really matter what people believe or trust in, as long as they're religious? God takes it seriously when lies are proclaimed as His word, for the people who trust in those lies are not trusting in the God whose name brings life.

Thur Acts 16:16-18 Why would Jesus' apostle be so troubled when the demon-possessed woman spoke the truth? Just as Jesus would not have an unclean spirit's testimony that He is the holy one of God (Mk1:24-25), so Paul does not want an alliance with an evil spirit, even to proclaim a truth.

Fri Acts 16:19-24 The slave girl possessed by a spirit had been freed, but her human possessors, who had made money from her, saw to it that Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned. This kind of opposition to the Gospel they had faced and overcome many times before (e.g. Acts5:41).

Sat Acts 16:25-32 In the midst of a very dark time, Paul and Silas are praising God for all that dungeons and chains cannot take away from them. The prisoners hear them, and so does God. Soon even the jailor and his family hear the life-giving word of the Lord, and a very dark time is turned to light!