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10th Sunday after Pentecost – August 6, 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

Ushers: Zachary Ruegge, Don Claeys; Communion Usher: Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 139 (pew bible, p.554)
- ◆ The Hymns: 822, 573, 575, *778
*(*printed in tan hymnal)*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Kings 3:5-12, Matthew 13:44-52
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 119
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Romans 8:28-30

God's Eternal Plan for Me

1. He foreknew me and predestined me.
2. He called me and justified me.
3. He will glorify me.

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Kings 3:5-12

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." 6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 7 "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" 10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 119

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.**
P Turn my eyes away from worthless things:
C **Preserve my life according to your Word.**
P Fulfill your promise to your servant:
C **So that you may be feared.**
P How I long for your precepts!:
C **Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 13:44-52

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. 47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. 52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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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 (8/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (8/13)	8:30 am	Elders Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

Upcoming in September

- Sunday School Staff Installation: Sunday, Sept 10
- Adult Bible Class & Sunday School Resume: Sunday, Sept 10
- West-Central Pastoral Conference, hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck ND: Tues-Thur, Sept.12-14
- Western Women's Retreat, hosted by Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine NE: Fri-Sun, Sept.22-24
- Fall Clean-Up Day: Sat., Sept 23 (8:00 am to noon)

New Members, Welcome! At the July 23 Quarterly Voters Meeting three new members were formally received into our St. Paul church family by transfer from sister CLC congregations: Derek Barthels, from St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Dallas TX; Lily Meyer, from Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI; and Marty Schmoldt, from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD. We are pleased to welcome them into our midst and pray the Lord to richly bless them in our fellowship together in the Gospel. A new member welcome reception will be scheduled soon on a date that is yet to be determined. Stay tuned. *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).*

Synod News & Notes

- Missionary Todd Ohlmann has posted online the latest CLC World Missions Prayer List for August at this internet address: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Be encouraged to login and read. Hard copies of the prayer list are available by the tract rack. Help yourself!
- "The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will take place on Sun. Aug. 20, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as we grow together in the truth of God's saving Word!" (ILC President, Dan Schierenbeck).

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 7-12, '23

Mon Matthew 13:44-46 To trade something, even something worth a lot, for something worth far more would not be called a “sacrifice.” So also to have the Lord ruling brings life beyond the grave, and nothing you “gave up” to have Him rule would really be a “sacrifice.”

Tues Proverbs 16:1-3 People make all kinds of plans, but the Lord has the last word. He knows our plans, for He looks into our hearts, and if He guides our plans, they will succeed, for His Kingdom will come!

Wed Proverbs 16:4-6 The Lord is the Ruler of all things, even the unruly ones of His creation. But His atonement is for the world, which He loves (Jn3:16), and His fear and love will also guide our steps!

Thur Proverbs 16:7-9 In the Lord’s kingdom, God sees to it that all things work together for the good of His own, and their wealth is not measured in material gain, but in being right with the Lord. For the heart of a person may plan, but the Lord rules (cp.v1).

Fri Acts 17:16-21 Paul was not in Athens to start another church, but to wait for Silas and Timothy to join him so they could go on. But as Paul saw the hyper-idolatry all around, he was moved to speak about Jesus and the resurrection. Some of the Greek philosophers took him to the council to hear more.

Sat Acts 17:22-34 When Paul spoke to the “wise” of his day, he was not harsh with them, but pointed out that all the world’s wisdom did not reveal the One true God to them. When he proclaimed Jesus’ resurrection, some scoffed, some said “Another time,” and to some the Kingdom came!