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11th Sunday after Pentecost – August 13, 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: Carly Mess; Ushers: Zachary Ruegge, Don Claeys

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 1 (pew bible, page 481)

*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

812 – *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

Invocation


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



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 19

P The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

C **The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

P The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart:

C **The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

P The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever:

C **The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.**

P They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold:

C **They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

P By them is your servant warned:

C **In keeping them there is great reward.**

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.

Kyrie

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

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:

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A - men.

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

First Lesson – Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

Second Lesson – Matthew 14:13-21



13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” 16 Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” 17 “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. 18 “Bring them here to me,” he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.



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

699 – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Sermon

Text – Isaiah 55:1-5

1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Come to God's Rich Banquet Meal!

1. It's free.
2. It's satisfying.
3. It's what He uses to make us His people.

+++ **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

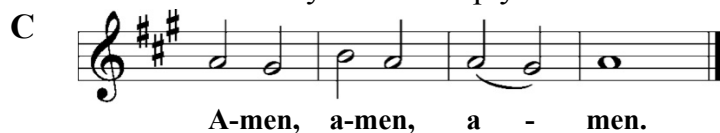
Hymn

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

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



A-men, a-men, a - men.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/13)	8:30 am	Elders Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (8/20)	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)

Three St. Paul Young People have been enrolled at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire WI for the coming school year: John Sprengeler (as a senior), Jesse Cornish (junior), and Joseph Cornish (sophomore). We pray the Lord to richly bless the Christian education which the Immanuel student body will receive in the coming year. The opening worship service will be conducted at Immanuel next Sunday, August 20, at 3:00 pm in the campus fieldhouse. Additional information about our school may be viewed at ilc.edu. Check it out!

Special Voters Meeting: Sunday, August 27, after the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider, and possibly accept, a bid we received from a construction company to repair the front landscaping and upper sidewalk of the church.

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).*

CLC Missions News

- Missionary Bruce Naumann has been on furlough in the U.S. for the past few weeks. His wife Paula will accompany him when he returns to Tanzania on August 20. Keep update to date on the Gospel outreach work being done in Tanzania under the leadership of Missionary Naumann at this address on the internet: clc-tz.blogspot.com.
- Missionary Peter Evensen recently returned to Togo following a one-month furlough in the States. He is making plans to coordinate a mission visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with Missionary Todd Ohlmann in early 2024.
- Missionary Ohlmann has posted the CLC World Missions Prayer List for August at this address: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Be encouraged to login and read it. Hard copies of the prayer list are also available by the tract rack. As you will see, there is much to pray about!



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C. M.

Ps. 119 : 127
Anne Steele, 1760, cento

Bedford
William Wheat, 1729



1 Fa - ther of mer - cies, in Thy Word What end - less glo - ry shines!
2 Here may the blind and hun - gry come And light and food re - ceive;
3 Here springs of con - so - la - tion rise To cheer the faint - ing mind,
4 Here the Re - deem - er's wel - come voice Spreads heav'nly peace a - round,



For - ev - er be Thy name a - dored For these ce - les - tial lines.
Here shall the lowliest guest have room And taste and see and live.
And thirst - ing souls re - ceive sup - plies And sweet re - fresh - ment find.
And life and ev - er - last - ing joys At - tend the bliss - ful sound. A - men.



5 Oh, may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see
And still increasing light!

6 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be Thou forever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word
And view my Savior here.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 14-19, '23

Mon Matthew 23:24-33 When Jesus says “Woe!” to the religious leaders who reject Him, it is not a curse but a lamentation. They are the ones bringing sorrow upon themselves and their followers by rejecting the One who creates clean hearts within and makes dead bones live through the prophetic word of forgiveness.

Tues Matthew 23:34-39 Although the religious leaders say they would not have killed the ancient prophets, they stand against the current prophets and the great Prophet who sends them. Jesus mourns for Jerusalem, whose children He wants to gather, but they refuse.

Wed Jeremiah 7:1-11 God sends the prophet Jeremiah to stand in the Lord’s House and call people to reform their ways. Although they think they stand safely in the temple, their lives of self-service at the expense of the poor and the weak are not hidden from the Lord and show where their hearts truly are.

Thur Acts 20:17-21 Paul stops on his journey to say farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus. He reminds them that, unlike false prophets who put on a good show, he had served the Lord among them in lowliness, tears, and trials, calling for repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fri Acts 20:22-27 Paul has been warned by the Holy Spirit that chains and afflictions are ahead of him, but this news is not to have him turn away from Jerusalem. Rather he knows that the Lord will be with him and those trials will not stop him from testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.

Sat Acts 20:28-38 Paul will not see these Ephesian elders again, and leaves them with a warning of trials that are ahead of them, both from “wolves” without and from false brothers within their group. In all that lies ahead, he commends them to God and to the word of His grace.