

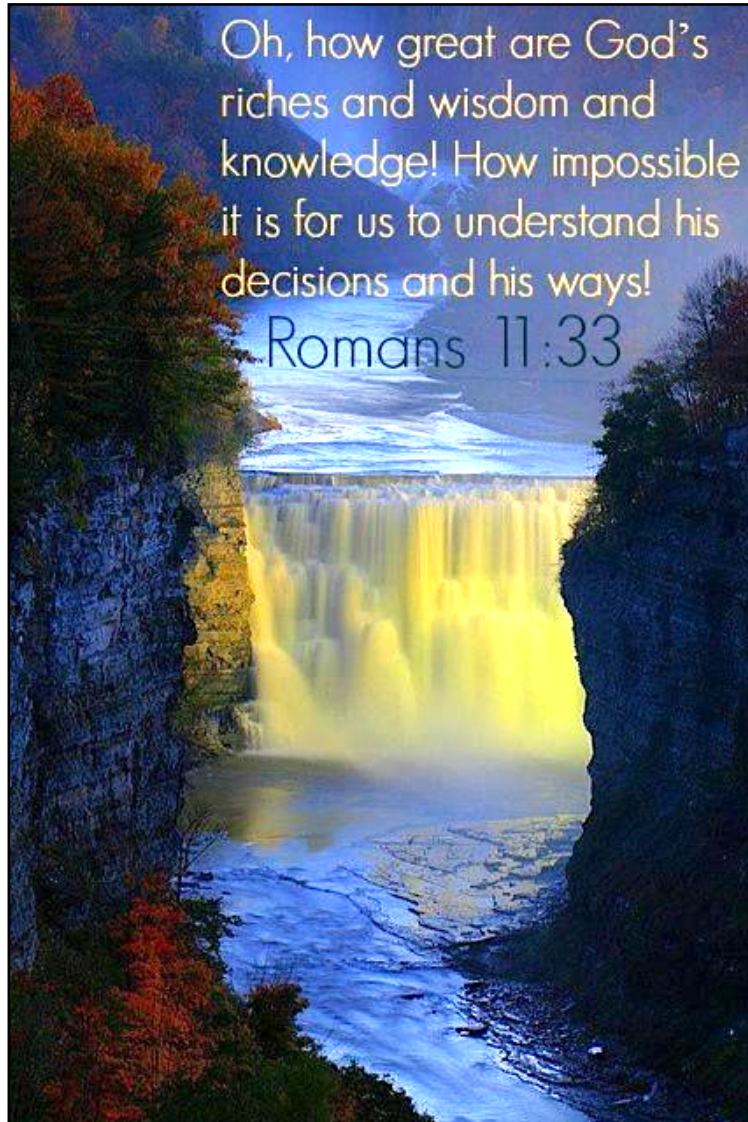
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14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 3, 2023

Order of Worship: Service of the Word & Sacrament

Find today's order of worship printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship are on the shelf under the tract rack (or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you).

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

Communion Usher: Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 96 (pew bible, p.532)
- ◆ The Hymns: 801 (1-3), 645, 622 (1-5), 801 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 6:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 34
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Romans 11:33-36

"No Reason to Second-Guess God"

1. He is wiser than we are.
2. His ways are unsearchable.
3. His gifts to us are plentiful.

- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (801, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 6:1-8

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.” 2 God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 34

P Taste and see that the LORD is good:

C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

P The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous:

C And his ears are attentive to their cry.

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him:

C And he delivers them.

P The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them:

C He delivers them from all their troubles.

P The LORD is close to the brokenhearted:

C And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

P The LORD redeems his servants:

C No one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Second Lesson – Matthew 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Sermon Text – Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?” 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (9/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service, with installation of the Sunday School Staff
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	12 noon	Pizza Lunch

Upcoming in September

- West-Central Pastoral Conference, hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck ND: Tue-Thu, 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)

September Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Ed Chiappetti, Sept 1	Joyce Maulis, Sept 19
Pastor Schuetze, Sept 9	(Don & Ruth Claeys, Sept 3)
Jacob Cornish, Sept 18	(Jim & Linda Wamboldt, Sept 9)

Bible Class & Sunday School will resume next Sunday after the service at 10:45 am. The Sunday School teaching staff will also be installed during the service. Bible Class study topic: *Think Friendliness – Scriptural Instruction and Encouragement for God’s People as They Assemble at His House for Worship and Fellowship*. A hand-out will be shared with bullet points and Bibles verses to guide us in our discussion. (You may pick one up today to look over before next Sunday, from the shelf under the tract rack).

Synod News & Notes

- The center of Hurricane Idalia passed over our sister CLC congregation in Florida, Grace Lutheran, in Live Oak, with winds over 100 mph. Some of Grace’s members took refuge in the brick parsonage through the night. We thank the Lord that our fellow Christians were kept safe and the property damage caused by the storm to their homes was only minor.
- Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, White River SD accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as a part-time visiting foreign missionary to serve our East African brethren in Tanzania.

Isaiah 40:25-31

- 25** “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.
- 26** Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.
- 27** Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?
- 28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
- 29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
- 30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
- 31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 4-9, '23

Mon Mark 12:41-44 The Lord is watching the offerings, but He sees so much more than just the simple amount that is put in the offering. He sees the heart, whether it is self-serving, even in giving, or whether it is thankful for the opportunity to give.

Tues Zechariah 7:4-10 The essence of worship in the restored temple would not be a self-serving worship, whether it involved fasting or feasting. True worship would include activities that reflect how God had treated them: with justice, kindness, and compassion.

Wed 1 Peter 2:1-3 Having been born again through the imperishable Word of God (1:23), God's children will crave the milk of that Word and push away all of the self-serving forms of evil.

Thur 1 Peter 2:4-8 If the walls of a building sit at the wrong angle with each other, the whole shape of the building is affected. People who try to build a worship temple to God without the cornerstone will fail, but Christ is the Cornerstone who makes our worship (offerings) acceptable to God.

Fri 1 Peter 2:9-10 Because Christ is the Living Stone that shapes the temple, the rest of the stones are also shaped by Him to be a spiritual priesthood (v5), proclaiming the praises of His marvelous light! This is all the result of God's great mercy.

Sat James 2:14-17 Not just our worship, but our very lives spring up from our faith in Christ. In fact, our whole lives *are* our worship of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. If the faith we profess does not produce lives that show His mercy, that "faith" is dead (v17).