

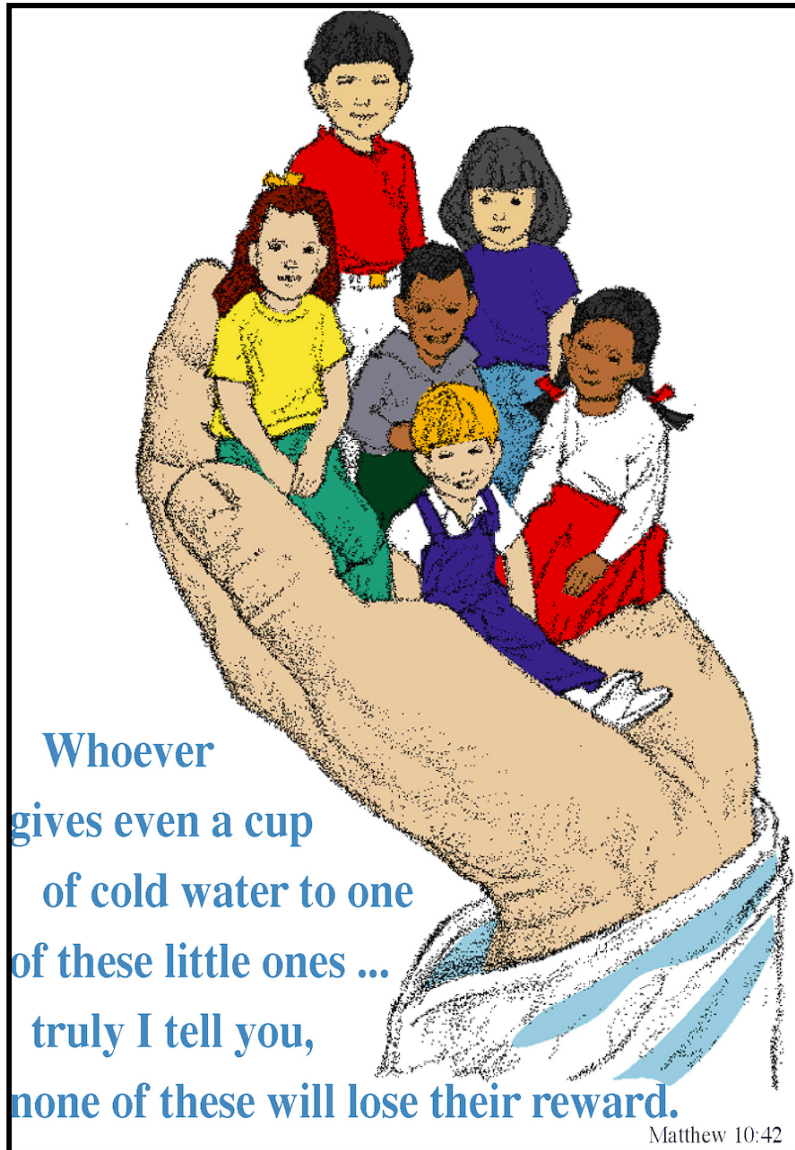
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**Whoever
gives even a cup
of cold water to one
of these little ones ...
truly I tell you,
none of these will lose their reward.**

Matthew 10:42

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16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 17, 2023

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

You will 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). If you'd like to have a large print worship bulletin speak with an usher, who will be happy to share one with you.

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:129-136 (pew bible, p.548)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 700 (1-3), 730, 694, 700 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 John 1:12-17, John 15:13-17
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text – Matthew 10:32-42

Theme – "Who Are My Friends?"

1. Jesus is my best and truest Friend .
2. Those who are enemies of Jesus are not my friends.
3. Those who are friends of Jesus are also my friends.

A CLC Ministry-by-Mail Sermon

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (700, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 John 1:12-17

12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 62

P My soul finds rest in God alone:

C My salvation comes from him.

P He alone is my rock and my salvation:

C He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

P Find rest, O my soul, in God alone:

C My hope comes from him.

P Though your riches increase:

C Do not set your heart on them.

P My salvation and my honor depend on God:

C He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

P Trust in him at all times, O people:

C Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Second Lesson – John 15:13-17

13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

Sermon Text – Matthew 10:32-42

32 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. 34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to “set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law”; 36 and “a man's enemies will be those of his own household.’ 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. 40 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service,
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Sat	8:00 am	Fall Clean-Up (till noon)
Sun (9/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Our Thanks to Mike Sprengeler for conducting today's service in the pastor's absence. The pastor plans to return from the Midwest on Wednesday after participating in Board of Doctrine meetings on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.

Fall Clean-Up Day is this week Saturday starting at 8:00 am. Come help if you can! Questions? See Board of Trustees member, Mike Sprengeler.

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