

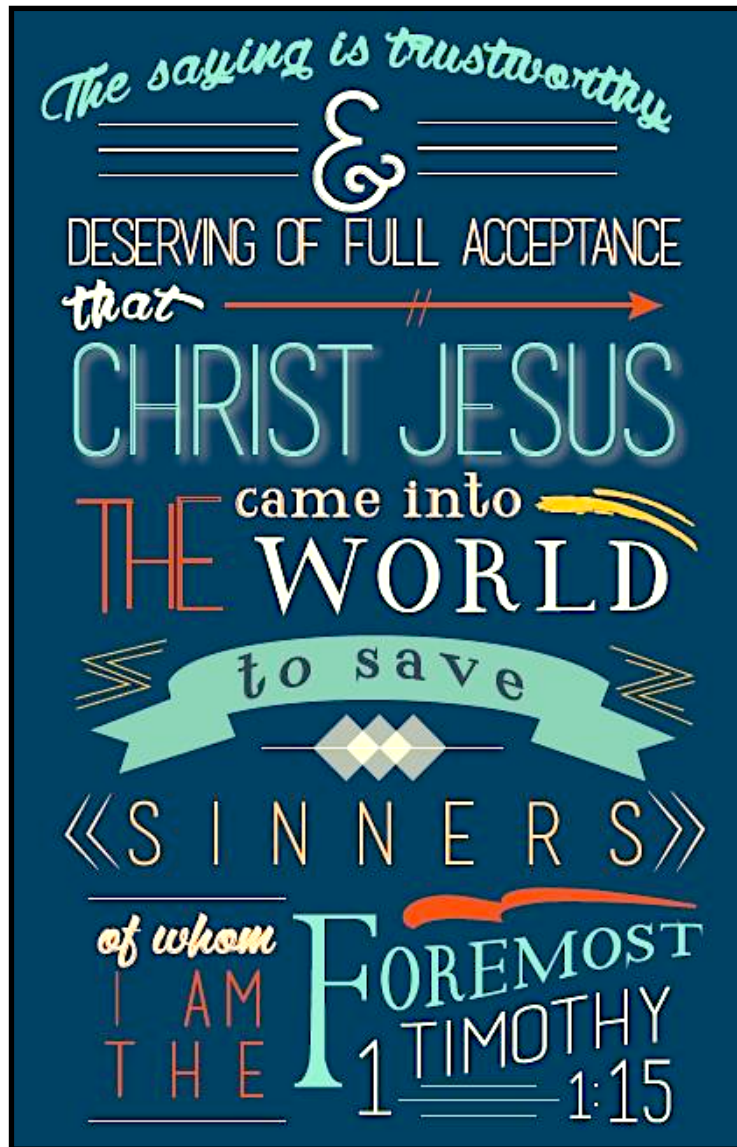
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17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 24, 2023

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: Carly Mess

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 116 (pew bible, p.543)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 527, 559, 611 (1-3), 611 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 50:15-21, Ephesians 4:29–5:2
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Theme – "See Yourself in Paul's Picture"

1. The worst of sinners. 2. Chosen by grace.
3. The object of Christ's patience. 4. Grateful in His service.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (611, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Genesis 50:15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. 18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. 19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 103

P Bless the Lord, O my soul:

C And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P Who forgives all your iniquities:

C Who heals all your diseases.

P Who redeems your life from destruction:

C Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

P He has not dealt with us according to our sins:

C Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

P For as the heavens are high above the earth:

C So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

P As far as the east is from the west:

C So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

P As a father pities his children:

C So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

P For He knows our frame:

C He remembers that we are dust.

P Our days are like grass, as a flower of the field:

C For the wind passes over it, and it is gone.

P But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him:

C And His righteousness to children's children. [NKJV]

Second Lesson – Ephesians 4:29–5:2

4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/24) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun (10/1) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming in October

- New Member Welcome Reception: Sunday, October 8, 10:45 am (*see note below*)
- Choir Practices: Sunday, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 8:30 am
- Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting: Sunday, October 15, 10:45 am
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 22, 10:45 am
- Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne: Sunday, October 29, 11:00 am (*see note on page 6*)

A Welcome Reception Is Planned for Sunday, October 8, following the worship service for new members to our St. Paul church family (Derek Barthels, Lily Meyer, Marty Schmoldt, and Julie Ann Zamora). Derek, Lily, and Marty were recently received as communicant members by transfer from sister CLC churches. Julie Ann was received as a communicant by profession of faith. Everyone is invited to attend. Food and refreshments will be served (more details to be shared soon).

Front Range Reformation Festival Service: Sunday, October 29, 11:00 am, hosted by Redeemer of Cheyenne. Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will serve as the speaker. Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer will be the liturgist. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the pre-service Bible Class. Schedule for the day is as follows:

- Choir Practice: 9:30 am
- Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:00 am
- Worship Service: 11:00 am
- Meal: 12:00 noon

Transportation will be available for those needing a ride (see pastor). The plan is to leave from the church parking lot around 7:30 am. A lay service will also be conducted on that day here at St. Paul at the usual time, 9:30 am.

2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org

In Our Prayers: Kate Sauers, wife of Pastor Rob Sauers of our CLC church in Winter Haven FL. She was recently diagnosed with an as-yet undetermined form of cancer.

From the CLC Board of Missions: *"When the CLC Convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the Mission Development Fund (MDF) for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000 and has had an impact on other planned MDF projects. Currently the MDF balance is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. The Board of Missions has already put a hold on all other projects including all funding of Bibles and other Christian literature, church building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. We pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and offerings."*

If you would like to make a contribution to the MDF you may do so by placing your gift in your St. Paul offering envelope and noting your gift on the line so designated under "CLC Auxiliary Funds." Or you may place your gift in a regular envelope with "MDF" written on the front. If you use a check, be sure to write "MDF" on the memo line.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 18-23 (catching up from last week)

Mon John 11:1-11 When the Lord Jesus receives the news that His friend Lazarus is sick, His delay in going to help may be confusing to some. But the Lord knows what He is doing and His timing is right for bringing blessing to many.

Tues 1 Kings 17:8-16 As Jesus seemed to delay His help to Lazarus (Mon Reading), so the promised drought (v1) lasted so long that the stream and ravens could no longer feed Elijah. But the Lord's own prophet was sustained in another miraculous way through the destitute widow of Zarephath.

Wed 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Some who think that they have the Lord's timing all figured out are not following God's own direction, namely to work while waiting for the imminent coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thur 1 Peter 1:13-16 The apostle Peter encourages Christians who are eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus to live lives that show forth the glory of Him who is without sin and who has redeemed us to the holy God.

Fri Psalm 77:7-14 The Psalmist has called upon God for help in his time of trouble, but when he doesn't see the Lord coming to help, he is in danger of thinking God's mercy has an end. Then he remembers God's wonderful works of old, and rejoices in the Lord.

Sat 1 John 2:3-11 As Jesus lived and died for us, so we who await His return want to live in love as He did. To this the apostle John would encourage us, as he reminds us that if anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him (v5).

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 25-30

Mon Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus is thankful to His Father in heaven that repentance and faith do not depend upon human wisdom and cleverness. Even little children, who cannot take care of themselves, can trust in Him and have everlasting life.

Tues Hebrews 12:18-24 Jesus invited those who are weary and burdened to come to Him. Such coming to the heavenly joy of God's own people is here contrasted with the sights and sounds of Mt. Sinai, which did not bring rest.

Wed Job 5:17-26 Jesus promised spiritual rest to those who came to Him (Mt11:28). Such peace with God means great blessing, even when He corrects us. He will rescue His children from the many threats that face them.

Thur Luke 17:11-19 Coming to Jesus brings countless blessings whether we are young or old, learned or uneducated, Jew or Gentile. Here God worked faith in the heart of a Samaritan, who returned to glorify Him with a loud voice.

Fri Psalm 147:1-6 Praise God for calling His people together and healing all their wounds. He who can number the stars that He has created surely has the power and understanding also to sustain the humble and overcome the wicked.

Sat Psalm 147:7-11 Not only has God created all things, but He also preserves His creatures, sending rain to the earth and producing food even for the birds and beasts. His strength is greater than all, but it is most seen in connection with His great mercy.