

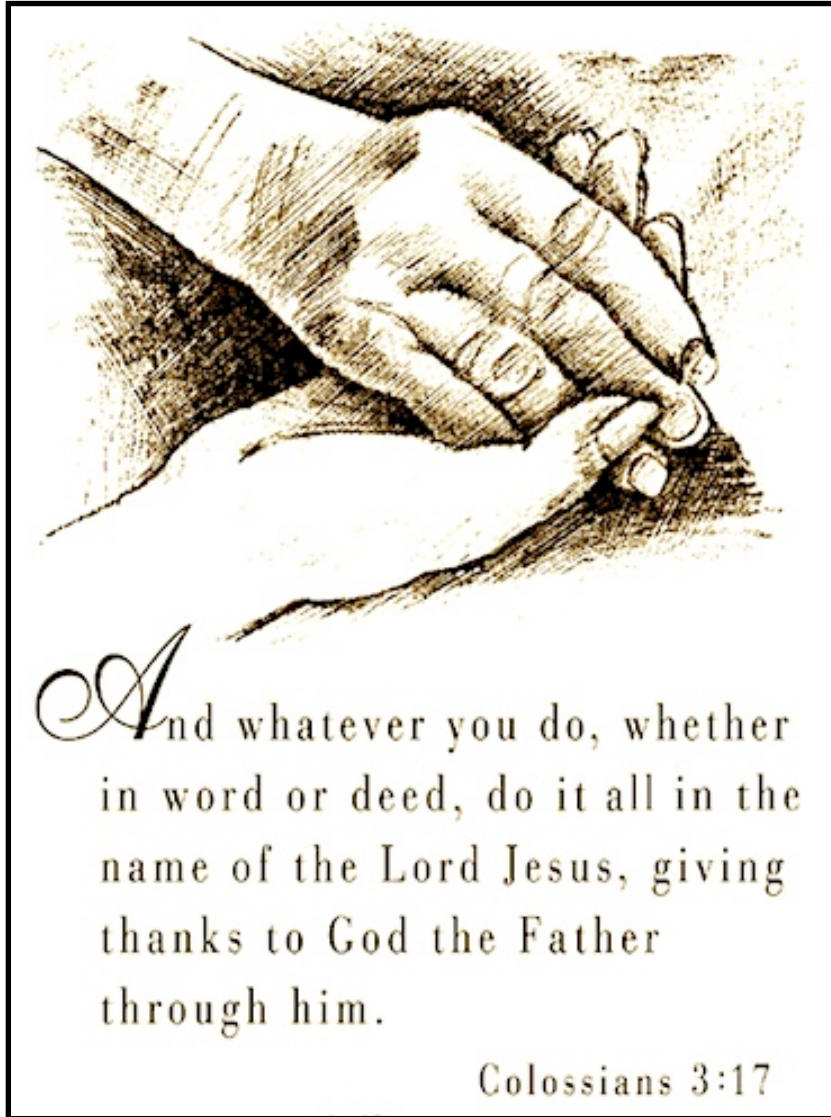
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19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 8, 2023

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!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. 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 one with you.

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Jeana Kettner

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Ed Chiappetti

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

906 – *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Invocation

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


C 
A - men.

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 84

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul:

C **O my God, in you I trust;**

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love:

C **For they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions:

C **According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

P Turn to me and be gracious to me:

C **For I am lonely and afflicted.**

P Consider my affliction and my trouble:

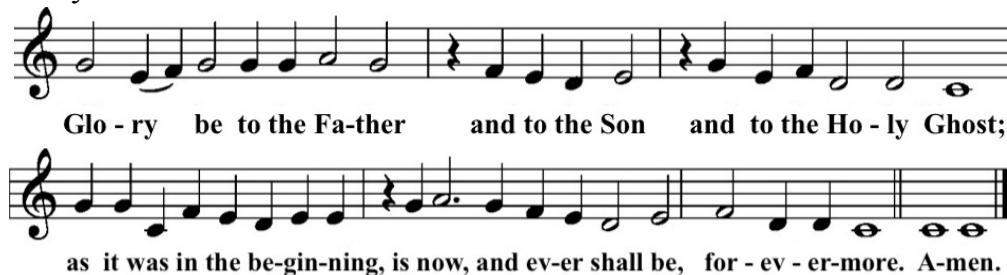
C **And forgive all my sins.**

P Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!:

C **For I take refuge in you.**

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 #947:1, alt.]

P Let us pray:

C



A - men.

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

First Lesson – Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? 3 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. 25 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 26 When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. 27 Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. 28 Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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



Second Lesson – Matthew 16:21-26



28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



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

783 – *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Sermon

Text – Philippians 2:1-8

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

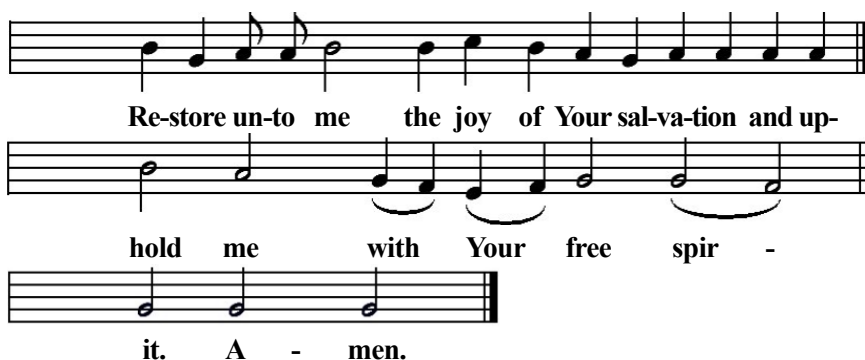
Theme – *"Be Somebody ... For Others!"*

- ◆ Set free from self.
- ◆ Set free to serve others.

+++ **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

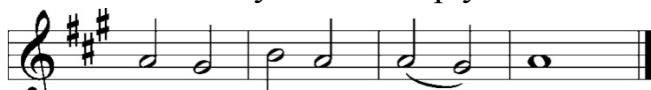
Hymn

554 – *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .

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

Closing Hymn

698 – *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

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This Week at St. Paul

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| Today (10/8) | 8:30 am | Choir Practice |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 am | New Member Welcome Reception (<i>see note below</i>) |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Class & Sunday School |
| Sun (10/15) | 8:30 am | Choir Practice |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 am | Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting |

Upcoming in October

- 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 below*)

A Welcome Reception Is Planned for today, after 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. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

In Our Prayers: Pat Newton, who underwent hip replacement surgery last Wednesday. The surgery went well and she is now undergoing rehab at the UC Hospital in Broomfield. <> Ed Chiappetti who suffered a broken foot last week. <> May the Lord grant them healing according to His gracious will.

Kitchen Items: A few items are still needed for restocking the church kitchen. See the sign-up list posted on the board in the lobby for details.

Our Current Bible Class Topic is *"The Ideal Congregation in the Light of Holy Scripture."* Today we continue a study of Lesson 3 and examine Scriptures through which the Lord teaches us to have a high regard for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Choir Practice Schedule: Sundays, October 8,15,22 at 8:30 am. We will work on a song for the upcoming Front Range Reformation Festival, to be sung along with the choirs of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne. Copies of the song are by the tract rack. Choir members, feel free to take one along home.

Front Range Reformation Festival Service: Sunday, October 29, 11:00 am, hosted by Redeemer of Cheyenne. Pastor Tim Wheaton will serve as the speaker. Pastor Ben Libby 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.

Synod News & Notes

- **2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org
- **The October CLC World Missions Prayer List**, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. You may view it at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12).*
- **New In Your Mailbox Today:** Coordinating Council Summary (the CC met on the ILC campus, Eau Claire, on September 19) <> CC Devotions by the CLC President, the Board of Missions, and the ILC President.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 9-14

Mon Mark 10:17-23 To Jesus comes a young man who thinks he has kept all the commandments, and is ready to do more. Jesus shows him that his riches still occupy a place in his heart that belongs to God according to the very first commandment.

Tues Mark 10:24-27 The disciples are astonished at Jesus' suggestion that earthly riches can be a problem for entering the kingdom of God. "What hope is there then?" No hope except that God would bring us in (v27).

Wed James 2:10-13 In case we thought that keeping one commandment would make up for breaking another, James points out that our only hope is in God's mercy, which sets us free from the judgment.

Thur James 2:14-17 Trusting God's mercy in Christ truly saves us, but if our "faith" is all talk and does not bear fruit in our lives, it is not really the trust that God works in the heart. The one who remains in Jesus bears much fruit (Jn 15:5).

Fri 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 God offers Solomon anything he wants, and Solomon asks not for earthly riches but for wisdom and knowledge to serve well in his position in life. God is pleased and will also give him the lesser gift of earthly wealth.

Sat Proverbs 11:23-31 At the heart of these proverbs about people's use of wealth is verse 28: "Whoever trusts his wealth will fall, but righteous people will flourish..." The greatest wealth is not the earthly riches but the righteousness that God gives us in Christ.