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20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 15, 2023

Order of Worship – Service of the Word

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 and worship bulletin 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: Mark Hartmeister, Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 1 (pew bible, p.481)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 869, 693, 596 (1-5), 596 (6)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Philippians 3:12-21, Matthew 21:33-43
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text – Isaiah 5:1-7

Theme – "Live a Life Filled with Faith-Fruits"

1. God expects faith-fruits from us.
2. He judges the fruit in our lives.
3. He motivates us with His love.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (596, stanza 6)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Philippians 3:12-21

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained. 17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 118

P The LORD is my strength and my song:

C He has become my salvation.

P The right hand of the LORD exalts:

C The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!

P I shall not die, but I shall live:

C And recount the deeds of the LORD.

P I thank you that you have answered me:

C And have become my salvation.

P The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone:

C This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P This is the day that the LORD has made:

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson – Matthew 21:33-43

33 “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

Sermon Text – Isaiah 5:1-7

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/15)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting
Sun (10/22)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting

In Our Prayers: Pat Newton, who is undergoing rehab at the UC Hospital in Broomfield following hip replacement surgery. <> Ed Chiappetti who is recovering from a broken foot. <> Michael Eichstadt (pastor of our sister church in Hales Corners WI) who was hospitalized last week with a heart ailment. <> Tina Eichstadt (wife of Wayne Eichstadt of our sister church in Spokane Valley WA). She suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Hawaii with her husband. She is in the ICU after having two stents placed in a major artery. <> Kate Sauers (wife of Rob Sauers, pastor of our sister church in Winter Haven FL). She was diagnosed recently with a form of lymphoma. She is expected to undergo chemotherapy. <> *"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually" (Psalm 105:4).*

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



Let pastor know if you need a ride. Note: A lay service will also be conducted that day here at St. Paul at the customary time, 9:30 am.

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.

Synod News & Notes

- Pastor Neal Radichel of Mankato MN has accepted the call to be the third pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire WI. <> Retired pastor David Baker accepted the call from Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, to serve as their vacancy pastor.
- Missionary Bruce Naumann posted a new update “*Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God*” to his mission blog on October 12. You can view it at <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com>. (The update includes a link to Paula Naumann’s monthly journal.)
- Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more info and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 16-21

Mon John 9:24-34 Jesus brought light to the eyes of a blind man, and the religious leaders wanted to discount the miracle. To him, however, it was clear, as Jesus had said, “the very works that I am doing, these testify about me that the Father has sent me” (Jn5:36). This was enough to get him thrown out.

Tues John 9:35-41 When Jesus finds the man He had healed, He blesses his new-found sight with insight, to see that Jesus truly is the Son of God, the promised Savior. Alas! Those who reject the Light of the world (Jn8:12) remain blind.

Wed James 5:13-20 James urges prayer in the name of the Lord who heals disease and sickness. Moreover the same Lord conquers death itself through the forgiveness of sins.

Thur Psalm 32:1-7 David would teach us how precious is God’s forgiveness and how to receive it. It will not be obtained by silence and deceit, but by confessing our great need of it.

Fri Matthew 9:27-31 Jesus brings light to the eyes of two blind men, not because He wants the publicity (spotlight), but because of His great compassion for them.

Sat Matthew 9:32-34 A demon-possessed man is brought to Jesus, and He drives the demon out. Those who refused to believe Jesus, however, end up blaspheming by attributing God’s work to Satan.