

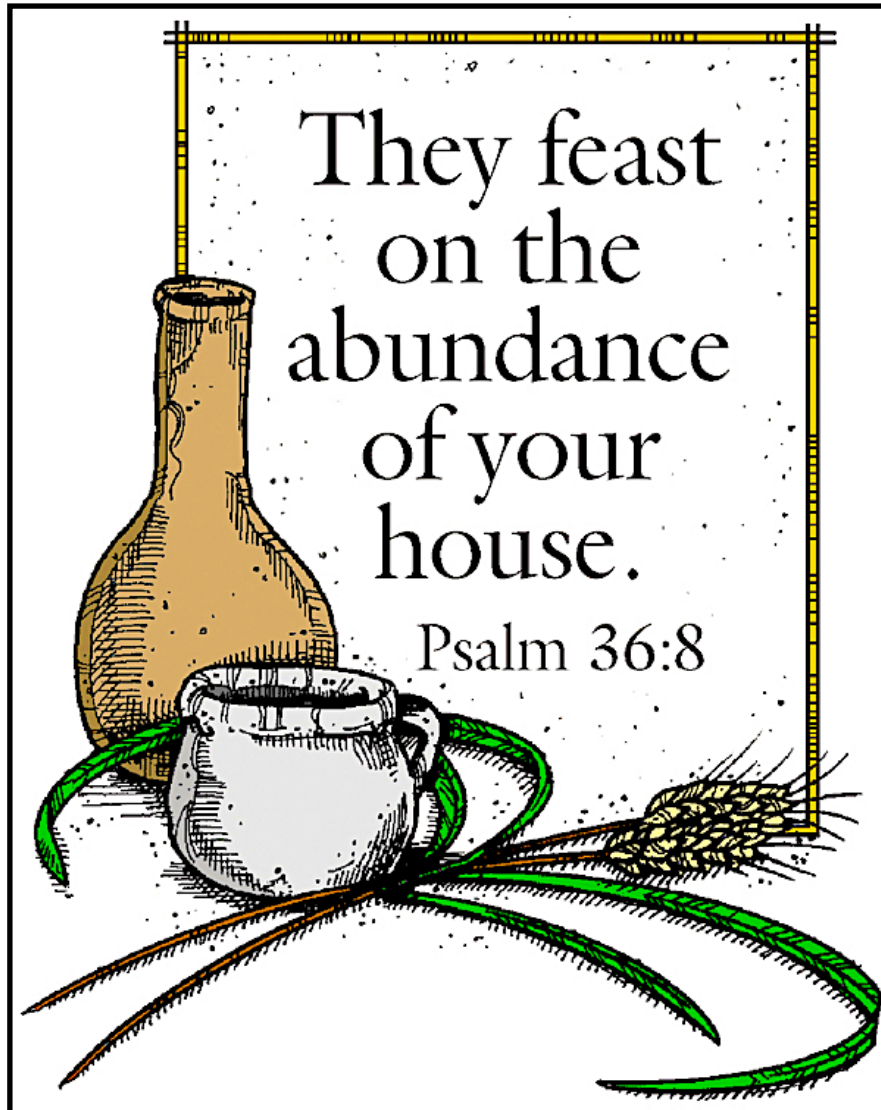
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21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 22, 2023

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 23 (pew bible, p. 491)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 940, 710, 587, 918
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 22:1-14
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text – Isaiah 25:6-9

Theme – "The Best Meal We'll Ever Eat"

1. Satisfaction guaranteed by the LORD.
2. Paid for by Him.
3. Even the thought of it satisfies us already now.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (918)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Philippians 4:4-13

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 36

- P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens:
C **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**
P How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
C **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**
P They feast the abundance of your house:
C **And you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
P For with you is the fountain of life:
C **In your light do we see light.**
P Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you:
C **And your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

Second Lesson – Matthew 22:1-14

1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Sermon Text – Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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A Warm Welcome To Our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/22)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun (10/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne <i>(see note below)</i>

Front Range Reformation Festival Service: Next Sunday, October 29, hosted by Redeemer of Cheyenne. The 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



A lay service will also be conducted next Sunday at St. Paul at the usual time, 9:30 am.

Remember in Your Prayers our fellow members ...

- Lisa Sprengeler who tested positive last week for Covid
- Pat Newton who is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Ed Chiappetti who is recovering from a broken foot

Petition our Lord for His great mercy and care for their healing and recovery and for their strength of faith.

Student Sponsorship: The St. Paul Mary & Martha ladies is providing financial support to a student attending the NCLC's Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Nigeria. The student's name is *Asukwo Asukwo Usuyak*. The annual amount for his support, \$360, is coming due soon. All St. Paul's members are welcome to give a donation for Asukwo's seminary education. To make a contribution for this purpose ...

- Place your gift in your offering envelope with "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the "OTHER" blank,
- Place your gift in a regular envelope with "Mary/Martha Kinship" and place it in the collection, or
- Give your donation to the ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge.

If you make a donation with a check make it out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" with "Mary/Martha Kinship" written on the memo line. Thank you!



**Blessed is the one you choose and bring
near, to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your
house, the holiness of your temple!**

Psalm 65:4

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 23-28

Mon John 15:1-4 It is necessary for the branch to remain attached to the vine in order to bear fruit. It is necessary for the disciple to remain connected in Christ in order to produce fruit. Those that are in Christ may still go through pruning so that their strength to bear fruit does not go to waste.

Tues John 15:5-8 Jesus urges His followers to remain in Him that they might bear much fruit. Those who disconnect themselves from Him serve no real purpose in the vineyard, but the Father is glorified by those who are in His Son.

Wed Romans 14:1-9 Both the strong and the weak in faith should not to look down upon or judge the other. Differences on diet could disturb joint meals, and differences in the observance of days might cause problems in worship, but remembering Him for whom they live and die will give proper focus.

Thur Proverbs 2:1-8 Seeking for wisdom and understanding is a noble quest, which is fulfilled in turning to the Lord, from whose mouth comes knowledge and understanding (v6). Stay connected to Him.

Fri Jeremiah 31:31-34 The new covenant is not like the old, for the God's saving Word is inscribed on the heart and brings both forgiveness and the knowledge of God.

Sat Acts 2:33-42 Peter's preaching on Pentecost cut to the heart of his hearers, and many received forgiveness from the Christ whom they had helped to crucify.