

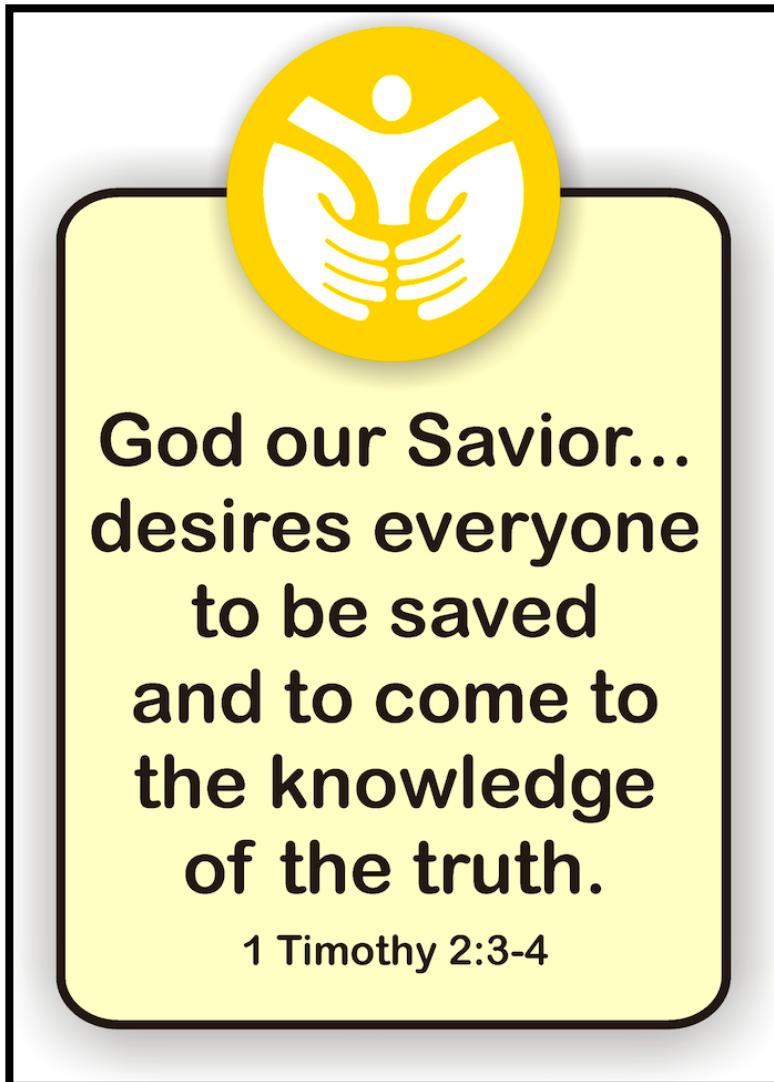
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23rd Sunday after Pentecost – November 5, 2023

Order of Worship – Service of the Word & Sacrament

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: Carly Mess

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mark Hartmeister

Communion Usher: Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 115 (pew bible, p.543)
- ◆ The Hymns: 804, 819, 629, 923
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Timothy 2:1-6, Matthew 22:15-21
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 96
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Isaiah 45:1-7

Theme: "Cyrus Was the Lord's Man"

1. The LORD picked Cyrus to be ruler of Persia.
2. He did it for the benefit of His dear believers.
3. He did it so *all* people might be saved.

- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (923)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-6

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 96

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song:
C **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**
P Declare his glory among the nations:
C **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**
P Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness:
C **Tremble before him, all the earth!**
P Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice:
C **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.**
P Let the field exult, and everything in it!:
C **Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**
P For he comes to judge the world in righteousness:
C **And the peoples in his faithfulness.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 22:15-21

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him

a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Sermon Text – Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 2 “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/5) 8:00 am Elders Meeting
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun (11/12) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School

Remember in Your Prayers: Georgia Waters who is dealing with various medical ailments at home under the care of her daughter Patty. <> Wayne Ruegge who is receiving treatment for a bout with kidney stones. <> Ed Chiappetti who is recovering from a broken foot. <> Pat Newton who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. <> *"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).*

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!

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm

Synod News & Notes

The CLC Board of Mission recently produced a video on our synod’s mission work. It provides an overview of our domestic missions, our overseas mission fields in Africa and Asia, the Kinship program, and the recent Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. (The video will be shown in an upcoming Bible Class at St Paul. Stay tuned!) In the meantime, you can view the video at this address on the internet: <https://youtu.be/NMC80e9ByJw?si=AKyrI1UF6yC1zaF1>

Reformation Day Greeting: You can view a greeting for Reformation Day from the students and faculty of Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary in Arusha, Tanzania (the pastoral training school of one of our overseas missions) at this address: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Ex3vcyTvKvQwExg8>

Mission Helper Trip: Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Consider applying for this trip and taking part in the opportunity to spread the Gospel to children in either Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia for about three weeks. The application deadline is January 16. Find more information and apply online at www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 6-11

Mon Luke 9:57-58 What does it mean to “follow Jesus”? In Luke 9 He has set His face to go to Jerusalem, where He will offer Himself in sacrifice for the sins of the world. Following Jesus will not always mean “smooth sailing” and comfortable accommodations in this life.

Tues Luke 9:59-62 When Jesus calls people to follow Him, they are willing, but various activities, not wrong in themselves, threaten to come between them and the Savior’s call. But anything that hinders us from following Him is not to our benefit.

Wed Hebrews 13:1-3 For the Hebrew Christians following Jesus meant showing love to one another, but it didn’t stop there. Welcoming strangers (as did Abraham and Lot) also shows the love of Christ, who put Himself in our place to help us when we were helpless.

Thur Hebrews 13:4-6 Following Jesus means showing His love also in the home, honoring marriage, and recognizing threats to our love of Christ, such as the love of money. To fight this threat, we do well to remember our Lord’s promise to care for us and be with us always.

Fri Hebrews 13:7-9 As we follow Christ, we remember those who followed Him before us. Since He does not change, neither does the way set out before us change. That which was truly important then, is also truly important now.

Sat Proverbs 24:14-20 Following Christ, who became for us the Wisdom from God (1Cor1:30), means not following or being envious of the wicked, but even loving our enemies, so that we do not celebrate when they stumble (v17).