

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

***Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
In-Person Worship Service
October 13, 2024***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity
 and to remember our sin no more.
 By grace you have been saved.
 In the name of Jesus Christ,
 the source of eternal healing,
 your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: # 669 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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**Greeting & Call to Worship:*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Lord, thank you for bringing us together to worship you this morning,

C: we know that you are here with us in this place.

A: You have given us a church family as a gift,

C: help us to get to know one another and grow together in our shared mission.

A: Center our minds and calm our hearts,

C: that we may rest in your presence, feel your peace and joyfully worship you today.

**Prayer of the Day:*

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 5:6, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:12-17

R: So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

**C: Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!**

R: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**C: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

R: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**C: Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Mark the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel Reading:* Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: # 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

The Apostle's Creed

A: Together, let us confess our shared faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

A: Let us pray:

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Compassionate God, make your church into a body of people who love what you love. Help us to care for the poor and to value people over possessions. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of abundance, as crops are being harvested, we ask you to guard over food supplies locally and world-wide. Bless farmers, field workers and food processors and all who work in distribution and give us enough for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of truth, our nation faces division and suspicion of each other, particularly as the election draws near. Make us a people who value truth tellers and a people who uphold your values of peace and justice. Help us to stop bearing false witness against each other and to work together for the good of all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, we pray for all who are experiencing natural disasters. Hold them closely, Lord. Bring restoration and comfort in the face of deep devastation. Guard those who suffer in any way. Especially we pray for: Jody, Doyle, Allison, Tyler, Jim, Dave, Rhonda, Pat, Rochelle, Marilyn, Ron, Eileen, Harold, Bob, Matthew, Nolan, Karen, and Barb. Watch over and bless our St. Paul families: Denny, DG, Tim and Bob. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all nations, we give you thanks for those who first inhabited this land. We lament the harm that was done by colonization. Call us to learn from their example to deeply appreciate and care for the land that God has given and help us to honor their descendants and treat them with the dignity not afforded to their predecessors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Everlasting God, we celebrate your eternal nature and give thanks that you invite us into eternity with you. Thank you for all who have shared their lives with us in this place and who now rest in you. Thank you for your promise to reunite us again in your kingdom. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift these and all of our unspoken prayers to you, O God, trusting that you hear us and want to give your children good things.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering: Thank you to everyone who continues to support our ministries. You may place your offering in the plates as they pass. You may also sign up for automatic giving or make an offering by clicking the donate button on our website: www.stplcsmithville.org

Offertory:

“Creation Sings”

Choir

*Words by Shirley Erena Murray
Music: Traditional Irish melody; transcription by Dean McIntyre
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**Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C: source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

**help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right. It is our duty and our joy,
that we should always and everywhere
praise you and give you thanks because you are our mighty
and merciful God,
Today we remember that our Savior Jesus Christ;
overcame death and the grave, that we might live forever with him,
forgiven and made whole.
And so, with grateful hearts we join all the billions who praise
you in heaven,
As we say:

**C: Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution*

**The Lord's Prayer*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this meal,
it is God's gift to you.

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.

(You may eat your wafer)

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

(You may drink the wine from your cup)

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Communion Hymn: "Seek Ye First"

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

D Em A7 D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

*Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4.
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Communion Hymn: "Faith Begins By Letting Go"



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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****Post Communion Blessing***

****Benediction***

**Sending Hymn: # 713 "O God of Every Nation"*



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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**Dismissal (with enthusiasm)*

A: Go in Peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Jody, Doyle, Allison, Tyler, Jim, Dave, Rhonda, Eileen, Harold, Bob, Karen Fisher, Matthew, Nolan, Barb, Carmen, Marilyn, Rochelle, Mary Wilson, Pat, and Ron

The St. Paul Families at the end of our prayer list are in alphabetical order and not necessarily here for prayer concern.

Today We Pray For:

Denny and DG Peterman, Tim Preston, and Bob Race

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of Bob & Linda Lance's anniversary.

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Kristy Buyok

Cantor: Lesley Mast

Assisting Minister: Aleena Mast

Lector: Tim Preston

Pianist: Joe Hennell

Communion Assistant: Nancy Carr

Altar Care: Rex & Beth Raff

Ushers/Greeters: Jerry & Kathy Meitzler

Bread Baker: Lesley Miller



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Please contact Pastor Kristy: (803) 673-1727.

This Week

Sunday:	Sanctuary Worship Sunday School	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> Vesper Circle	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Quilting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Wednesday Meal Choir Bell Choir	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Saturday:	Jaime Fisher Baby Shower	2:00 p.m.
Next Sunday:	Sanctuary Worship : Blessing of the Quilts	9:30 a.m.

Upcoming & Announcements



You're invited to a baby shower
for Jaime Fisher and Kasmin Zelesnik.
October 19, at 2 p.m.

Trunk or Treat: St. Paul will hold Trunk or Treat as part of our Fall Fest from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on October 26. Sign-up in the Narthex to take part!

People to People: Needs for the pantry in October are: peanut butter, pasta sides, and canned fruit.

The toy department could use some t-shirts (plain white in size 6-8 or Cleveland Brown's, Guardian's shirts in sizes 12-18), teen body wash (boys and girls), pajama pants – boys, and girls (sizes medium to XL), liquid Mr. Clean, and paper towels. Thank you!

All Saints Day: We will light a candle of remembrance for all the faithfully departed who now shine in the light of God's glory on November 3rd. You may come to light a candle to remember your loved ones and we will read the names aloud of all who have died in the last year at both services. If you have lost someone in the last year and would like their names added to the list, please call the church office before October 30th.



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Wednesday Night Meals – October Menu

October 16 – Kitchen Committee casserole, salad, and dessert

October 23 - Pulled pork sandwiches, tater tots, vegetables, and dessert

October 30 – Chef's Choice

Serving in October In-Person	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Lay Reader	Hans Kwee	Tim Preston	Pam Root	Mark Miller
Assisting Minister	Pam Root	Aleena Mast	Kailyn Brown	Karen Marks
Greeters/ Ushers	David Svegel Tim Preston	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	Hans Kwee Rex Raff	Steve & Nancy Carr
Communion Assistant	Lyn Miller	Nancy Carr	Duane Eggeman	Lynn Moomaw
Altar Care	Larry & Sandy Allen	Rex & Beth Raff	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	Lyn Miller
Bread Baker	Lesley Miller	Lesley Miller	Lesley Miller	Lesley Miller