

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Three pg. 184 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

#915

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (ESV)

The prophet laments over the evil days that have fallen upon the nation of Israel. Instead of justice, there is corruption and abuse of the poor. Amos urges God's people to seek the LORD and live.

Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins-- you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

Psalm 112

L: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,* who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

C: Wealth and riches are | in his house,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

L: Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;* he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

C: It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;* who conducts his affairs with | justice.

L: For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;* he will be remembered for- | ever.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

L: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,* who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 3:12-19 (ESV)

Even though every Israelite was liberated from Egypt, not everyone trusted in the LORD or entered the Promised Land. In the same way, the author urges us to listen to God and believe what He says.

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

A rich and well-behaved young man comes to Jesus asking what more he can do to be saved. Jesus' answer reveals the man's love of money, which keeps him from being a faithful disciple.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the tenth chapter. **C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel Saunders

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#575

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Create in me a clean heart, O God"

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DEDICATION OF QUILTS FOR LWML SUNDAY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

#783

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Untying the Chain Mark 10:17-22 ESV

Introduction and Goal

Today's text tells us of a man who was attached to a chain.

We ask that the Holy Spirit would untie us from any chain that may hold us to those things that would prevent us from enjoying our freedom in Christ.

We need to look to see if we are attached to a _____ tied to a stake.

Jesus directed the man first of all to the _____ Table of the Law.

We may also get the feeling that we have done _____ in our relationship with those around us.

Jesus then went to the _____ Table of the Law.

We, too, need to examine ourselves according to the first _____ commandments.

Our freedom in Christ can come only because of _____ faithfulness to us.

Having Freedom in _____ allows us to work to do the Father's will.

God has given us His Son, Jesus, and has given us the _____ and the _____.

Our faithfulness to God is shown by how we use what God has _____ to us.

Jesus _____ each of us.

Jesus loved the rich man of the text with the _____ form of love.

Jesus also loves _____.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Mike Neidow, Rev Ben Kaiser,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School, York
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Artie Rutledge treated for colon cancer

Dementia and Alzheimers' Patients and Families

Dealing with an illness: Jane Slawynk, Kelly Hesar (friend of Cristy Richters),

Paula Young (niece of Maribelle Gierhan), Taida Grantski, Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele,
Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks,
Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),
Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Lindy Wiemer, Barb Barth

Declining Health: Wilmer Ritterling

St. Paul News October 10, 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church: 1100 D Street, Utica, Nebraska 402-534-2200 (phone); School:402-534-2121

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In Response to God's Love

October 3: Inperson Attendance: 212 Visitors: 9 Online: 72 Sunday School: 35 Communion: 142

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY: 10-10-21 Acolyte: Meg Hoffschneider Lay Reader: Jeff Wellman Organist: Pat Koch

Next Week: 10-17-21 Acolyte: Ryan Fehlhafer Lay Reader: Justin Slawynk Organist: Carol Erks

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (10-10)	9:00 AM	Worship	5th - 8th Grades singing at St John Waco
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School	
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry	
	7:00 PM	Card Social	
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry	
MONDAY (10-11)	9:30 AM	Bible Study	
TUESDAY (10-12)	-----		
WEDNESDAY (10-13)	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class	
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	
	7:00 PM	Youth Group trip to Seward Skit Guys	
THURSDAY (10-14)	-----	Brittany out of the office DCE Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Trunk or Treat	
FRIDAY (10-15)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	
	-----	NO SCHOOL	
SATURDAY (10-16)	-----		
SUNDAY (10-17)	9:00 AM	Worship w/ Communion 1st-2nd Grades sing	
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School	
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry	
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry	

As of 10-06-21	Amount received 10-03-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$12,077.00		\$498,129.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,987.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$27,771.00		
Total	\$12,077.00	\$22,371.00	\$529,887.00	\$614,105.00	-\$84,218.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,978.00
Teacherage Fund	\$75.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$19.00		\$1,546.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$50.00		\$600.00	\$481.00	\$119.00

Current Operating Note: \$39,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

Sincere thanks and appreciation to so many of you for all your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, food, and visits since my cancer diagnosis. God is so good and HE has carried me through this challenge. Thanks again! I pray you too find all the peace and strength and blessings HE has planned for you! Pat Koch

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and kind words. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. I thank God for all of you. God is Good!
Sharon Owens

Card Social will be held at 7:00 pm tonight in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome for some fun and Fellowship. You may bring a snack to share.

Celebrating Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) this Sunday

Enjoy the "quilts for missions" today that are made and tied by the Nimble Thimbles group, an "arm" of LWML. This group meets once a month on the 3rd Tuesday at 1:30 pm and ALL are welcome to come and tie.

Our LWML Group here at St. Paul meets only 5 times throughout the year, the 2nd Tuesday of selected months. ALL WOMEN of St. Paul are invited to join in this fellowship and opportunity for a short Bible study and learning ways for us to "serve the LORD with gladness". We have only 8 members currently and there is plenty room for more to join in (usually meeting in the room next to the Fellowship Rm). Watch the bulletin for meeting dates. LWML collects MITES, based on the Bible account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4) -- with these mites/coins/dollars going for many mission projects here in the United States and around the world.

There is a large Mite Box located at the Welcome Center if you ever want to leave a donation. Thank you!



Fundraising has begun for the LCMS youth gathering! In the narthex is a wall of envelopes. We ask that you take an envelope and return it with a donation matching the number on the envelope. You can return the envelope to the basket next to the wall of envelopes.

Thank you for supporting your St Paul Youth!



NEW Womens' Bible Study started WEDNESDAY September 29th! Please join us for a new Bible Study. "Mighty & Mysterious" A Study on Colossians on Wednesday mornings (Choir Room) at 9am AND/OR at 7pm (Fellowship Hall) on Wednesday evenings. This study comes with weekly videos and a workbook. If you would like to purchase one, just let Hope Dunbar know, but please don't let the lack of workbook keep you from joining our fellowship and time in the word together.

Every day brings different challenges in the life of a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimers, 70-80% of whom are women. What can you do to make their lives easier? There are 11 different ways given in the LLL tract, "Alzheimers: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime", written not just for caregivers, but also for everyone who knows someone in this situation. Pick up a copy of this tract at the Welcome Center.



We've had several families join the membership of St. Paul's in the last month. Whether these names are new or familiar to you, find an opportunity to say hello and give them a warm welcome. They are: Shelbi Clonce and her daughters, Hadley and Paityn; Tony and Jenni Conell; Norma Neemeyer (mother of Sheri Hahn, residing at Kinship Pointe in Seward). We're glad to have you in our congregation!

St. Paul's is excited to welcome Chelsea Irwin - a missionary living in Eastern Europe - for our morning worship and education hour on Sunday, October 31! Chelsea is a Lincoln, NE native and Concordia graduate who now oversees volunteer mission opportunities from her base in the Czech Republic. She has been serving the Lord in mission for the past 11 years, and will have many stories to inspire us to live out the Great Commission. Join us!

Sunday Night Sundaes, Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Utica Senior Center. Serving from 5:30 to 6:30 or until all gone. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Beans, Grapes, Beverages.and ice cream and desserts. Free Will Offering.

Soup Dinner and Raffle Sunday, Oct. 24, at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Utica. Serving from 11 to 1. Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle, and Clam Chowder. Cinnamon rolls, pie, and beverages. Free Will Offering.