

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Three pg. 184 in the hymnal

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

#712

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (ESV)

The Preacher warns us about the vanity of wealth, which is fleeting, and how dangerous it is to fall in love with money. All that we possess is a gift from God to be enjoyed wisely while it lasts.

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil--this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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

ST PAUL 1ST-2ND GRADES

“Sing to the Lord”

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:1-13 (ESV)

So long as we are in the world, our faith will be tested and there is danger that we might lose our faith. That is why we must hold on to God's living Word which has power to keep our faith strong.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:23-31 (ESV)

Jesus warns about the danger that wealth presents to our faith. It is very difficult to avoid making an idol out of money. Yet, God makes this possible through the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

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

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jody Wiemer

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Is the World to Me"

#730

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Create in me a clean heart, O God"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (spoken)

THE PEACE OF THE LORD (sung)

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#636 *"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" vs 1-4, 8*

#727 *"On Eagles' Wings"*

#707 *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

#850 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS

"Song of Simeon"

THANKSGIVING

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Ben Francisco, Faith Lutheran Church & School, York

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Jayne Griffiths fell and has severe shoulder injury

Aretta Klepper fell and broke her arm

Family of Joy Hodgdon who passed away tragically

Dementia and Alzheimers' Patients and Families

Dealing with an illness: Artie Rutledge, Jane Slawynk, Kelly Hesper (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: Penny Watson, Lindy Wiemer, Barb Barth

Declining Health: Wilmer Ritterling

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In Response to God's Love

October 10: Inperson Attendance:166 **Visitors:** 23 **Online:** 61 **Sunday School:** 23

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY: 10-17-21 Acolyte: Ryan Fehlhafer **Lay Reader:** Justin Slawynk **Organist:** Carol Erks

Next Week: 10-24-21 Acolyte: Kristi Corner **Lay Reader:** Seth Ford **Organist:** Contemporary

THIS WEEK

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
MONDAY (10-18)	9:30 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (10-19)	-----	NO NIMBLE THIMBLES
WEDNESDAY (10-20)	8:30 AM	Chapel
	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Private Baptism
THURSDAY (10-21)	-----	NO SCHOOL Church/School Conference in Kearney
FRIDAY (10-22)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	-----	NO SCHOOL Church/School Conference in Kearney
SATURDAY (10-23)	-----	
SUNDAY (10-24)	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 10-14-21	Amount received 10-10-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$9,466.00		\$507,595.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,987.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$27,771.00		
Total	\$9,466.00	\$23,544.00	\$539,353.00	\$629,458.00	-\$90,105.00
Building Fund	\$300.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,978.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$19.00		\$1,546.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$40.00		\$640.00	\$577.00	\$63.00

Current Operating Note: \$40,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) ****Insurance Proceeds Received**

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!

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.

2021 LLL Fall Rally November 7, 2021 Emmanuel Lutheran Church York, Guest Speaker: Pastor Jacob Tuma & Virginia VonSeggern 2:30 pm Board Meeting 3:30 pm Registration 4:00 pm Program 5:00 pm Meal Cost is \$12.50 per person. Please call 402-362-3655 for reservation by October 25th. "Households of Faith!"