St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
19th Sunday after Trinity
October 15, 2023

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Ushers for today: Willy and Roman

Read Before the Service: Psalm 118  (Hymnal pg. 148)

Opening Prayer
O Lord, we utterly amazed that You, the Holy God, could consider us sinners to be precious in your sight. Such love and mercy gives us great confidence and joy. Therefore we come before You with joy and praise to bless Your holy name. Lord, may we truly worship you with our whole heart, and may You come to us in your Word to strengthen our faith and preserve us throughout our life. We ask it in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 141  Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains
1. Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
   And doomed to everlasting pains, We wretched, guilty captives lay.

2. Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the world's collected store
   Suffice to purchase our release; A thousand worlds were all too poor.

3. Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God, An all-sufficient ransom paid.
   O matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

4. Jesus the Sacrifice became To rescue guilty souls from hell;
   The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb Beneath avenging Justice fell.

5. Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore
   The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

Invocation:
P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
Confession of Sins:
P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.
C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.
P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake.
C: A - men.

Response of Praise:  
Hymn 244
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!
Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 139:13-18
“13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.”
Response of Praise:
P: You are Righteous, O Lord;  
   C: And upright are Your judgments.  
P: Deal with Your servant:  
   C: According to Your mercy.  
P: Blessed are the undefiled in the way:  
   C: Who walk in the Law of the Lord.  
P: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord:  
   C: And the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.  
P: By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made:  
   C: And all the host of them by the Breath of His mouth. Hallelujah!  
   Hallelujah!  
P: The right hand of the Lord is exalted:  
   C: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Hallelujah!

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10
“2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,  
3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 Coming to Him as to a  
living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also,  
as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up  
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also  
contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect,  
precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”  
7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,  
“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,” 8 and  
“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”  
They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.  
9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own  
special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of  
darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the  
people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”
Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Hymn: 340 Awake, My Soul, to Joyful Lays
1. Awake, my soul, to joyful lays  And sing Thy great Redeemer's praise.
   He justly claims a song from me,—  His loving-kindness, oh, how free!

2. He saw me ruined in the Fall, Yet loved me notwithstanding all.
   He saved me from my lost estate,—  His loving-kindness, oh, how great!

3. When I was Satan's easy prey  And deep in debt and bondage lay,
   He paid His life for my discharge,—  His loving-kindness, oh, how large.

4. Through mighty hosts of cruel foes,  Where earth and hell my way oppose,
   He safely leads my soul along,—  His loving-kindness, oh, how strong!
5. When trouble, like a gloomy cloud, Has gathered thick and thundered loud,  
   He near my soul has always stood,— His loving-kindness, oh, how near!

6. When earthly friends forsake me quite And I have neither skill now might,  
   He's sure my Helper to appear,— His loving-kindness, oh, near!

7. Too oft I feel my sinful heart Prone from my Jesus to depart;  
   But through I have Him oft forgot, His loving-kindness changes not.

8. When I shall pass death's gloomy vale And all my mortal power must fail,  
   Oh, may my last, expiring breath His loving-kindness sing in death!

9. Then shall I mount and soar away To the bright world of endless day  
   And sing with rapture and surprise His loving-kindness in the skies.

Today's Sermon

Sermon Text: Isaiah 43:1-4b
   “43 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.  
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, and I have loved you.”

Today’s Theme:

You Are Precious in His Sight!

Hymn: 779 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven
1 Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
   Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2 Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
   Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.
   But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore.
   With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.

3 Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul.
   Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
   Not ours, not ours the merit; To You alone the praise!
   Give us a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

4 Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear,
   And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere
   Till, in Your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,
   Heirs of Your free salvation, We praise You evermore.

Offerings:
Sing while the offering is brought forward
   We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
   All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
   May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
   And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:
The Lord’s Prayer:
   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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
Benediction:
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Closing Hymn: 352  O Savior, Precious Savior
1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love;
   O Name of might and favor, All other names above.
   We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
   We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

2. O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously has wrought
   Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
   We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and power divine;
   The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
   We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
   We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

4. Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
   In endless adoration And everlasting love!
   We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
   We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

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Scripture Treasure to Remember
Psalm 36:7
“How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday - Funeral Service for Waldemar Goll at 2:00 p.m. followed by a coffee and tea reception at Pleasant Valley Funeral Home.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30
   Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00.

Thursday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:00.
   Catechism Class at 4:15

Friday - Instruction Class with the Chan Family 10:00 a.m.
   Shut-in visits with Rosemarie and Felix at 1:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am

Coming Up…

Reformation Festival October 29

Fourth Quarter Voters Meeting November 5

Praying for our Family
We thank the Lord for delivering Waldemar from the his body of death and receiving his soul into his eternal home.
We also pray for Tina Eichstadt, the wife of pastor Wayne Eichstadt, who had a massive heart attack while celebrating their anniversary in Hawaii.
We continue praying for Pastor John Hein and Kate Sauers, the wife of Pastor Rob Sauers who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

October Birthdays

Rose Genier         11th
George Rosenberg    30th
Natalie Roos        30th

CLC Call News

Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel in Mankato, MN has accepted the call from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL is considering the joint call from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI and St. Peter’s Lutheran in Iron River, MI.

Pastor Em. David Baker has received and accepted the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX to be their vacancy pastor.