

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

23rd Sunday after Trinity

November 12, 2023

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Ushers: Guy and Ken

Read Before the Service: Psalm 31 Hymnal pg. 130

Opening Prayer

“O Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.” (Ps. 90:1) You have promised to be our God and we shall be your people. And we rejoice to be able to dwell with you and you with us. “Keep me, Lord, as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings.” (Ps. 17:8) May You strengthen our faith and may our worship be pleasing in your sight. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men.

Opening Hymn: 609 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;

"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices

And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take!

Hallelujah! With bridal care Yourselves prepare

To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing,

She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all-glorious,

The strong in grace, in truth victorious, Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.

"Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

Hail! Hosanna! The joyful call We answer all

And follow to the nuptial hall."

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought, No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory; Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee.

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!

Salutation:

P: As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word, may the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Response of Praise:

P: I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord:

C: Thoughts of peace and not of evil.

P: Then you shall call upon Me and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you:

C: And I will turn your captivity and gather you from all the nations and from all places.

P: You have saved us from our enemies:

C: And have put them to shame that hated us.

P: In God we boast all the day long:

C: And praise Your name forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:

C: He is their Help and their Shield. Hallelujah!

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” 17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to

love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the word 'Alleluia' repeated three times. The second staff contains the text 'These words are written that we may believe that'. The third staff contains 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff contains 'Alleluia' repeated three times. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

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: 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.

Sermon Text: Mark 13:1-13

“And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” 2 And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

9 “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. 10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. 11 And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. 13 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

Today's Theme:

Jesus IS Coming Again!

- 1. See the Signs!**
- 2. Be Prepared!**

Hymn: 605 The World Is Very Evil

1. The world is very evil, The times are waxing late;
Be sober and keep vigil, The Judge is at the gate;
The Judge that comes in mercy, The Judge that comes with might,
To terminate the evil, To diadem the right.
2. Arise, arise, good Christian, Let right to wrong succeed;
Let penitential sorrow To heav'nly gladness lead,
To light that hath no evening, That knows no moon nor sun,
The light so new and golden, The light that is but one.
3. O home of fadeless splendor, Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,
Where they shall dwell as children Who here as exiles mourn.
Midst pow'r that knows no limit, Where knowledge has no bound,
The beatific vision Shall glad the saints around.
4. Strive, man, to win that glory; Toil, man, to gain that light;
Send hope before to grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.
Exult, O dust and ashes, The Lord shall be thy part;
His only, His forever, Thou shalt be and thou art.
5. O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

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.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 608 Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

1. Let thoughtless thousands choose the road That leads the soul away from God;
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine, To live and die entirely Thine.
2. On Christ, by faith, I fain would live, From Him my life, my all, receive,
To Him devote my fleeting hours, Serve Him alone with all my pow'rs.
3. Christ is my everlasting All; To Him I look, on Him I call;
He will my ev'ry want supply In time and thro' eternity.
4. Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear; Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain. To live is Christ, to die is gain.
5. Soon will the saints in glory meet, Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain: To live is Christ, to die is gain.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Matthew 24:44

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today- Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

Tuesday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 1:00

Catechism Class at 4:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with Rosemarie 1:00

With Felix after.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00.

Your Pastor's Call

After several weeks of prayer and contemplation your pastor has concluded that it is the Lord's will to continue serving St. Paul Congregation and therefore he has returned the call extended to him by St. Peter's in Iron River and Calvary in Marquette, MI. We pray that the Lord will rededicate us all to the work of the Gospel here in Vernon.

Update on Pastor Hein

It has been one year since Pastor Hein had received his initial chemotherapy treatment. He has had many ups and downs in the past year but he is thankful that the Lord has preserved his life and that he is still able to serve the Lord. His next big goal is to be strong enough to travel to Liberia in mid-January to encourage the mission which he began there. We pray that the Lord may graciously make that possible.

Voters Meeting Report

Treasurer's Report: Our Total Offerings for July through September were \$ 19,144.06 Our Total Expenses for the quarter were \$20,571.15 which means our General Fund balance dropped just over \$1427 leaving us with a negative balance of \$-884.07.

The first CD with the money we have received from Resurrection congregation in Calgary is coming due this month. The voters decided to use the approximately \$12,000 in interest to replenish our building fund which had been used up by our General Fund over the years. Also \$30,000 of the money from Resurrection congregation is being sent to the CLC Mission Development Fund to help with foreign mission projects.

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore the voters decided rather than having two services that day to have one service at 2:00 pm. That will be our children's service. Our Christmas Day service will be as usual at 10:00 am on Christmas Day. The Following weekend we will have a Sunday morning service commemorating the end of 2023 and the beginning of a new year.

Advent begins on December 3rd this year. Our Christmas Dinner is planned for December 17th.

Creation Calendar

Today is the last chance to order a Creation Calendar if you want one. We will send in the order this week. The cost is \$8 each.