

Announcements and Readings for Sunday, October 18, 2020

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God,

**Raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The First Reading**

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

45 "This is what the LORD says to his anointed,  
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their armor,  
to open doors before him  
so that gates will not be shut:  
<sup>2</sup> I will go before you  
and will level the mountains;  
I will break down gates of bronze  
and cut through bars of iron.  
<sup>3</sup> I will give you hidden treasures,  
riches stored in secret places,  
so that you may know that I am the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who summons you by name.  
<sup>4</sup> For the sake of Jacob my servant,  
of Israel my chosen,  
I summon you by name  
and bestow on you a title of honor,  
though you do not acknowledge me.  
  
<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
apart from me there is no God.  
I will strengthen you,  
though you have not acknowledged me,  
<sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun  
to the place of its setting  
people may know there is none besides me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness,

I bring prosperity and create disaster;  
I, the LORD, do all these things.

The Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96:1-13 will be read responsively.**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.**
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> **Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.**
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."  
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.**
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- <sup>12</sup> **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**
- <sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,  
he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**The Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup>for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

Gospel Response **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup>Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

<sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord – **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

ASSISTING MINISTER and LECTOR: Marty Goetz

GREETER: Phyllis Metz

CHILDREN: Available on the back pew are coloring books and crayons.

## **CALENDAR**

MONDAY      **10:00 November newsletter info due in office**  
WEDNESDAY    6:30 Bible study  
THURSDAY     9:00 Peel potatoes  
                  1:00 Bible study at Zion Lutheran  
                  4:00-6:00 Oktoberfest Dinner

## **FOOD CUPBOARD – OCTOBER NEEDS**

Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly.

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

As we worship together once again, we want everyone to feel safe and comfortable during worship. Therefore, with that in mind the following steps will be taken:

**We will sit every third pew to keep a safe distance from each other.**

**The offering plates will not be passed around, instead you will leave your offering in the plate as you leave worship along with the attendance form.**

**Hymns are also included in your bulletin as an insert. Hymns and liturgy will be sung by a cantor at this time. We will not have a Gathering Hymn. If you wish to sing along you may do so, but we request that you keep your mask on during any singing.**

**Communion will also be done together in the pews from the prepackaged wafer and juice you picked up on your way into the sanctuary. A waste receptacle will be on the table in the narthex for you to dispose of your communion as you leave worship.**

**Open the clear cellophane for the wafer first and then open the purple tab for the juice.**

**Included in your bulletin is an attendance form, please fill out and leave in the offering plate. This is to help us keep track of our members each Sunday.**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

This Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM and Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at Zion, we will be studying the following readings: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46.**

## **BOILER REPAIR**

The church boiler is now up and working. As stated in your October newsletter to help with the cost of this expensive but needed repair, any donation will be greatly appreciated. Just mark the white pew envelope or your check as "boiler repair" and leave in the offering plate.

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

We need 3 voting members to represent St. Paul for the 2020 Synod Assembly. The Assembly will take place on Saturday, November 14 via ZOOM meetings. Please see Pastor Tim if you are interested or have any questions.

## **OKTOBERFEST DINNER – OCTOBER 22 – 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

Sign up sheet for donations of needed food items and help on the day of the dinner is located on the back table in the narthex. Next to the offering plate. This dinner will be free to the community and will be take out only. Monetary donations will also be greatly appreciated to help with the cost of the meat and paper supplies.

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Will be observed on November 1. The tradition is to name before God all those who died and have been buried through the ministry of the church since the previous All Saints' Sunday. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, we would also like to recognize them by including their name in the prayers of the church. Please inform the office or Pastor Tim by October 27, of anyone special you would like to have included in the prayers.

### **VOTE VOTE VOTE**

(Please, only vote one time in each election)

**There is an interesting article in this month's Living Lutheran magazine about the relationship between our faith and politics. It does not pick one party over another, it does review the importance of bringing our faith into the voting booth or mail in ballot.**

<https://pubs.royle.com/publication/?m=62112&i=672082&p=16&pre=1>

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Occasionally members of our congregation need assistance with transportation to and from doctor appointments and help with groceries or meals especially during this time of the pandemic. We would like to make up a list of volunteers that would be able to assist. See Colleen or email the office at [215stpaul@gmail.com](mailto:215stpaul@gmail.com) include the days and times you would be able to volunteer and contact information.

### **IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL DATES**

It is that time of the year again when we start planning for 2021. It is very important that you try to be in church for the following dates: October 25 the 2021 budget will be presented in church. November 1 will be a question and answer time concerning the budget (additional copies will be in the narthex), November 8 we will vote on both the budget and members running for council. If you are interested in running for council, please see Thom Cipro or a member of the council. Council members are: John Alexander, Tim and Bev Brosenitsch, Thom Cipro, Cathy Loeffler, Gailyn Matscherz, Janet Silvonic, Nancy Williamson and Mike Wilson.

### **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Articles for the newsletter are due in the office by this Monday morning, 10:00 AM. Newsletters will continued to be emailed unless otherwise requested.

### **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond.

**If you would like to give a donation to Lutheran Disaster, please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran and leave your donation in the white pew envelope. Mark on the memo line or on the envelope California Wildfires.**

### **VISITORS**

If you are a visitor, please fill free to take a copy of the newsletter in the pamphlet rack in the narthex. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.

