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Growing Christ in Us and Us in the World

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ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Growing...One Friend at a Time!

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us this morning! We hope you enjoy and are blessed by the worship today. Your presence adds to the joy we feel in this place whenever we gather to magnify God and celebrate His great love for us. At St Paul's, our mission is simply to be ***Growing: Christ in Us and Us in the World!*** We see ourselves as friends helping each other grow as we worship, learn, serve and love one another. We want you to know you are always welcome here and we would love to include you in every facet of our ministry. Let us know how we can help you grow!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beyond Our Walls– “*The Prime Directive*”

WORSHIP FOCUS

There is both a general and unique mission plan Jesus gives to each and every church. But to understand that we first have to know the Prime Directive that Jesus has given to His Christ followers and that’s where we begin today.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

During our worship service there are many times when the congregation is asked to stand or to be seated. If this is an issue for you feel free to remain seated, or if already standing, to be seated as needed.

WELCOME

THE OPENING SONG

“*Evidence*”

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season from where I'm standing

Chorus

***I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life All over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life All over my life***

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

Chorus

Bridge

See the cross the empty grave The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away Because of You oh Jesus (oh)

Chorus

Chorus 2

Why should I fear (Oh) The evidence is here

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Matthew 18:20)*

Welcome to worship today! God has called us here to be encouraged and uplifted; to know His love and to experience His goodness. Jesus assured us that whenever two or three people gather together in His name, He is there. And so we begin our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

(Sung Response)

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Hebrews 12:1; 1 John 1:9)*

Isn't it amazing how quickly our lives become so cluttered and confused because of our bad choices and the consequences of those choices? But God understands us and our weaknesses. He understands how our sins "so easily tangle us up" and He encourages us to "throw off everything that hinders us." He shows us the way to "throw off" our hindrances by telling us to take complete responsibility for our sins, rather than making excuses for them, and then simply to ask His forgiveness for them in the name of Jesus.

(Sung Response)

**Just as I am, without one plea.
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou tell'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

(We silently reflect on our specific sins bringing them before our Lord for forgiveness.)

God knows it's impossible for us to live the kind of life He originally intended us to live but instead of turning His back on us, He made it possible for us to be reunited with Him. Look at the cross and remember that it was on a cross that your loving God gave His Son Jesus, to die for you. How blessed we truly are that because of the powerful name of Jesus our sins are completely forgiven!

(Sung Response)

**God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore, I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

ENCOURAGED BY GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(John 8:36)*

Now, let's step out of the shadow lands of sin and darkness and into the bright, light of God's love - no longer haunted by fear, shame, guilt, or regret over our forgiven sins. Instead, let's live for Him who died for us!

Amen

FIRST READING

(Please be seated)

1 Timothy 2:1-15

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

Women should learn quietly and submissively. I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly. For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result. But women will be saved through childbearing, assuming they continue to live in faith, love, holiness, and modesty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

(Please stand)

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:6-11

This passage forms the foundation for today's message!

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."...

...So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

(Please be seated)

"Beyond Our Walls"

Beyond our walls the world awaits
A world for which our Jesus died.
A world He loves and paid the price.
A world He makes His lov'ly bride.

Beyond our walls lies a broken world.
Trapped in a prison dark and drear.
But the keys He gives to us
To set them free and end their fear.

Beyond our walls I am called to go
Armed with His power from above.
Seeking and reaching, touching lives
Transforming them by His great love.

Beyond our walls is where I must be
Following Jesus faithfully.
Never afraid but bold to speak
Of Jesus Christ so joyfully.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Beyond Our Walls “*The Prime Directive*”

(Use the Sermon Notes and your Bible or Bible app. to follow along)

OUR SONG OF FAITH

(Please stand)

Let's now sing of our living faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Sung Response—Tune: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

**In God we believe; the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts free from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

PRAYERS

(Please stand)

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.

The Bible assures us that God always hears our prayers. Confident of this we are bold to sing...

(Sung Response)

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

THE BENEDICTION *(John 17:18, 20:21)*

And now, as our Father sent Jesus, He's sending you. Don't be afraid! He won't send you out alone or defenseless, because He lives in you. Be confident because there's nothing you'll face this week that God can't handle, there's no situation you'll encounter that He won't be there for you. Go now in the peace and power of the Father; the forgiving love of Jesus Christ; and in the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

(Remain Standing)

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended. Oh now be extended
The fruits of our worship on all who believe.**

**The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

THE SENDING

Now, go in peace!

And serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE

ST PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Those in the Mission Field: All missionaries and KGBA
Country: Continued prayer for our nation and its leadership. Special prayers for President Joseph Biden and Governor Gavin Newsom, that the Lord would surround our leaders with Godly counsel

Those who serve in our Armed Forces: Trevor Johnson—Navy; Kyle Daniels—Coast Guard; Justin Fitzpatrick—National Guard; Christopher Banach-Marines; Frankie A. Crawford III—U.S. Army; Mindy Yates—Air National Guard; Casadi Morgan – U.S. Army Reserves; Ethan Strahm-U.S. Army; Hunter Toth-U.S. Navy

Those who celebrate a birthday: 25 – Mallorie Kellum, Sam Rubin; 26 – Addyson Rubin, Nicholas Weir, Shelli Lyon, 27 – Roger Rodahl, Ryder Merten; 29 -Kylie Dizon; Oct.1 – Eric Lyerly, Terri Schaffner

Those who celebrate an anniversary: 25 – Greg & Deven Strahm; 28 – Victor & Vivian Silva

PRAYER REQUESTS!

Prayer is an effective tool to call upon the power and mercy of God and also for us to care for and minister to one another within the body of Christ. Therefore, we invite your prayer requests! Prayer requests can be submitted on our website <https://www.stpaulsholtville.com/> or deposited at the Prayer Table in the Narthex (Entrance) or by contacting Laura Goodsell at 1-760-604-3431



CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Immediately Following Worship

MITE BOX CHALLENGE.

Today is the last day of the MITE BOX CHALLENGE, All Proceeds go towards LWML Mite Box Mission Projects. **THANK YOU** FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!





The flowers are given today by Reynold & Karen Brix (55 years) and Frank & Gabby Moreno (25 years) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week. Giving thanks and praising the Lord for Blessing their marriages.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

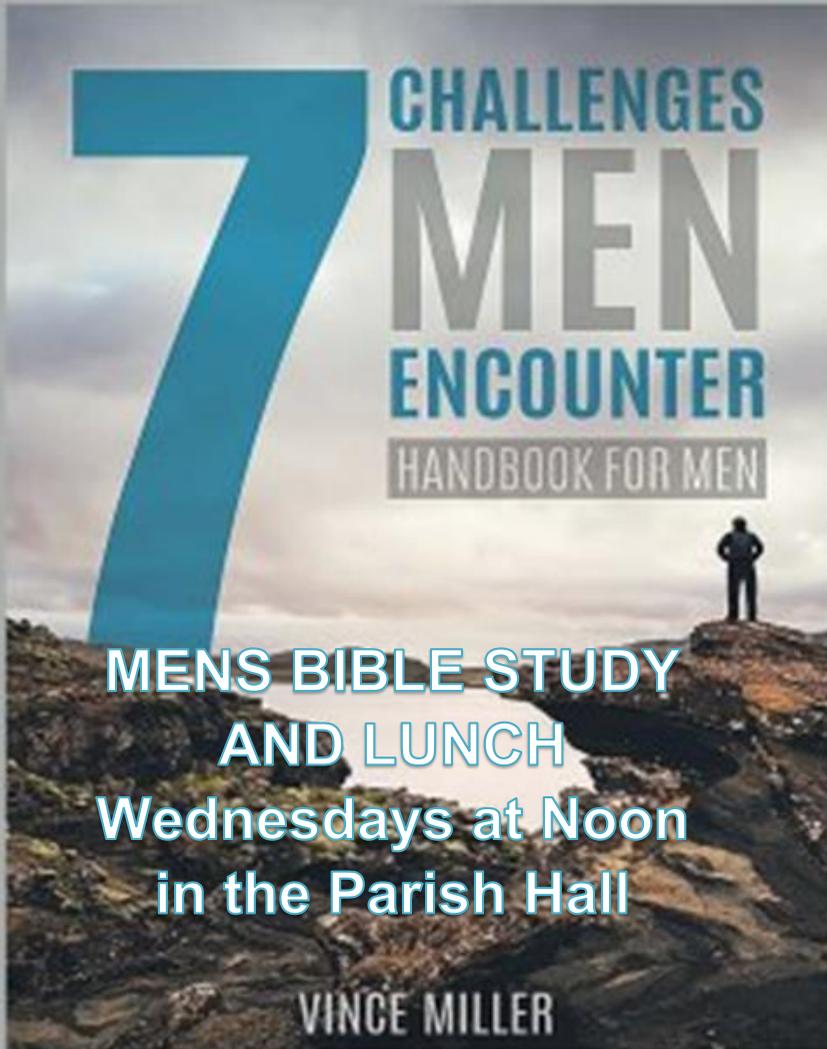
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THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Today	9:00A	Sunday Worship
	10:30A	Sunday School Pre K – High School
Monday	9:00A	LWML Quilting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	10:15A	Prayer Team in the Sanctuary
Wednesday	12:00P	Men's Bible Study and Lunch
Thursday	9:00A	Cup of Joy Bible Study Panera @ 4 th and Wake/Zoom (ID 852 0276 0112 Passcode 287569)
Next Sunday	9:00A	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15A	Congregational Voters Meeting
	10:30A	Sunday School Pre K – High School

SERVING YOU IN WORSHIP

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Preacher/Liturgist	Pastor Jim Swinford	Pastor Jim Swinford
Elder	Dan Daniels	Terry Allegranza
Worship Leaders	DeAnn Hilfiker	DeAnn Hilfiker
Acolyte	Claire Munguia Emma Lyon	Emma Lyon Ella Strahm
Altar Care	Margaret Strahm Gabby Moreno	Genny Menvielle Gabby Moreno
Altar Care Contact	Laura Goodsell	Laura Goodsell
Altar Flowers	Reynold & Karen Brix and Frank & Gabby Moreno	
Refreshments		
LiveStream Tech	Courtney Dizon	Courtney Dizon
Usher		

Growing: Christ in Us; Us in the World!

*Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up
in every way unto him who is the head, into Christ
Ephesians 4:15*

