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Walk With Us As Disciples of Christ!

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

WALK WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!

Welcome!!

We welcome all who worship this Lord's Day! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. As we can be helpful to you, we look forward to doing so. If you would like the pastor to contact you, please mark that on the Record of Fellowship or call the church office.

We ask that the Record of Fellowship be filled out (members and visitors) so that we will have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

We Remember in Prayer

(Please call or email the church office to remove anyone from the prayer lists.)

Our Members:

Raelynn Bullock, Barbara Schiller, Diane, Katy Safarik, Mark Lindell, Olin Tiemann, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

Wandeen Sakewitz, Glenn Minzenmayer, Aileen Bunge, Mary Miller, David Kuempel, Gloria Bartosh, Carol Lantzsch, Inez Sladek, Grace Bulgerin, Geraldine Steger, Lomis Weber, Lisa Cox.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Tim Vanecek, Richard, Landyn Bullock, Glynda Vanecek, Naomi Ochoa, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Ryan Richey, Mary Perez, Rob Randig, Gayla Lantzsch, Tommy Harrison, Walter Moldenhauer.

Movies for a Sunday Morning with Pastor George

Today's movie is:

July 19 The 8 Gates of Jerusalem – A History of the Holy City Part One Narrated by Richard Kiley

All movies and videos will be shown in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room beginning at 11:15 AM. All movies will run between 88 – 108 minutes.

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"All Who Are Thirsty"
From the ACS Supplement

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE - PG. 165

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST - PG. 169

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**
- 2 **Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**
- 3 **For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,

and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
 I am the first, and I am the last;
 besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
 let them declare and set it forth before me.
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses!
 Is there any god besides me?
 There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms: 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
 give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
 and glorify your name forevermore.**
¹³ For great is your love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the pit of death.
¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
 they have not set you before their eyes.**
¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**
¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to
 shame;
 because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh
¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds
 of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For
 you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption.
 When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are
 children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact
 suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory

about to be revealed to us.¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God,²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - PG. 171

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation

Children's message

Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury and we remember our friends and family members before you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Carmen in Nepal, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Branch, New York, Utah. Today we also give you thanks for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Wuthrich Hill, Texas and their pastor, Michael Albrecht. Bless their ministry both now and for generations to come.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY - PG. 173

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line and at the altar rail.

LAMB OF GOD - PG. 174

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

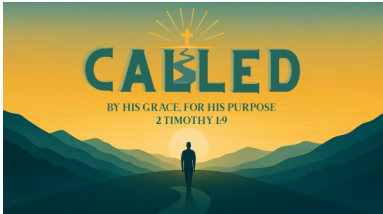
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

<u>OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK</u>		
<u>TODAY</u>		<u>July 19</u>
10:00	-	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:00	-	Sunday School and Adult Education
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM
<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>July 20</u>
		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
		<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>July 21</u>
		<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		<u>July 22</u>
8:30	-	Folding Bulletins
1:30	-	Prayer Time
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>July 23</u>
		<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>July 24</u>
		<i>Church Office Closed/Pastor's Day Off</i>
		LCMC Tx District Annual Gathering (St. Paul, New Braunfels)
<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>July 25</u>
		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
		LCMC Tx District Annual Gathering (St. Paul, New Braunfels)
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>		<u>July 26</u>
10:00	-	Worship - Sanctuary
11:00	-	Sunday School and Adult Education
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM
<u>Announcement</u>		
 The LCMC Tx District Annual Gathering Is being held July 24-25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, TX		
<u>Serving Today</u>		
Council Ushers: Kathy Paulsen, Debbie Matthys Reader: Johnny Johnson Acolytes: Jacob Gregory, Conley Paulsen Altar Flowers: Open		
<u>Serving July 26</u>		
Council Ushers: Terry Richter, Don Artieschoufsky Reader: Debbie Matthys Acolytes: Nolan Schiller Altar Flowers: Janet Brinkmeyer		

Notes: