



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

16th Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us to trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 27 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while He may be found,

Call upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him;

And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Epistle Lesson-Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...

For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew [19:24-30] 20:1-16

[And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.]”

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you

who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.]

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

“So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

Sermon Hymn.....565

Sermon

Theme: Working in the Vineyard of the Lord

I. We often miss the generosity of the God

II. The Kingdom of God, this side of glory, is one of daily bread and simple work

III. The work in the vineyard, has a glorious end

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The sponsors and witnesses for Carley Rae Stuckemeyer, daughter of Dustin and Chelsey Stuckemeyer, are Devon Guerrettaz, Dawson Guerrettaz, and Kelsey Myers, Courtney Myers.

LYF Bible Study is starting up this coming Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 PM. All youth, 8th grade and above are invited.

The LYF would like to thank all who helped with the Ice Cream Social and all those who came and enjoyed the Ice Cream Social!

The Ladies Aid would like to thank all who helped them with the Ralph Stuckemeyer Estate sale. We have lots of food left over, and so we are going to offer it for sale this morning, with the proceeds going to support the Scholes family as Nathan attends seminary.

Pork Burger Sale by the Altamont Zone of the LLL on Saturday, October 7 from 10 AM to 1 PM, on the Triangle in Altamont. Any baked goods would be appreciated. Bring them to the Triangle Saturday morning.

ALIS is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by participating in the Altamont Circuit Reformation Rally on October 29, at 5 PM, with a potluck in the ALIS cafeteria. They will also have a food drive for the local food pantry, and a t-shirt contest. Watch the bulletin for details

Faith Lutheran Church-Shumway Annual Soup Supper on Sunday, October 15 from 4-7 PM. See bulletin board for details

Camp Cilca-is seeking Vendors for its first vendor fair to be held during the Homecoming on Saturday, October 28 from 10AM-2PM. Registration is \$15. Call the camp office at 217-487-7497. Also, registration is open for the Camp Cilca Adventure Run 5 K. The race is Saturday, October 28 at 10 AM. Sign up at www.cilca.org/homecoming or call the office number listed above.

Prayers-For Clara Klitzing undergoing surgery this coming week; For those who have and will be affected by recent weather in Texas, Florida, and especially the Caribbean and those affected by the earthquakes in Mexico; For Bethlehem/Zion, as Pastor Dock declined the call extended by Bethlehem/Zion

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM	1 Kings 4-6
Monday:	1 Kings 7-9
Tuesday:	1 Kings 10-12
Wednesday: Joshua Bible Class 10 AM	
LYF 6:30 PM	1 Kings 13-15
Thursday: Pastor at LCC 2 PM	1 Kings 16-18
Friday:	1 Kings 19-20
Saturday:	1 Kings 21-22

Those participating-

Preacher-Pastor David Speers
Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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