



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

17th Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. If you are a Communicant member of a Missouri Synod congregation and wish to partake of the sacrament, please fill out a Communion Registration Card and give it to the usher who invites you to the Lord's Table. If you are not an LC-MS member but wish to commune, please speak with the pastor or the head usher before coming to the Sacrament.

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Psalm 25 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, “What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

“The fathers have eaten sour grapes,

And the children’s teeth are set on edge”?

“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this

proverb in Israel.

“Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father

As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?”

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!”

Epistle Lesson-Philippians 2:1-18

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to

will and to do for His good pleasure.

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 21:23-32

Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?”

But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.”

And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?”

They said to Him, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

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Sermon

Text: Matthew 21:23-32

Theme: By What Authority

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II. Jesus gives them an example to reflect upon

III. He draws a severe conclusion to turn their minds to

the Gospel

Offering

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The sponsor and witness for Callahan Glen Probst, son of Terry and Carmen Probst, are Blake Mathias and Brent Probst.

LYF Bible Study is continues Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 PM. All youth, 8th grade and above are invited.

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.

Pastor Speers will be at Pastor's Conference, Monday and Tuesday.

Prayers-For Clara Klitzing recovering from surgery; For those who have and will be affected by recent weather in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Caribbean and those affected by the earthquakes in Mexico; For Callahan Glen Probst; For Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, as Pastor Michael Feldmann is installed this afternoon.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM	2 Kings 1-3
Monday: Pastor at Pastor's Conference	2 Kings 4-6
Tuesday: Pastor at Pastor's Conference	2 Kings 7-9
Wednesday: Pastor at ALIS Chapel 8:20 AM	
Joshua Bible Class 10 AM	
LYF 6:30 PM	2 Kings 10-12
Thursday:	2 Kings 13-15
Friday:	2 Kings 16-18
Saturday:	2 Kings 19-22

Those participating-

Preacher-Pastor David Speers

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