

**September 25, 2022, AD
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am**

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
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(P=Pastor, C=Congregation, *=please stand) (Please silence all electronic devices as we give our attention to God's presence in this holy place.)

Gathering Music: Basse et Dessus de Trompette - Clerambault

(At this time, you may wish to reflect on the following prayer: Awaken us today dear Lord to the sound of your voice. Make us eager to hear and obey. Comfort us in the sorrows we bear and empower us to lift the burdens of others as we share the good news of Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns, Joys, and Concerns

(Acolytes light the candles during the prelude music.)

Prelude: Take My Voice, and Let Me Sing – Kupferschmid
Adult Choir

*Invocation and Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please observe a time of silence for self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics. Chords: G, Dm, C, Am, C, Dm, F, Em, Dm.

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics. Chords: Am, Am7, F, Em, Dm, Dm7, G, Am, Am7, Dm, G.

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics. Chords: Am, Bbmaj7, C, Dm, G, Dm, C, F, Em.

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics. Chords: Dm, G, Em, Dm, Am, Am7, F, Em, Dm.

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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*Apostolic Greeting +

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

C: And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise



☐ **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.**



☑ **Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:**



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

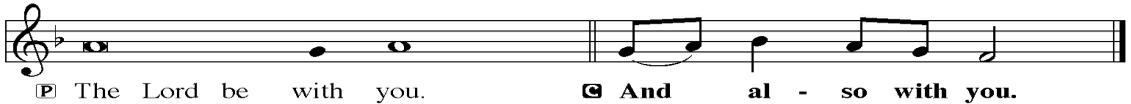


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*Salutation(sung)



*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.... O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: **Amos 6:1-7**

(The Word of the Lord came to Israel and chided them for their feelings of superiority over other nations and peoples. Woe to those who make their beds in comfort, eat sumptuous meals, and sit idly enjoying all the good things in life. None of these are concerned with the "ruin of Joseph." These will be the first ones sent into exile.)

¹"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: **146 (read responsively)**

(When we are happy in the Lord who is our hope and refuge, the psalmist wrote. We can do nothing other than sing his praises. There is no other that we can trust with all we are and all we have — it is him who gave us all we have in the first place. It is the Lord who keeps his promises forevermore.)

L:¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C:²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

L:³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

C:⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

L:⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

C:⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

L:⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

C:⁸The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

L:⁹The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: **1 Timothy 3:1-13**

(Paul declared that any who want to take on positions of leadership in the church will be held to high standards in all aspects of their lives, including marriage, parenting, personality, spiritual discernment, maturity, and honesty.)

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon: Pastor Paul

*Alleluia Verse+



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th chapter.

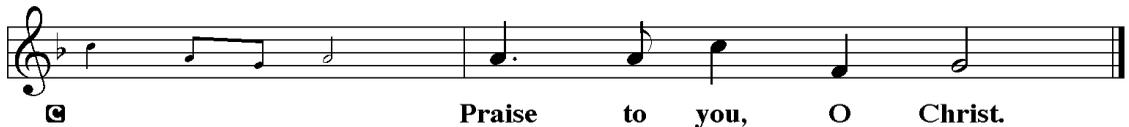


Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

(Jesus told a story of a rich man who, in his life, had everything he ever wanted. Daily he passed by a poor, pitiful man named Lazarus and ignored him. Not once did he bother to give Lazarus even a crust of bread. In Hades (Sheol), the rich man yearned to be in comfort with Lazarus, but that was not to be. In life he neglected the poor, and in death he received that which he gave in life.)

¹⁹{Jesus said to the Pharisees,} “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon: Pastor Sally

*The Votum

*Hymn of the Day:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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F B \flat Am7 Dm F B \flat F

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

F B \flat Am7 Dm F B \flat F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,

F C Dm C Dm B \flat maj7

We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B \flat F Gm7 Am Gm7 F

Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.
Stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

© Text: Albert F. Bayly, b. 1901, alt.
Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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* The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The Prayers (Please respond "Hear our prayer.")

C: Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (We share the peace with one another.)

Offertory: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life - Albrecht

*Offertory Response:

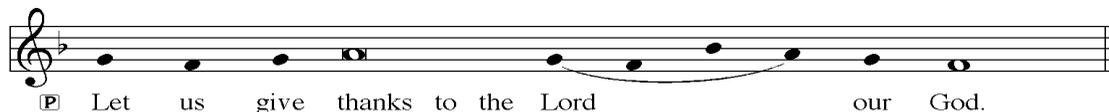
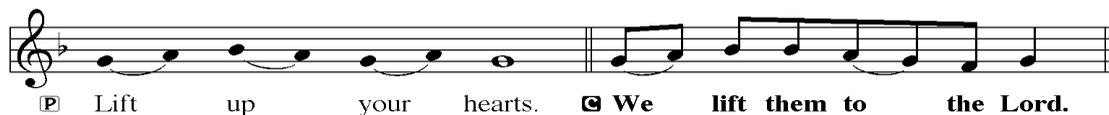
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray: Loving God,

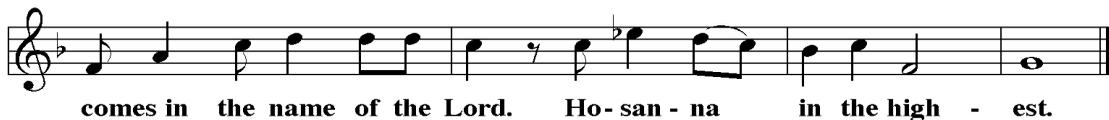
C: we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving,



* Preface:

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name singing:



***Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Words of Institution

***The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion (Hymn sung during distribution):

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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'rings Which on

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing
free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine
hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys -
ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for

for the lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
of your good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
te - rious sen - tence, "You have done it all to me."
gifts and of - f'rings Due by sol - emn right to you;

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we

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count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by your
 may not choose but pay, Lest that face of

and the e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 love and pit - y Turn from us an - oth - er day.

*Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887*

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***Blessing**

***Post Communion Canticle:**

☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Holy and Eternal God, you have fed, nourished, and forgiven us at your holy table. Send us now into the world to share the good news of your salvation with all we meet, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen (Sung)

(Acolytes extinguish the candles during the hymn)

*Recessional Hymn:

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,
with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,
meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we
meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
Music: William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

GOD BE WITH YOU
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*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Prelude in A Minor - Marcello

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Theme of the Day: As disciples of Christ, we are called to care for the poor, ill, hungry, and thirsty as God has cared for all of our needs. Living a life of comfort and sumptuousness with no regard for those who have nothing is to defy the will of God for our lives. Jesus taught that what we give in this life is what we receive in the next as he pointed to a rich man who had no regard for poor Lazarus in life, and so he suffered in death.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining for worship! **In the name of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul Lutheran Church is committed to praising, praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.** All baptized Christians who have received their first communion are invited to join us for Holy Communion believing as we do that Christ is truly present in this holy meal. Please join us again! **Join us for coffee and hospitality** in Fellowship Hall after the service.

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Our Lord's Helpers on September 25, 2022

Greeters: OPEN

Acolyte: Lawrence Smyser

Head Usher: Lawrence Smyser

Sound: OPEN

Lay Reader: Cindy Renehan

Altar Guild: OPEN

Communion Assts.: OPEN / OPEN

Activities for the Week of September 25, 2022

- Sun. 9/25 **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion
9:40 am Faith Builders
10:45 am Outdoor Divine Worship with Holy Communion
6:00 pm New Member Info Meeting
- Mon. 9/26 9:00 am Office Staff Meeting
3:00 pm CYC Director Meeting
- Tues. 9/27 6:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting
7:00 pm Hilltop AA
- Weds. 9/28 9:15 am Pastors Visit CYC
6:00 pm Pickleball
- Thurs. 9/29 10:00 am Bible Study
6:15 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. 9/30 7:00 pm Fall Family Retreat Begins & Concludes on 10/1 at 7:00 pm
7:00 pm Hilltop AA
- Sun. 10/2 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion**
8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion
9:40 am Faith Builders
10:45 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR SEPTEMBER: ASAPH Teaching Ministry

Since 2012, ASAPH Teaching Ministry has been growing. Andy's work includes leading a brass band, a soccer academy, a Bible academy, Asaph Radio ministry and Asaph tuition assistance. We ask you all for continued prayers for his health and his ministry. Due to funding shortages from some of his other sponsors, we have this additional opportunity to support his worthy ministry. Please give generously as you are able. Funds to date: \$1,267

OUR DAILY BREAD has requested monetary donations for **September instead of sugar cakes**. Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation may mark an envelope "Our Daily Bread September" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS: We will be meeting at **10:00 am and 6:15 pm each Thursday, except for the first Thursday of the month, continuing through November 17.** Bring your Bible or use one provided by the church. Join us as we are encouraged in our faith by these powerful words from God. All studies will be held in person at the church. Sign up on the sheet in the library area.



FAMILY RETREAT

**Fri., Sept. 30, 6 pm–Sat., Oct. 1, 7 pm
Zinn Tozer Lodge at Nawakwa**

The cost is \$30 for adults and free for those under 18. Join us for both days, or Saturday only (\$15) for fun hikes, Bible Studies, devotions, games, and campfire. Look for the sign-up sheet in the library area.

New Members will be received on October 9. If you are interested in joining our worshipping community, please let one of the Pastors know. An informational session will be held on Sunday evening September 25 at 6 pm. RSVP if you are interested in attending.

PLEASE NOTE: The October 12th Friends in Christ Tea in Lititz event has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 18th.



SCARF MINISTRY

Now that the weather is turning cooler, perhaps you would knit, sew, or crochet a scarf (about 6" by 36") to donate to neighbors in need through Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. Yarn is available for your use on scarves in the cupboard located in the left of the library area.

Sermon Notes

Send Lazarus... Luke 16:24

The old saying is that hindsight is 20/20 – sometimes there is regret, sometimes there is thanksgiving for the amazing hand of God.

The rich man's hindsight did not teach him. He still was only thinking of himself. He wanted Lazarus to serve him!

Abraham also points out that neither the rich man nor his brothers were taking the time to listen to the word of God. If they were listening, it would have affected the way they lived. Listening to the word of God makes way for the work of the Holy Spirit. Listening to the word of God opens our eyes and turns us outward. Without the word of God, penetrating our hearts and minds, we simply live for ourselves. The word of God changes us from being self-serving to self-sacrificing.

They were neglecting both tables of the law: not worshipping God or loving thy neighbor. Being financially secure made him think he didn't need God, but that delusion can only last so long.

Lazarus' very name means just the opposite – it means one whom God helps.

We are people whom God has helped through the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord – we are beggars who feast at his table.

Since we have received such a blessing, we reach out to the poor of body and soul.

So, we reach out to bodily needs through: Harvest of Hope, Feed the Hunger, MIVO

We reach out to those who need to hear the Good News of Jesus through our worship and our witness in the world.

The book of Acts gives us a good template for reaching out: (Acts 1:8)

- Jerusalem – start at home
- Judea – our immediate neighborhood
- Samaria – like the city of York
- The ends of the earth – Haiti, the Philippines, Africa, etc.

And we pray, dear God, don't let us ever say – send Lazarus, rather we want to say, send me. Send me dear God, in whatever direction, to whatever need I can use my resources to your glory.



TAKING FAITH HOME – September 25, 2022, AD

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday Luke 16:19-31 Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday Revelation 3:14-22 Being rich or poor in God
Tuesday Proverbs 22:1-9, 16 The rich versus the poor
Wednesday Proverbs 28:11-28 Helpers of the poor lack nothing
Thursday Ephesians 2:1-10 God is rich in mercy
Friday Philippians 4:10-13 The secret of being content
Saturday Psalm 49 Riches do not endure
Sunday Luke 17:5-10 Faith the size of a mustard seed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

True godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So, if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. **1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we are truly rich because of you. Help us to be generous to others. Amen.
(1 Timothy 6:17-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

God, we're so blessed with what you've sent. May we be thankful and content. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you from wandering away. May God make you faithful, loving, dependable and gentle. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:10-11)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were in need, and someone helped you.
- Jesus told a story about a rich man who didn't help a poor man called Lazarus, who lived at his gate. What happened to each of them?
- What are the needs of people in your local community? What help is available to them? In what ways could you be more involved?

DEVOTIONS

Collect current news stories about people who are suffering from poverty or sickness. Talk about these situations in your home devotion times this week. Pray for the people affected.

SERVICE

Paul urged Christians to “be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share” (1 Tim. 6:18). Consider these ideas for encouraging a giving spirit in your children:

- **Give blood.** Take your children with you so they see you as a model for giving. Talk to them about why you choose to donate blood and what it will accomplish.
- **Make birthdays charitable.** Promote birthdays as a time for giving to others. Encourage your children to give away used toys or books that are still in good condition as they receive new gifts.
- **Care for animals.** At regular intervals, buy cat or dog food to donate to an organization caring for lost or abandoned animals.
- **Pitch in.** Commit as a household to be part of the “worker bees” at your church and to participate in church volunteer rosters.

People and issues to pray for in your devotions this week: For all people recovering from natural disasters and for those mentioned today including _____, and _____.

Come One, Come All to Gettysburg on October 8th as we gather at the Benner’s Hill section of the battlefield for a tour of that area and the East Calvary Field led by our own expert, Mike Barndt. Meet at the church at 8:15 or be at Benner’s by 9:00 am. Benner’s is on Route 116 going West, just about a mile before Gettysburg.

MEN OF FAITH

We will meet on **Saturday, October 15, at 8:00 am**, enjoying a special German breakfast from the hands of master chef Larry Kaetzel. We will have as our topic Session two of *Kingdom Men Rising*, with a DVD lesson from Dr. Tony Evans, and a lively discussion following. Sign up on the list in the library area.

POINSETTIAS FOR 2022



It's time again to order poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The multi-bloom plants will be in a 6-inch pot.

The price is \$10.00 per plant. **Order deadline November 13, 2022**

Payment is due at the time of the order. Forms are available on the table in the library area. Please place your order form with payment in the offering plate on Sunday. **If you want additional quantities of any poinsettias, please fill out another form.** Thanks! Contact Linda Sherman, 717-846-2036, with questions.