



*Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!" When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.
The Lord saved Him out of all His troubles; this is God, our God forever and ever.*

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made Heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a



Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.

The Lord saved Him out of all His | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Give ear, O My people, to My | teaching;*

incline your ears to the words | of My mouth!

I will open My mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

things that we have | heard and known,*

that our fathers have | told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and His might,*

and the wonders that | He has done.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.

The Lord saved Him out of all His | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

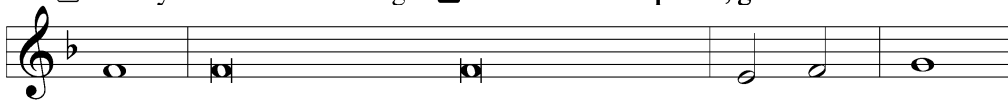


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

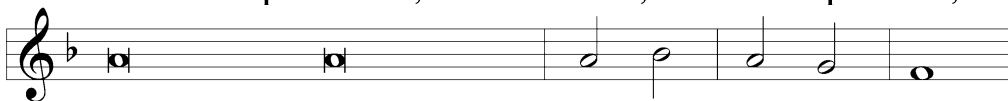
Gloria in Excelsis



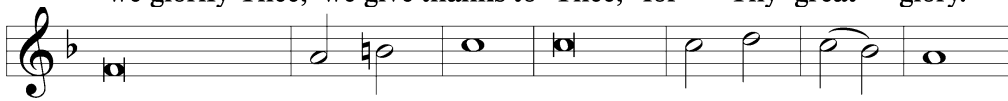
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



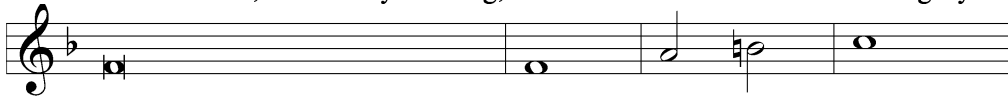
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



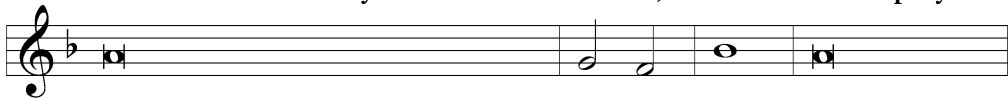
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



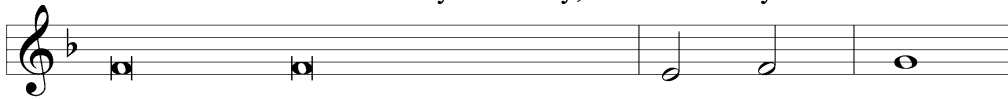
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collects of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty and Merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

Isaiah 44:21-23

In those days the prophet Isaiah said: Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ²¹Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I formed you; you are My servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. ²²I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you. ²³Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and will be glorified in Israel."

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 141:1-2



O LORD, I call upon You; hast- | en to me!*

Give ear to my voice when I | call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore You,*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22-28

Brethren: ²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 98:1a



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

Sing to the LORD a | new song,*

For He has done marvelous things! Alle- | luia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1–8

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: ¹Getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to His own city. ²And behold, some people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven." ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This Man is blaspheming." ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —He then said to the paralytic— "Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is *worshipped and glorified*, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

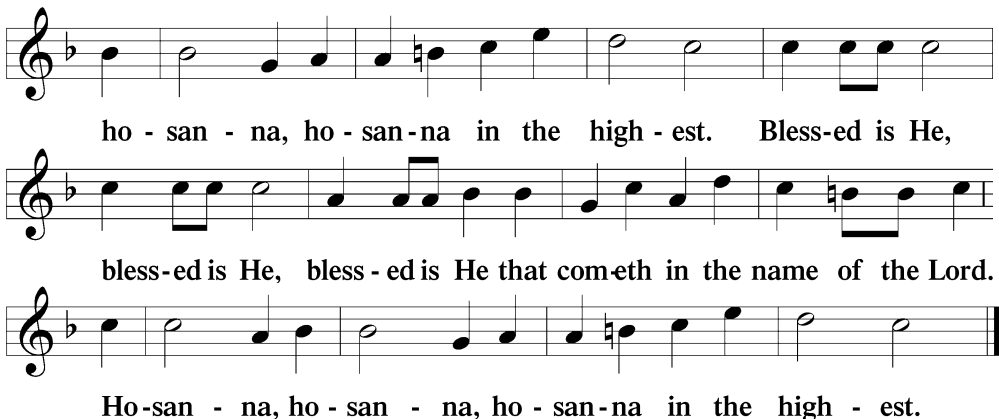
Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

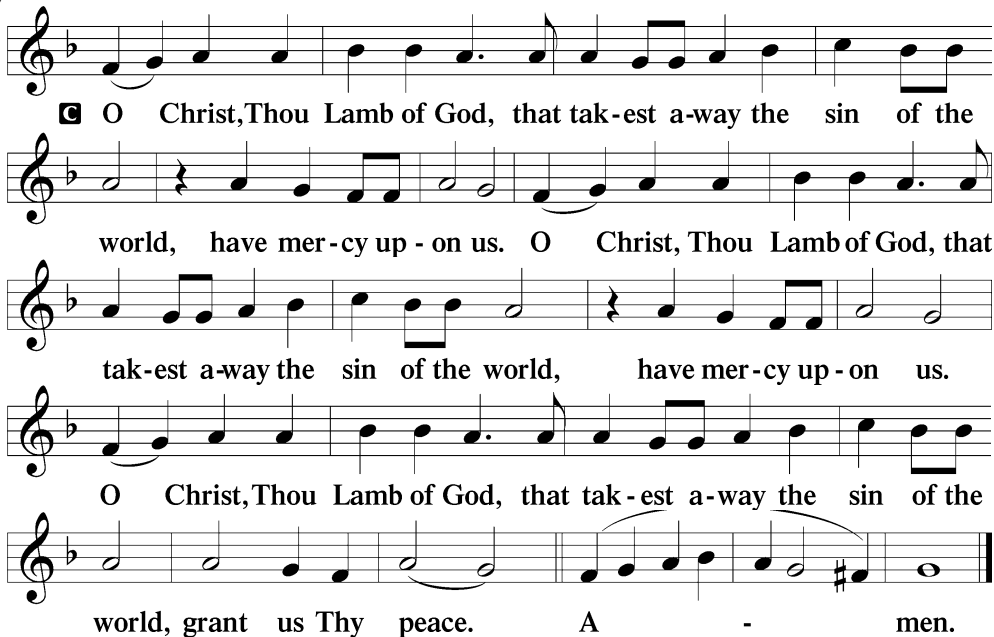
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

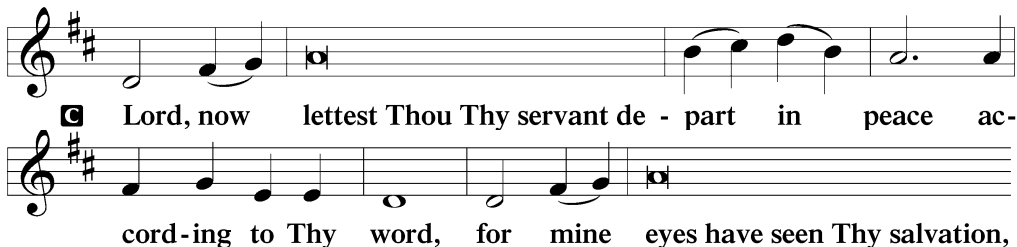
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Distribution Hymns

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive	609
Jesus Comes Today with Healing	620
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	621
O Bless the Lord, My Soul	814

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



□ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, October 15	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
Wednesday, October 18	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	3:30pm	Confirmation	Pastor's Study
Saturday, October 21	8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS

10/18 – Gary Haas
10/19 – Dylan Parcenka

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

10/18 – Alberto Acuña
10/18 – Dawson Oravec
10/18 – Dorothy Paxton

SOLICITATION OF NAMES FOR PASTORAL CANDIDATE CALL LIST

As our congregation prepares to say “Farewell” to Pastor Proctor and his family, we also need to begin the process of calling another pastor. Have you visited any LCMS churches during your travels across the country? Do you know an LCMS pastor who would be good fit for our congregation? If so, please submit name(s) to Joe Wininger, Chairman of the Board of Elders, by phone (call or text 623-363-7606), email (dodgefam73@cox.net), or placing a note in his box (28). Thank you.

LWML MITES

In October the LWML mites offering was \$45.31. Thank you for your support.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY . . . OKTOBERFEST . . . PROCTOR FAREWELL

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, October 29, 2023, St. Paul Lutheran Church will celebrate the confirmation of 2 young men, enjoy an Oktoberfest-style luncheon following the Divine Service, and bid farewell to Pastor Proctor and his family. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the narthex for needed luncheon items.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Randy Parker, diagnosed with compound blood disorders, hemochromatosis and MDS.

Dennis Stonecypher, suffering an undiagnosed illness.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues

Wayne Bartels – recovering from brief hospitalization

Jonathan Brant – recovering from surgery

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Rose Tressler – health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Kevin Stamm – recovering from surgery

Debbie Dyjak – ongoing eyesight concerns

Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Angela La Fae (daughter of Dennis Stonecypher) is very sick with issues in multiple systems.

Kathy Page (former member of St. Paul) is in the hospital with kidney stones and an infection.

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) fell recently and broke her arm.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

Debbie Dyjak, preparing to serve in Latvia

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala.

PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith, Lois Carlson, Suzanne Berna

BULLETIN NEWS CONTINUES...

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.

At the end of each church year, it is requested that the members of the congregation submit a Tithe/Commitment Card. This is your “Stewardship Commitment” towards the work and ministry of the church for the coming year. Your Tithe/Commitment Card can be found in your box along with a letter from our Head Elder. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment to the church for the upcoming year and return your Tithe/Commitment Card on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023.

FINDING JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Do you have a difficult time reading the Old Testament? The key to understanding the Old Testament is to find Jesus. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed Dr. Reed Lessing and Dr. Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book “The Messianic Message.” You can listen to this multi-part series at issuesetc.org/findingjesus.