

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
624 Jennings St. Sioux City, Iowa 51101
Church: (712)252-0338 School: (712) 258-6325
www.siouxcitystpauls.org



10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022
Sermon: "A Helpful Vision" Text: 1 Timothy 3:1-13



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, September 25, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Usher: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,

Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Brandi Beller

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Hospitality is one of those concepts that is difficult to define but easily perceived when experienced. Several biblical writers encourage the people of God to be hospitable, including Paul as he writes to his young follower Timothy; likewise, Peter in his First Epistle, and also the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews who counsels: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). Viewing people attending worship who are not known to us personally as "angels in disguise" may give us a right perspective as we interact with them and make them welcome in our midst. "Seek to show hospitality," Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (Romans 12:13). His directive is for us to heed as much as it was for his original readers in Rome.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

P: Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

C: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

P: Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

C: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

Opening Song

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus my Savior Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am never cease to worship You
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King mountains bow down
And the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You (repeat)
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(Words & music by Darlene Zschech, 1993 Darlene Zschech/Hillsongs Australia, Integrity Incorporated, used by permission CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Amos 6:1–7 (God's people are warned by the prophet.)

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?

⁴“Woe 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.”

Second Lesson 1 Timothy 3:1–13(The qualities needed in an overseer and deacon)

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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Luke 16:19–31 (The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus)

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “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.’”

Confession and Absolution

P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

C: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C: **Amen.**

P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction “I am Not Alone”

(Verse 1)

When I walk though deep waters I know that you will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow I will not fear

(Chorus)

I am not alone I am not alone You will go before me You will never leave me
I am not alone I am not alone
You will go before me You will never leave me

(Verse 2)

In the midst of deep sorrow I see your light is breaking through
The dark of night will not overtake me I am pressing into you
Lord, you fight my every battle And I will not fear

(Chorus)

I am not alone I am not alone
You will go before me You will never leave me

I am not alone I am not alone
You will go before me You will never leave me

(Bridge)

You amaze me, redeem me You call me as your own
You amaze me, redeem me You call me as your own
You amaze me, redeem me You call me as your own
You amaze me, redeem me You call me as your own

(Verse 3)

You're my strength You're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm Through these trials
You've always been faithful You bring healing to my soul

(Chorus)

I am not alone I am not alone
You will go before me You will never leave me
I am not alone I am not alone
You will go before me You will never leave me

Words and Music By: Austin Davis, Ben Davis, Dustin Sauder, Grant Pittman, Kari Jobe, Mary Sampson, Mia Fieldes CCLI #11440148 and 20162974

The Word

“A Helpful Vision” Text: 1 Timothy 3:1–13

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul’s members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.
Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 98:1-2—Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made His salvation: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Offertory “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I’ve been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone. I’ve been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun for-bear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

(Words/music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio, 2006 worshiptogether.com songs, sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song **“Glorious Day”**

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

(Chorus) Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified, freely, forever.
One day He's coming; O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails from me.
(chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose, over death He had conquered. Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him from rising again.
Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified, freely forever.
One day He's coming; O glorious Day, O glorious day, glorious day.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.

Wonderful day my beloved one is bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine. (chorus)

(Words & music by Mark Hall & Michael Bleecker, arr. by Carol Tornquist, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

++ + + + + +

SERMON NOTES