

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

PSALM 112

¹Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches are in their houses and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. ⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. ⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. ⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever their horn is exalted in honor. ¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.



Birthdays in August:

- Luis Madrigal (August 30)



Birthdays in September:

- Joaquin Cisneros (September 5)
- Maria Landberg (September 7)
- Millie Powell (September 9)
- Elizabeth Mitchell (September 29)

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

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Next—13th Sunday after Pentecost: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am

While LA County has formally rescinded the masking order as of 3/4/22, masks are still being recommended for use in public settings, such as our worship space. For the safety of our at-risk members and our current presiding pastor, please wear a mask and maintain social distancing for the time being.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

News and Needs

- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **We welcome Pastor David Berkedal as regular preacher and worship leader at St. Paul's.** Pastor Berkedal will be working on **Thursdays, from 10:00 am. to 4:00 pm.** in Monterey Park to help us develop the congregation's ministry and outreach as we move out of the global pandemic. He and his wife, Rev. Sally Welch began a Youtube Channel, "Streams of Living Waters" at the beginning of the pandemic to provide connection and encouragement and an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be Christian during times of isolation. Each video has been matched with a podcast on their "Living Water Radio" channel and a blog entry on "Words of Living Water." You may send an email to Pastor Berkedal at dberkedal@gmail.com for links to all three or visit our website (stpaulsmpk.org).
- **Coffee Hour & Fellowship will be held in the lounge following today's service.** To get to the lounge from the sanctuary, please exit the glass doors at the back, go through the glass doors on the right and straight ahead to the open door of the lounge. Today's refreshments are provided by the Cortez family. Just a reminder that there is a sign-up sheet in the lounge with many vacant spaces. In an effort to have everyone enjoy coffee hour, please sign up for a date.
- **The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will be hosting a one-day retreat titled "Strength and Dignity" on Saturday October 15th at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Covina.** Cost for the day is \$50 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The special guest speaker for this year is Bishop Brenda Bos. Registration opens at 8:45 am and the retreat will end around 3 pm. Registration and payments must be received by the ELCA by October 2nd. You can either mail the registration card and payment to them directly, or deposit both in an envelope in the offering plate and Elizabeth will mail them for you.
- **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is two weeks away!** If you have any ideas for projects that we can do as a congregation (clothing drive, food drives, volunteering for other organizations, etc.) please let us know as soon as possible!
- **Larry Sullivan** is still recovering from his recent health scare so please continue to keep he and Carol in your prayers. Also, please pray for **Millie Powell** as she recently had an episode of vertigo and fell. She is recuperating at home with her daughter, Charlene.

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:

The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Richard Barnes; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Shanna Childers; George Quezada; Ed Sais; Celia Torres; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Ray's sister, Margarita; Maxine Miller & her son, Leonard; Tim Sang; Aki Fukui; Lilly Fukui; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Seth, who is living on the streets of LA; Harry, who is recovering from a broken foot; for Kris to regain her strength; Meher Montessori School; all who are affected by COVID; for those who face discrimination; for those who are traveling, may they have safe journeys; for churches, may our hearts and doors remain open for those who wish to share the Good News; for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine; for the families of victims of mass shootings.

