

## GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>**I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.**”

## PSALM 84:1-7

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! <sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. <sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. <sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. <sup>6</sup>As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

### 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; Brian Kurihara; Jo Anne Mitchell; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Shanna Childers; Ed Sais; Celia Torres; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Bjorn Landberg; Maxine Miller & her son, Leonard; Pastor David Berkedal and Rev. Sally Welch; Tim Sang; Aki Fukui; Lilly Fukui; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Seth, who is living on the streets of LA; Meher Montessori School; 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 veterans who lost their homes in West LA; for those struggling with anxiety and mental illness.



### Birthdays in October:

- Valentin Cortez (October 31)

Next—21st Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10  
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# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

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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 visiting pastor, we ask that you consider wearing 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 Rev. Steve Bieghler**, who will be presiding over the Service of Word & Sacrament at St. Paul's this morning.
- **Pr. Berkedal's surgery went well** and we expect to have him back for worship next week, Sunday, October 30th, when we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. Don't forget to wear something red!
- **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 our pantry.
- **Altar Guild Needs Volunteers!** Susan Ramirez, our Altar Guild Lead, is looking for volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild. This group is responsible for preparing the altar for communion on a weekly basis. Teams of 2 are scheduled for a month at a time. Our teams are short on help. Please let Susan know if you are interested in serving. A training for new members will be held in the near future.
- **Arcadia Travelers Club:** This month marks the 40th anniversary of the Arcadia Travelers Club, designed for ages 50 and older interested in travel and fellowship. The nonprofit offers day outings and extended day trips. Fee is \$10 per year. The group meets next on Oct. 28 (and monthly) at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. 626-821-4377.
- **Bible Story Time with Meher Students** - Once again, we are providing Bible Story Time for students attending Meher Montessori School on Thursday afternoons. The Primary Group (11 students) meets from 2:20-3:00 pm; the Elementary Group (5 Students) meets from 3:00-3:30 pm. The teacher for these groups is Jean Sais. A Meher teacher attends with the younger group for support. Anyone interested in assisting with this outreach to school families, please contact Jean.
- **St. Paul's is planning an Outreach Activity in conjunction with the Thursday evening Farmer's Market at Elder Park.** We are in the planning stages of this activity, so stay tuned for more information. All will be welcome to join us in sharing the Good News with our local community. Please plan to help with this God's Work, Our Hands community outreach.

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22

<sup>7</sup> Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. <sup>8</sup> O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? <sup>9</sup> Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! <sup>10</sup> Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. <sup>19</sup> Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. <sup>20</sup> We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. <sup>21</sup> Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. <sup>22</sup> Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

### SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Thanksgiving is just around the corner!** Please consider donating this holiday season as we are once again working with Catalyst SGV, providing meals for students during the holiday break, and American Legion Post 397 for providing food for over 50 families for Thanksgiving. We will start collecting for the American Legion drive on November 6th. Please take a look at our bulletin board for a complete list of donations. The Catalyst list will be posted soon.

