

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

PSALM 121

A Song of Ascents

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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—20th Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.9-14.
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 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.
- **Once again today, Pastor David Berkedal will be joining us via video for the sermon part of the service.** The sermon was recorded last week and is based on this week's Gospel, Luke 18:1-8. We will be streaming it into our sanctuary from the Pastor's YouTube Channel, "Streams of Living Waters." Pastor Berkedal will be having surgery on Monday, Oct. 17th, so he will not be working on Thursday this week. Join us in praying that pastor has a successful surgery and a quick recovery. We thank Pr. David Lin, of Trinity Faith, who will be presiding over the Communion portion of the service.
- **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 Ed and Jean Sais.
- **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.
- **American Legion Post 397 is currently collecting candy donations!** Bring to American Legion Post 397 at 338 S. Ramona Avenue Monterey Park 91754 on Tuesday 2-6 or Thursday 2-8 or text 626 692-4918 to schedule a delivery time.
- **The City of Monterey Park will host the fourth annual "Monster Mash" Halloween event on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at Barnes Park. Admission is free.** This family-friendly event, co-hosted by the Recreation and Community Services Department and Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library, will feature carnival games, trick-or-treating, and food trucks. Entertainment will be provided by Dave Skale. * Participants are encouraged to bring a decorated goodie bag/bucket to collect treats. Locations: Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Avenue. **Safety Message:** * Face masks are highly recommended for all attendees
- **October 20th is Spirit Day.** We are encouraging everyone to wear purple on this day to protest bullying in schools and to support our LGBTQ+ neighbors and friends.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14—4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4.1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Participate in the Great California Shake Out on October 20 at 10:20 a.m.** What we do now here in Monterey Park before a big earthquake will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. In anticipation of an earthquake, the Monterey Park Fire Department encourages everyone to "Be Prepared, Not Scared!" What better way to learn how to be prepared than to participate in the Great California Shake Out on October 20, 2022 at 10:20 a.m. People everywhere, such as residents, businesses, schools, throughout California will be conducting an earthquake drill on October 20 at 10:20 a.m. to learn and practice how to "Drop, Cover, and Hold on." Last year, 10.6 million Californians participated in the Great Shake Out and as of August 31 of this year, 7.9 million have registered already. Participating in the Great Shake Out is only a five-minute commitment for something that can save your life. It all begins with registering, which is free and open to everyone. For more information, visit www.shakeout.org/california/.