

GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶For a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

PSALM 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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; 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; Karri Padilla; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Seth, who is living on the streets of LA; Harrison and Elana, as they recover from broken feet; 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. May all families be reunited and let there be a peaceful resolution; for the families of the victims of mass shootings. May God be with them as they grieve for their loved ones.



Prayer for Travel: **God of the journey, watch over all who travel. Grant rest and joy for their spirits. Be with drivers, flight attendants, pilots, road crews and all who strive to make our travels safe and our homecomings joyful. Amen.**

Next—8th Sunday after Pentecost: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49.1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12.13-21
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St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Sunday Service at 9:30AM

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30am

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, 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 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.** 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 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.
- **A very special "Thank You!" to Susie and Gene Ramirez** for doing a fantastic job in repairing our pew crosses. They look absolutely fantastic as Gene hand cut and put together the crosses and Susie helped to place them on the pews. Thank you for your hard work!
- **Catalyst SGV** is holding a donation drive for creating "hygiene kits" for homeless families in the Montebello and Alhambra Unified School Districts. Please keep in mind that Costco-sized bottles of shampoo, lotions, soaps, etc. will be too heavy for them to carry.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church is designing a logo to identify our church to the community, and we need your help.** This logo will be used on our stationery, fliers, video, etc. to communicate who and what we are. Please show any approximate images or words that come to your mind on the enclosed form and place it in the offering plate (use the reverse side if needed). Thank you!
- **Next Sunday, we will be welcoming Bishop Brenda Bos**, who plans on visiting Trinity Faith and would like to attend our worship service. We are honored to have her with us and invite everyone to introduce themselves and show her what a friendly congregation we can be.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is on September 11, 2022. If you have any ideas for things we could do as a congregation, please send Elizabeth an email (stpaulsmpk@gmail.com) or leave a note for her with Jo Anne Mitchell or Jean Sais. She will make a list for Council to review and discuss.