

## GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

## PSALM 49:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, <sup>2</sup>both low and high, rich and poor together. <sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. <sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. <sup>5</sup>Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, <sup>6</sup>those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? <sup>7</sup>Truly, no ransom avails for one’s life, there is no price one can give to God for it. <sup>8</sup>For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice, <sup>9</sup>that one should live on forever and never see the grave. <sup>10</sup>When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup>Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own. <sup>12</sup>Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

### 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.



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 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, 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.
- **Today we have a special guest - Bishop Brenda Bos of our Southwest California Synod** is joining us for worship. You will have an opportunity to greet her at the end of the service. Bishop Bos will also be visiting Trinity Faith Lutheran Church, who worship in our sanctuary at 11:00 am.
- **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](mailto:dberkedal@gmail.com) for links to all three or visit our website ( [stpaulsmpk.org](http://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 Ed and Jean Sais. 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.
- **ELCA World Hunger** is holding a "Global Farm Challenge," a youth-focused, whole-church campaign to accompany our neighbors who are facing threats of hunger and poverty around the world. There are brochures with more information on the back table in the Narthex, as well as special envelopes in the pews for those who wish to participate.
- **Update on Tim Sang's cross-country road trip:** Tim has been on the road since July 12th and some of his major stops have included New Orleans, Miami, and Washington D.C. So far he is enjoying the trip and reported no problems. He plans to stop in Boston, then begin heading back west. Please keep Tim in your prayers as he drives such a long distance on his own.
- **Lilly Fukui's surgery** went well and she is recovering at home. She sends her "heartfelt thanks for your prayers and good wishes."

### FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



#### Birthdays in August:

- **Christina Cisneros (August 8)**
- **Bjorn Landberg (August 12)**
- **Luis Madrigal (August 30)**



**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](mailto: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.