

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## November 13, 2022

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*Guerison des dix Lèpreux par Jesus-Christ.*

*D'après le Tableau de Jérôme Genga, qui est chez M. Crozat; peint sur bois et de la même grandeur que l'estampe 30  
Gravée par Louis Surugue.*

Healing of the ten lepers by Christ by Louis Surugue (1729)



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Why is Jesus crying? Because he fell down. Because the banana broke. Because I said he can't stuff the other toothbrushes down the bathroom drain. (He'd already gotten three down there.) Because he isn't allowed to play the organ during Mass. Because Grandma only played with him outside for three hours before she had to leave. Because his sister said the new baby can be Dora if it's a girl, but not Boots if it's a boy. Because the helmet fell off the Lego guy. Because he is two, the world is big and everything is always broken. My youngest son's name is Henry, not Jesus, and he is perpetually mourning and weeping in this vale of tears that is his life. The disappointments come fast and furious, both from Henry and, more sporadically, his older siblings. Once upon a time I was a single woman. I prayed the rosary. I reflected on Scripture. I attended daily Mass, made it to confession every two weeks and looked forward to the stations of the cross on Lenten Fridays. Now, my prayer life is a litany of "Please, Lord, help me through the next 10 minutes." The Church tells us we're supposed to see Jesus in the faces of the people we meet every day. I'm mostly home with the kids. As far as I can tell, Jesus is somewhat hysterical, extremely emotional and has unrealistic expectations for how the world should work. And he's crying again.

In college I ran with a very Catholic crowd. Sometimes we'd go to parties where African sisters showed up. (The kind a friend used to say were "So holy they practically levitated.") At one party one of these kindly women grabbed my hands, looked into my eyes and said solemnly, "Someday you will do great things for God." In my young adult brain, this meant founding a religious order. Hugging lepers. Maybe even martyrdom in a foreign land....But now, instead of sailing across the sea and hugging lepers in exotic surroundings, I find my lepers sprawled around my house, surrounded by dishes and laundry. The 12-year-old social leper, who worries that she'll never make another friend. The 10-year-old who makes a leper of herself, because she's decided to have a snide comeback to every single statement she happens to overhear. The eight-year-old who wants to live a hermitic life, like a leper colony of one, with only Legos and Minecraft as company. The six-year-old leper who the other kids at swimming avoid as a "baby," because he freaks out when he gets in the water. The four-year-old leper who is so thirsty for constant company that others avoid her, and the littlest leper who is crying again.

This is my leper colony. This is where I work out the demands of the Year of Mercy, feeding the hungry almost constantly, clothing the naked amidst howls of protest, instructing the ignorant even when they whine about it, and praying for the living constantly, because otherwise none of us will survive until the child still in utero reaches adulthood. I'll never have the dramatic, Butler's *The Lives of the Saints*-caliber life I imagined when the African sister told me I'd do great things. It will be a good decade or so before I can realistically try for daily Mass and a more regular prayer life. I could fill my days with resentment, as the children clearly keep me from the life of immense holiness that God destined me to. Or I can hug the leper and wash the banana from his face and hands so he can run off and find a new disappointment in this broken world longing for a savior.

**Deirdre Mundy, *The Little Lepers in My Living Room* (March 2016)**

## **Welcome to St. Paul!**

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We are glad that you are with us today! If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with Lutheran liturgy. No worries. This bulletin is designed to help guide you through the worship service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable. Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope that the Lord blesses you through our time together!

## **Restrooms, Changing Stations, and Nursing Room**

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Restrooms are located in the lobby (narthex) of the sanctuary. Both the men's and women's rooms have diaper changing tables for the little ones. We also have a nursing room for mothers and babies that is located across the breezeway, straight out of the doors on the east side of the lobby.

## **Children in the Liturgy**

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We pray that all children would know that God made them, He loves them, and He goes with them everywhere. We are glad to have little ones with us in the service. We know that they sometimes can squirm, squawk, and squeal. Please don't feel embarrassed by it! All kids are always welcome here at St. Paul. We encourage you to help them follow along and engage with them in the action of the liturgy – observe the movement of the procession, hear the music, sing the songs, smell the fire of the candles, respond with a loud *Amen*, make the sign of the cross, touch the water in the baptismal font, and wonder at the images and symbols that are all around. What Jesus does here is sure to engage us all.

## **A Note on Holy Communion**

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In this service we celebrate a sacred ritual of the Christian Church called the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. In this rite we recall the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. In this blessed meal we have our eyes opened and we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Though our faith is grounded in history, this liturgy is not merely a nostalgic looking back at the past – it is a celebration and a deep recognition that in this meal our Lord Jesus Christ is truly and really present with us in the bread and the wine. We cling to the hope of resurrection that will be ours when all things will be fully redeemed and restored in Him. All baptized Christians who have a sincere sorrow for their sin and see in this holy mystery the true body and blood of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

## **Notes for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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In the lesson from St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem when he encounters ten lepers. These people cry out to Jesus for mercy, and Jesus heals them and sends them to show themselves to the priest. Upon realizing he was made clean, only the Samaritan man—the one who was the outsider—returned to give thanks. Jesus then asks why the others have not returned to give God praise for their healing. The Lord also invites us to respond with thanksgiving when we are made well.

## Greeting and Welcome

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The congregation stands and faces the back of the sanctuary. We begin with a procession, the crucifix leading our way. An image of our journey from death to life, our life in Christ. Some bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of salvation.

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### Beautiful Savior (537)

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Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

### Invocation

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En el nombre del Padre, y del ✠ Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

**All** Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

**All But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros**

*Silence is Kept*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Day

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The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Let us pray:

**All Heavenly Father, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Scripture Readings

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### 2 Kings 5:1-15

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.<sup>2</sup> Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.<sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."<sup>4</sup> Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.<sup>5</sup> "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels<sup>[c]</sup> of gold and ten sets of clothing.<sup>6</sup> The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."<sup>7</sup> As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"<sup>8</sup> When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."<sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.<sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."<sup>11</sup> But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.<sup>13</sup> Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!"<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.<sup>15</sup> Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." <sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup> And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

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## Stand

### Gospel Procession

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The gospel is read in the midst of the assembly as a sign of God coming to us in Jesus. As the gospel is announced some worshippers make a small cross on their forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

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#### Hail Thee, Festival Day (489)

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**Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
Day when our Lord was raised, Breaking the kingdom of death.**

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

**All Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> As he continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was entering a village, ten lepers met [him]. They stood at a distance from him <sup>13</sup> and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" <sup>14</sup> And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## Sit

## The Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection ☩ of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## Children's Sermon

### Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (806)

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

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Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

After the pastor says Lord in Your Mercy, all respond with **Hear our Prayer.**

**For God to give us the strength to be grateful to Him in all things  
For blessing in our outreach; CDC, Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, LINC, Presa  
Pastors Philip, Roy, Naresh, Christoph, Matt and all church planters  
For U.S. Leaders: President Joe, Governor Greg, Mayor Ron  
For those in Military: Jarred, Alissa, Mark, Tom, Thomas, Ricky, Julian  
Church Leaders; LCMS President Matt, District President Mike  
For divine wisdom and energy to turn toward our enemies in love  
Persecuted Christians: Cuba, Ethiopia, Jordan, The Republic of Congo  
Global Partner Church: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England**

*For Comfort, Health, Encouragement, and Recovery:*

**The people of Ukraine**

**Linda Chetwood** (mourning the death of her son Jerry)

**Deanna Biediger** (recovering from surgery this past week)

**Norma Ann** (sister of Patricia Perez)

**Diane Beasley** (recovering from surgery this past week)

**Suzanne Segovia** (recovering from the Flu this past week)

**Linda Wenck** (awaiting medical test results and treatment)

**Diane Barron** (recovering from heart surgery)

**Mark, Paul, and Jo Ann Mallow**

**Ana Garcia** (cousin of Paul and JoAnn – diagnosed with cancer)

**Cecilia Luna** (friend of America Alderete – diagnosed with cancer)

**Joe Ojeda** (blessing and guidance as he begins pastoral formation)

**Tillie Cropper**

**Alex Rivera**

**Roy Wessel**

**Everett Mason**

**Keith Mason**

**David Schneider** (Father of Kristen Boerger with cancer)

**Delia Flores**

**Vicky Dean** (sister of Melissa Hild)

**Yesenia** (daughter of Anna Marquez)

**Teresa Medellin** (neighbor of Alicia Guerrero)

**Mildred Westphal**

**Albert Pedroza** (neighbor of Thomas Robledo)

**Rev. Bill Johnson**

**Cayley** (granddaughter of Robert and Linda Chetwood)

**Austin Hernden**

**Robin Beasley Jr**

## Que Seria De Mi

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¿Que sería de mí si no me hubieras alcanzado?  
¿Donde estaría hoy si no me hubieras perdonado?  
Tendría un vacío en mi corazón.  
Vagaría sin rumbo, sin dirección.  
Si no fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.  
Si no fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.  
Sería como pájaro herido que se muere en el suelo.  
Sería como ciervo que brama por agua en el desierto.  
Si no fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.  
Si no fuera por tu gracia y por tu amor.

## The Offering

### Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (805)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

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*O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,  
The Son of the living God, who came into the world  
To save sinners of whom I am the first.*

*Accept me as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Lord,  
For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies,  
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, But like the thief I profess to you:*

*Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.  
Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.  
Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.*

*May the partaking of your Holy mysteries, O Lord,  
Be not for my judgment or condemnation,  
But for the healing of my soul and body.*

*O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this,  
Which I am about to receive,  
Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood,  
Given for me for remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen*

### Prayer of Preparation from the Byzantine Liturgy

## The Service of the Sacrament

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The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with us, unfolds for us His word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the unending sabbath of the Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosana in the highest, sing hosana to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

### The Consecration

## The Acclamation and The Invitation

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As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

La paz del Señor sea con ustedes.

**All Y Tambien contigo**

## Sharing of the Peace

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Greet each other in the name of Jesus by saying, '*Peace of the Lord be with you*' as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## The Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution**

**Eucharistic Dismissal**

## Thank The Lord

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**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord, Rejoice, and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

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**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Lord of Glory, You Bought Us (851)

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Lord of Glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

# Serving Today @ St. Paul

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<b>Music</b>	Jim Wollmann, Judy Foerster	
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Rick Garza, Paul Mallow, George Fernandez, Joe Ojeda	
<b>Altar Server/Lector</b>	Michael Cruz	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Carlos Boerger	(carlosb@stpaulsa.org)
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<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Suzanne Segovia	(suzannes@stpaulsa.org)
<b>CDC Director</b>	Deborah Stephenson	(deborahs@stpaulsa.org)
<b>Deaconess</b>	Claire Jackson	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Placed by Alva-Alicia in memory of her brother Ricardo	

## Announcements

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### Study Opportunities This Week

We have ongoing online zoom classes throughout the week – all are invited!  
**(Meeting ID #2105327341 No Password required)**

Monday @ 6:30 (Deaconess Claire – Jesus & Women in 1<sup>st</sup> Century and Now)

Tuesday @ 6:30 (No Class This Week)

Thursday @ 6:30 (Pastor Carlos – Study on the Book of Acts)

### Food Pantry Items Needed

Our Food Pantry need replenishing! Here is a list of items we need: Canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef), Vienna Sausage, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Chili, Canned Beans, Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, carrots, peas, mixed vegetables), Fruit Cups (peaches, pears, mixed fruits) Pudding Cups, Bags of beans, Bags of rice, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Pasta (spaghetti, mac & cheese) Instant Lunch Cups, Ramen Noodles, Cereal (small boxes)

### Stewardship Planning for 2023

The month of November marks the start of our yearly stewardship focus. God calls us to live in humility and gratitude - and to give as we are able. We need your financial support to continue the important ministry of St. Paul. Your support will you go directly to things like:

- Upgrading our Sanctuary
- Developing a Youth Program
- Supporting Intern Michael Cruz
- Serving the homeless/needly
- Growing Young Adult Ministry
- Raising up a pastor, Joe Ojeda, as he begins seminary this year



