NKJV Leviticus 20:6-8 <sup>6</sup> 'And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. <sup>7</sup> Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you.

NASB <u>Colossians 2:1-5</u> <sup>1</sup> For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is,* Christ *Himself*, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. <sup>5</sup> For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

NASB Mark 7:24-30 <sup>24</sup> Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know *of it;* yet He could not escape notice. <sup>25</sup> But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophoenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered and \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.



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The 16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022

The Opening Prayer by the Pastor

**The Opening Hymn** – 132 (Stanzas 1-4) (Red Hymnal) "O God of God, O Light of Light"

The Order of Service – Supplement page 12ff. (Brown Hymnal)

The Scripture Lessons: (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

<u>The First Lesson</u>: (Leviticus 20:6-8) Though you would never know it from our society, God is deadly serious in His prohibitions against all forms of idolatry – including everything connected with the occult. As Christians we recognize His warnings as acts of love from our Heavenly Father, as He seeks to protect us against all soul-destroying evil.

The Psalm of the Day - Psalm 45 (Page 32) (Brown Hymnal)

The Second Lesson: (Colossians 2:1-5) The Apostle Paul witnessed first-hand the evil from which the early Christians were rescued. He also recognized the miraculous nature of every such rescue. Though surrounded and continually indoctrinated by pagan idolatry, God the Holy Spirit liberated countless souls in extraordinarily difficult circumstances. These are the miracles that drove Paul ever forward, as he struggled to strengthen those early Christians. His words are every bit as applicable and beneficial to each rescued soul today.

The Confession of Faith -

The Nicene Creed (Revised) (On screen)

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 165 (Red Hymnal)

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

**The Sermon** – Text: Mark 7:24-30 (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

"Trust Worthy"

- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Guest Speaker

**The Offertory** – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Acceptance into Membership of Preston Loeb

**The Prayers** 

The Pre-Communion Hymn – 428 (Red Hymnal)

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

The Preparation for Holy Communion (Brown Hymnal page 17)

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis and Thanksgiving (Brown Hymnal page 20)

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn – 47 (Red Hymnal)

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

## **Silent Prayer**

Welcome! - We warmly welcome any visitors worshipping with us this morning and invite you to join us each Sunday at this time. We are glad you are here! To our Visitors seeking Holy Communion — In obedience to God's Word, we practice "Close Communion." This practice stresses both our concern for others, not wanting anyone to receive the sacrament to their harm (1 Cor. 11:27-30) and the importance of unity in confession and faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17). For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation please meet with the pastor to discuss this Scriptural doctrine before communing. This is a practice that we follow out of love and concern for you, and out of obedience to God's Word, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith.

Attendance – Sunday (37) Average (33)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today	-9:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>Sunday School and Bible Class</li> </ul>
	-10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	-11:15 a.m.	- Fellowship Hour
	-11:30 a.m.	<ul> <li>Church Council Meeting</li> </ul>
	-3:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Meyer-Loeb Wedding</li> </ul>
Wednesday	-6:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Confirmation Class</li> </ul>
	-7:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Midweek Bible Study</li> </ul>
Next Sunday	-9:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>Sunday School and Bible Class</li> </ul>
	-10:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>Sunday Worship Service</li> </ul>
	-11:00 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour

**CLC News** – Pastor Rob Sauers is considering the call to Redemption of Lynnwood. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew is considering the call to Immanuel of Winter Haven. Pastor James Naumann is considering the call to Ascension of Tacoma. The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Timothy Daub to serve as our 3<sup>rd</sup> Foreign Missionary.

**Church Council Meeting** – The Church Council is scheduled to meet this morning during the fellowship hour.

**Meyer-Loeb Wedding** – Grace Meyer and Preston Loeb are scheduled to be married this afternoon at St Paul. Members of St Paul are invited to the 3pm service.

**Membership Application** – As previously announced, Preston Loeb has applied for communicant membership at St Paul.