

ESV (Lamentations 3:22-32) The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust-- there may yet be hope; ³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

ESV (Luke 9:18-26) Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." ²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." ²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

NKJ (Acts 5:35-42) And [Gamaliel] said to them: "Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. "And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; "but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it -- lest you even be found to fight against God." And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.



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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – June 30, 2024

The Opening Prayer by the Pastor

The Opening Hymn – 742 (Brown Hymnal)

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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

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

The Old Testament Lesson: (Lamentations 3:22-32) Our first reading is from the Old Testament book of Lamentations, widely believed to have been written by the Prophet Jeremiah at a time when the Lord was pouring out his wrath upon apostate Judah. In a society that pretends that all is well and that our greatest obstacle is guilt over sin, Lamentations presents a different path. It advocates abject humility before God and repentance for our countless sins. Yet note well the shining message of hope and comfort, even when all seems hopeless.

Psalm 45 (Supplement page 32) (Brown Hymnal)

The Gospel Lesson: (Luke 9:18-26) Our second reading from the Gospel of Luke carries forward the message from our first reading in the Book of Lamentations. Not only did Jesus never promise a life of continual happiness and a lack of adversity and hardship for his disciples, he told us to expect the exact opposite. Those who live for Christ in a world that despises and rejects him are warned to expect from the world exactly what their Savior received. Friendship with the world and friendship with Christ are mutually exclusive, yet what great things await those who follow Jesus.

The Confession of Faith -

Nicene Creed – (Supplement page 5)

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 423 (Stanzas 1-2, 5-6) (Brown Hymnal)

"Jesus, I My Cross have Taken"

The Sermon – Acts 5:35-42 (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

"In Matters of Faith – THERE'S NO RIDING THE FENCE"

- I. Faithless skeptics never cease to preach caution.
- II. Faithful disciples never cease to preach Christ.

Guest Speaker – Professor Paul Naumann

The Offertory – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Post-Sermon Hymn – 30 (Stanzas 1, 5-6) (Red Hymnal)

"Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

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 – 50 (Red Hymnal)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

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 (27) Average (42)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today	-10:00 a.m.	– Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	-11:15 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour
Next Sunday	-10:00 a.m.	– Worship Service
	-11:00 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour

CLC News – Seminary graduate Paul Agenten is scheduled to be installed as pastor of Calvary of Marquette in a 7pm service tomorrow, July 1st. At the recommendation of the Re-entry Committee, Rev. Sam Naumann has been declared eligible for a call into the public ministry in January of 2025. The CLC in Convention elected the following to their respective offices: Pastor Michael Wilke – President; Pastor Joe Naumann – Vice President; Pastor Wayne Eichstadt – Secretary; Pastor Paul Nolting – Moderator.

Guest Speaker – Our thanks to Professor Paul Naumann for bringing us the message from God's Word this morning.

CLC Convention – A brief summary of last week's CLC Convention is available on the mailbox table. Our thanks to our two delegates who gave of their time and treasure to represent St Paul Congregation this past week.

VBS – This summer's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 29-Aug 2, with the annual church picnic to follow on Sunday, August 4. This year's theme is: "In Christ I Am..." See Grace Loeb for more information.