

Those
who lose
their life
for my
sake will
find it

MATTHEW 16:25

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 187 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

Postlude It is our tradition to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to leave we ask that you do so reverently. This tradition developed as a result of our livestream. We want anyone viewing to be able to listen to the postlude without unnecessary distraction. Thank you.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

*Thank you to Rev. Judy McKee for serving as our
Presiding minister and Preacher this morning.*

*If you are in need of Pastoral care this week please contact
Pastor Robert Hoover at 717-858-1832*



The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for Ken and Donna Copeland on their birthdays
by the Kirsten & Sammy Barnes

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 3, 2023
Holy Communion 9:15 AM

PRELUDE

Prayer from “Suite for Organ”

Paul Creston

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

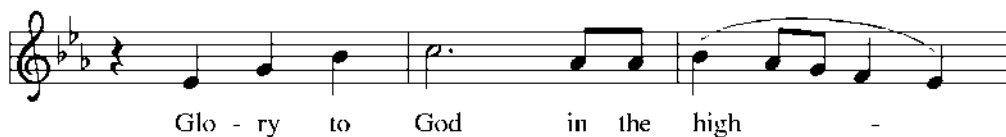
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



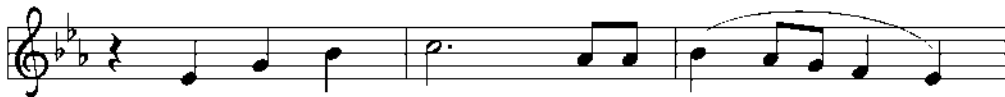
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21 *(back cover)*



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your
 serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change - less love build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

SECOND READING

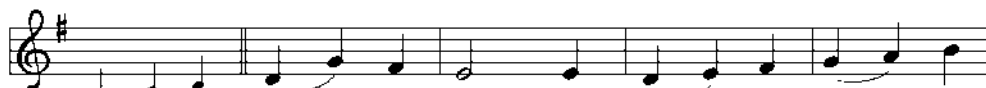
Romans 12:9-21

(back cover)

Stand

VERSE

Sung by all



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

(back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
At the conclusion of the Gospel.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.**Praise to you, O Christ.***Sit***SERMON**

Rev. Judy McKee

*Stand***APOSTLE'S CREED****I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.****He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.****He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.****He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again.****He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.****He will come again to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,****the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,****the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict (*especially in Ukraine*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. We pray for _____, and those we

name in our hearts or on our lips. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of rest, we give thanks for the return of Pastor Reep and his family. Bless our common ministry and be with those who volunteer in our food pantry and who teach in our preschool. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor Nurture us faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

OFFERING

Jesus Calls Us

Emma Lou Diemer

Stand

OFFERTORY *The gifts of bread and wine and monetary gifts are presented at the altar.*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is said.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the for-
giveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE *A brief silence is kept*

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit *The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul’s Church is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).*
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.*
- 6. Consume the communion host.*
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.*
- 8. Consume the wine before you leave the chancel edge.*
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655) next page*

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810) next page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Homage to Perotin

Myron J. Roberts

Perotin was music director at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris from about 1183-1236

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race.
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead;
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

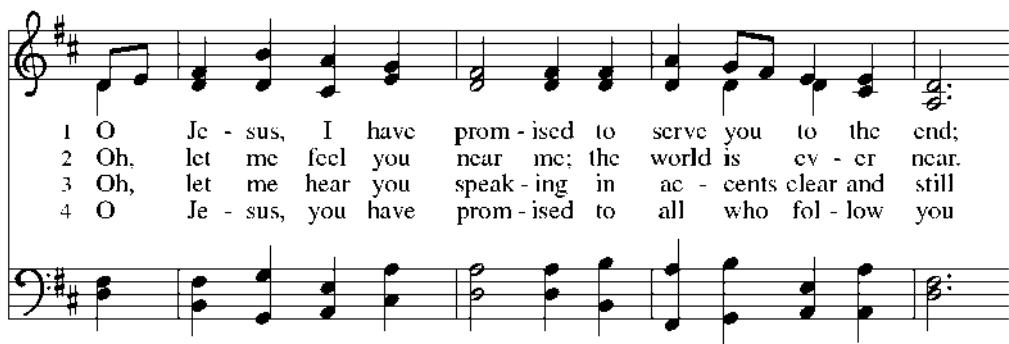


fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Food Pantry—Fall

Items needed: Canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna & Peanut Butter. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”. **Volunteers are needed Tuesday mornings to help our neighbors shop. Call Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.**

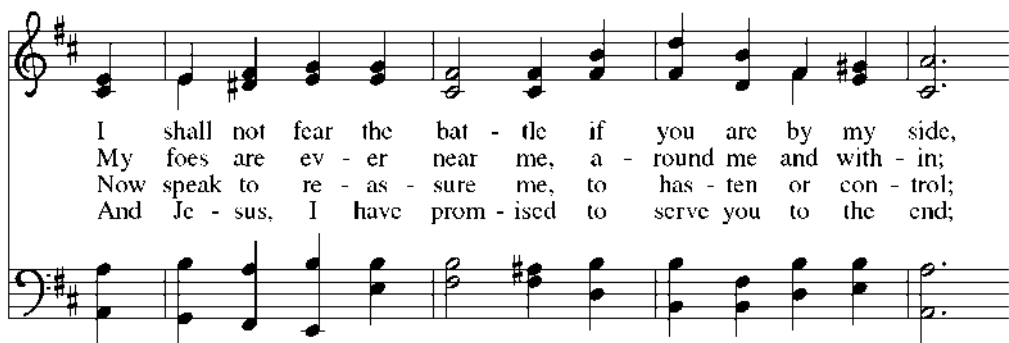
O Jesus, I Have Promised



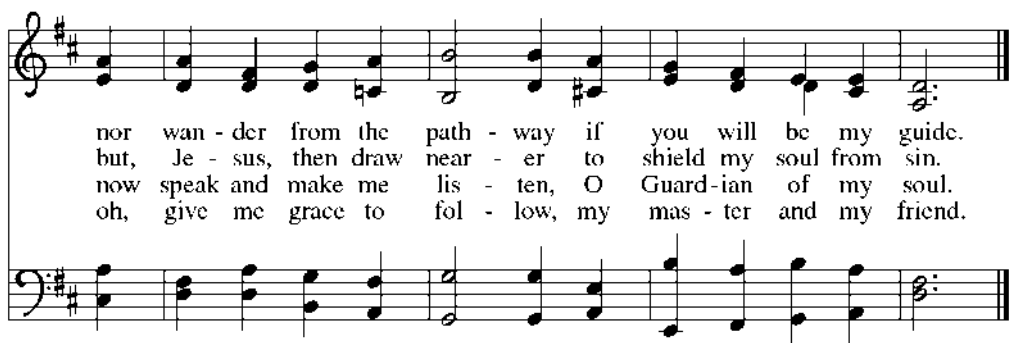
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.



*Please extend birthday wishes to our September “Vintage” Birthdays:
Janice Cromer*

This Week at St. Paul’s

Church Office hours Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm

Sunday, September 3

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

9:30 AM Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 6

No Parking on Springettsbury 8-12 noon
10:30 AM Bible Study Resumes Christ Hall
4:00 PM Book Club Meeting—Panera Bread

Thursday, September 7

Preschool Orientation
6:30 PM Handbell Choir—Chancel
7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Music Room

Sunday, September 10

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Welcome Back Brunch
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 AM—Bible Study resumes in Christ Hall.

Thursday, September 7, 6:30-7:30 PM—Handbell Choir practice resumes.

Thursday, September 7, 7:30-8:30 PM—Chancel Choir practice resumes

Sunday, September 10—The Sunday Worship Schedule Returns to 8:00 & 10:30AM Liturgies

Sunday, September 17, 9:15 AM—Sunday School resumes.



St Paul’s is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church’s Clothing Ministry and your help is requested. Union collects ‘gently used’ clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it **free of charge** to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the gathering space of Christ Hall to collect any clothing our members would like to donate. These donations will surely be a blessing to our neighbors. Union’s volunteers are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help.

Harvest Dinner Tickets are on sale. The dinner will be held on September 30, 2023. Proceeds benefit the Food Pantry. This year will feature select regional wines and local microbrews paired with the menu. Ticket cost is \$100 per person. Contact the office for tickets.



Please be sure to check with the church secretary *before* you schedule your meetings at the church. Call or email the office with your request.

The Sunday Worship Schedule Returns to 8:00 & 10:30AM Liturgies on Sunday September 10



The Sabbatical Committee invites everyone to an
Aloha Return for Pastor Stan
Sunday Sept. 10, 9:15-10:15am
Fellowship Hall

Welcome back Pastor during a breakfast buffet and Thank
the pastors and members that helped during the sabbatical!

Help is needed for the Aloha Return for Pastor Stan

Please let us know if you can:

- *help set-up for the event
- *help clean-up after the event
- *provide food or refreshments for the event

It would also be helpful to know if you will be attending.

Sign-up sheets are on the Aloha tables in the Good Shepherd Room. You can also let us know at Stpaulutheranevents@gmail.com or contact Amy Lipp at 913-219-3670 by September 5th

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Please find a replacement if you are unable to serve on you scheduled date.

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Set-up & Clean-up
9/3	9:15 AM	Tristan Ericson	Tonya Cave	Deb Becker	Janet Fitch	Cliff & Janene Beck, Jim Mummert, Norma Shue	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Dan Mays	Sandy Dickensheets, Tonya Cave

Mission Trip to Tanzania—Our delegation has been assembled. We are blessed to have a group of 30 representing St. Paul’s as we travel to our sister congregation next June. If you would like to help defray the cost of our delegation please use a special envelope located in the pew rack and mark it “Tanzania Trip Donation”.

Many, many, thanks for all your concerns and prayers during my cancer treatments. The treatments were a success!

A special thank you to the prayer shawl committee for the beautiful shawl I received.—Pat Scarborough



Thank you so much for the many prayers sent my way this past year after my cancer diagnosis. I am doing well and super grateful for the amazing church family we have here at St. Paul’s! With love, Erin Bastian

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is
worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalms 26:1-8**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what
is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection;

outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag
in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice
in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospi-
tality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not
curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep
with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one
another; do not be haughty, but associate with the
lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not
repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what
is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as
it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved,
never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath
of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will
repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hun-
gry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them some-
thing to drink; for by doing this you will heap burn-
ing coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by
evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus
was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suf-
fering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen
to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get be-
hind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for
you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to be-
come my followers, let them deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to
save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them
if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or
what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in
the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every-
one for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there
are some standing here who will not taste death be-
fore they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

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