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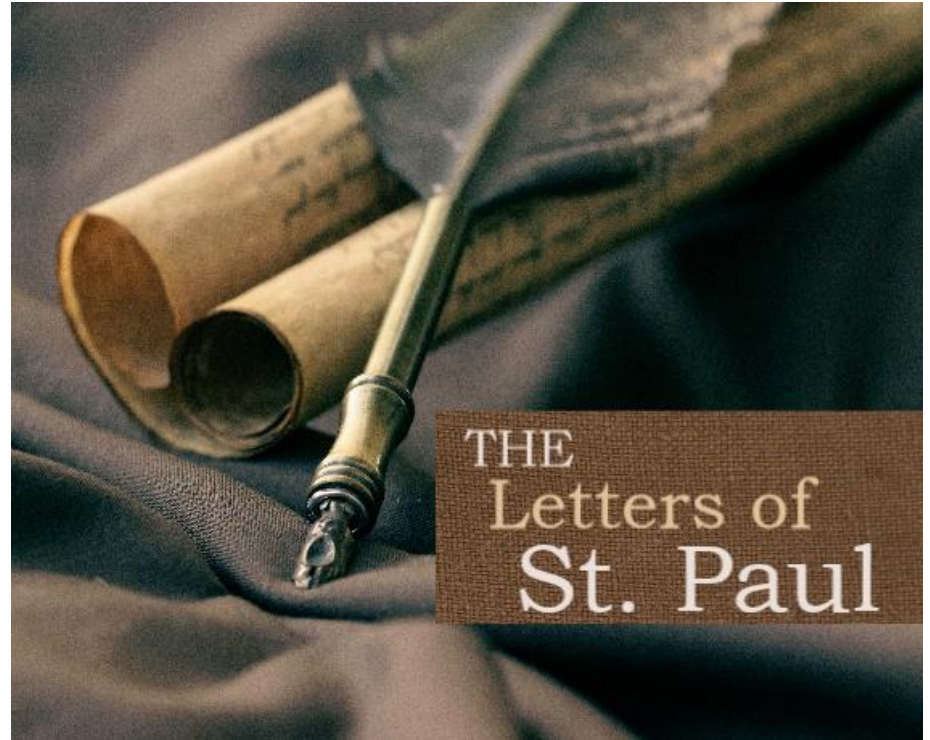
Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day!** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Kay Cooper.**
- ✓ **Acts Bible Study is Wednesday.** We are meeting in the Comfort Room at 7pm. Please read Acts chapters 1-7.
- ✓ **Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention** is this Saturday at 7:45am in Herrmann Park (registration at 7am).

Please pray:

- **For the Doctors of the Church who teach in our Seminaries and Colleges.** Grant your blessing and guidance to our professors who are teaching the new generation of Church leaders.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.

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WORDS OF WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

People of God, Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Let the hearts rejoice.

We are a people beloved by God.

Let us worship.

✠ Opening HYMN

CH #280

“God Is Here”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God,
you give us life—yet we have not lived for you.**

**You have forgiven us—yet we have not
forgiven others.**

**You have loved us—yet we have not loved
ourselves, nor have we loved one another.**

Take mercy on us and forgive us, God.

Help us to forgive.

Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved people of God, believe the Good News!

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 20)

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12 (p. 163)

R: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

CH #501

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING
- OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

CH #274

“I Love Your Church, O God”

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

