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ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & ECDC

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Welcome everyone to our worship service today. If you are a guest, please fill out a fellowship card in the pew and sign one of our guest registry books located at the entrance doors. Please make your presence known to the Pastor if possible.

God bless your time in the Lord's House.

Church Office Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

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“LOVING GOD, LOVING PEOPLE, LOVING ALL FOR CHRIST

Eyes on Jesus: Sleepy Eyes

Hymn of Invocation 663 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

Stand

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

+ Psalmody +

Psalm 121 *Psalm 121; antiphon: v. 4*

Behold, He who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved;
 He who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

+ Readings +

Reading *Romans 13:8–14*

A reading from Romans, chapter 13.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are

summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Reading

Mark 13:32–37

A reading from Mark, chapter 13.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he

come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

Reading

Mark 14:32–42

L A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?

It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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Office Hymn

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Sermon

“Sleepy Eyes” (Mark 14:32–42)

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the Church around the world, ourselves,

and all people in their various needs.

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. *Psalm 145:15*

For farmers and ranchers and those who bring food to market, that God would provide favorable weather, bountiful harvests, and relief from both drought and flood, let us pray to the Lord.

Look on them all in Your mercy, heavenly Father.

My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. *Psalm 25:15*

For all who struggle with unemployment or underemployment, with poor living conditions or displacement from home, with personal demons or ill health, let us pray to the Lord.

Behold their turmoil, Lord Jesus, and grant them relief and hope.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. *Psalm 97:4*

For all people in authority over communities and countries, all whose decisions affect the climate of the planet and the health of its inhabitants, and all who are charged to maintain justice within their borders and peace

among nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Gaze upon Your servants, O Lord; protect and guide them that they may serve with wisdom, compassion, and courage.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD. *Psalms 121:1–2a*

For all who serve the Lord as they care for others—medical personnel and first responders, counselors and advisers, friends and neighbors, professionals and volunteers—let us pray to the Lord.

Observe how they use the gifts You have given them, O Holy Spirit, and open doors of opportunity for them so that many may rejoice together.

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings. *Psalms 17:8*

For the Church around the world, as clergy and lay leaders seek to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully endeavor to share their faith, especially in the face of persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

See their struggle, O Holy Spirit, and give them strength to persevere and grow.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! *Psalms 34:8*

For the Church, wherever it gathers around Word and Sacrament, relying on God's steadfast love and faithfulness, and looking forward to the fulfillment of all His gracious promises, let us pray to the Lord.

Watch over Your Church, Lord Jesus; protect and defend us until that day we see You face to face.

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer from Sunday

Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Nunc Dimittis

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #763 When Peace, like a River