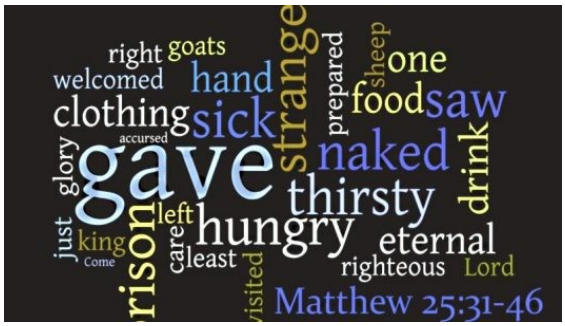
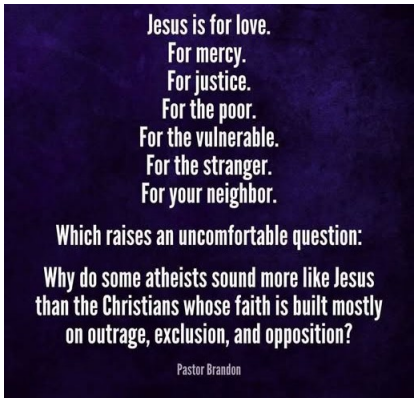
Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!



Last week in the PastorBlast full of upcoming ministries I did not include one of our annual events…A Visit with Santa! I am so sorry, Santa, Mrs. Claus, and all your elves, I didn't forget about your visit, just that I needed to advertise it still. It's been something we do every year for a long time now, but we still need to tell when it is so people can help and show up. Maybe that's like the church sometimes too. We do all that we do as second nature but forget to tell others about it. So… A Visit with Santa is on Saturday, December 5 from 1-3p. There are crafts, cookie decorating, writing letters to Santa and of course, a free picture with Santa (bring your camera or smartphone). If you want to help, sign up in the narthex or fellowship hall, or let Tracy or me know. It's a fun event to be able to see Christmas through kids' eyes.

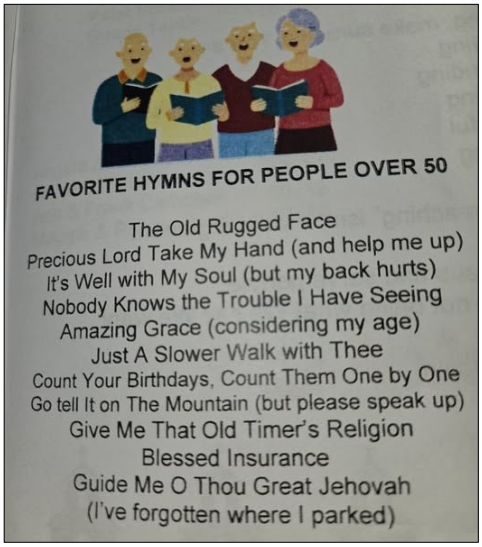


On Sunday we celebrate the end of the church year. The culmination of the year is Christ the King Sunday. We continue to hear from Matthew 25. You'll be hearing how St. Paul is a Matthew 25 church. Matthew 25:40 has been the scripture verse that our Sharing and Caring team, who visits our homebound with communion, keeps as their mission verse. It reminds us that we are called to feed the hungry, visit the lonely, and clothe the naked, for when we do it to the least of our siblings we do it to Jesus himself.



The scripture even lends itself to an interpretation that includes those who do not confess Christ as Lord as entering the kingdom of heaven. When I read that, I thought of this image I saw on Facebook. I remember a story I probably have shared from seminary but it always sticks with me. One of my professors was in a Muslim-dominant country. He was injured hiking and was praying for help. He was saved by a Muslim. To him, he was still being saved by Christ even if the person who did the saving didn't confess Christ as Lord. He called it the Hidden Christ. I believe this world is full of hidden Christs who walk as atheists, agnostics, and people of other faiths, as they live out Christ's command to love their neighbor.

And just in case this PastorBlast is too serious, here is a fun image of songs for those over 50.



Take care and God bless
-PrAshley