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## A Play About Apostle Paul

**PAULUS**  
An Ideal Conversation Starter  
within and between Faith Communities!

In *Paulus*, a compassionate but wary 62-year-old Jesus and an egomaniacal Emperor Nero torment the ailing psyche of the Apostle Paul as he struggles to universalize monotheism against fierce opposition from a Jewish religious establishment threatened with spiritual extinction.

**PLAYING NOVEMBER 7th TO DECEMBER 15th ONLY!**

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

*Paulus* unfolds between 58 C.E. and 64 C.E., providing a unique glimpse into the Apostolic Age of early Christianity and the latter years of Second Temple Judaism.

According to playwright Motti Lerner, "*Paulus* explores neither the historical Paul nor the mythological Paul, but rather a psychological Paul. A Paul who witnessed the crucifixion and was traumatized by it.

The playwright is not a historian; he is not interested in relaying facts but in revealing truths. The meaning of what happened is more important than what actually happened."

### A STATEMENT FROM REVEREND WALTER H. WAGNER

*Moravian Theological Seminary and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia*

Motti Lerner's *Paulus* certainly ought to be seen, and then talked about, especially by church and synagogue groups, ideally in dialogue.

Theater calls for a willing suspension of disbelief, that is, a willingness to enter into the world of imagination to be open to the world in which we live. *Paulus* goes further. For Christians and Jews, the play calls for a willing suspension of belief, that is, a suspension of what we might know about the biblical narratives concerning the Apostle Paul, Jesus, Nero, the high priest Hananiah, late Second Temple Judaism and the First Century C.E. Lerner raises and then leaves us to define "redemption," a subject that should spark lively debate!

### LEARN MORE

Visit [www.silkroadrising.org](http://www.silkroadrising.org) to learn more about *Paulus* and about our theatre!

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Silk Road Rising is a Chicago-based award-winning theatre company.

### A LIMITED RUN!

November 7 - December 15, 2013

### LOCATION

Our theatre is hosted by First United Methodist Church at 77 W. Washington St., Chicago

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- \* Thursdays at 7:30pm
- \* Fridays at 8pm
- \* Saturdays at 4pm and 8pm
- \* Sundays at 4pm

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312-857-1234 x201

### GROUP DISCOUNT

For groups of 10 or more, tickets range from \$15 (for previews) to \$21 (regular run).

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