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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed Your satisfaction with the ransom price He paid, so that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen and Everliving Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

**HYMN 360: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

3 Jesus!--the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain;  
His soul was once an offering made For every soul of man.

7 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever given,  
By saints below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:1-20

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. <sup>4</sup> Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

<sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

<sup>6</sup> So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

<sup>7</sup> And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.”

And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

<sup>11</sup> So the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. <sup>12</sup> And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

<sup>17</sup> And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

<sup>19</sup> So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

<sup>20</sup> Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. (NKJV)

### THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.”

They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?”

They answered Him, “No.”

<sup>6</sup> And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. <sup>9</sup> Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

<sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come *and* eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

<sup>14</sup> This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. (NKJV)

#### THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN 367: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!**

1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Who hast borne our sin and shame,  
By whose merits we find favor! Life is given thro' Thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.  
Ev'ry sin may be forgiven Thro' the virtue of Thy blood;  
Open is the gate of heaven; Peace is made 'twist man and God.

3 Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory, There forever to abide!  
All the heav'nly host adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.  
There for sinners Thou art pleading, There Thou dost our place prepare,  
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

**THE SERMON:** Revelation 5:11-14

Theme: The Lamb of God Receives the Honor Due Him

- I. Beholds the Heavenly Chorus Joined in Praise of the Lamb
- II. Worthy is the Lamb Who Was Slain to Receive Honor
- III. All Creation Shall Praise the Exalted Lamb

**SERMON TEXT:** Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power

Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. (NKJV)

THE OFFERTORY: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen*

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 344: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs**

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne.  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus."  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, For he was slain for us.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow'r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.

4 Let all creation join in one, To bless the sacred name  
Of Him that sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.

BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN 37: 3: "Praise the God of All Creation**

3 Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled to begin at 11:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday School and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30. Sermon text: Revelation 7:9-17.

**SUNDAY MAY 15:** A **special voters’ meeting** will follow immediately after the service. Agenda limited to considering insurance report and roof repair on parsonage and church buildings, and funding of any necessary work.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23-26: CLC CONVENTION in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

**SEPTEMBER 25th:** **St. Paul’s 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance.**  
(Proposed date)

**OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>:** **Mission Festival** (Proposed date) Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer to serve as guest speaker.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 24 worship – 13 Sunday school --- 0 Bible Class - 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$610.00	Missions	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$22,304.00		
Received for Year:	\$22,364.39		

Congregation Spring cleaning day **May 14** 9 a.m. to noon. (Rain date the 21<sup>st</sup>)

LAWN MOWING: May -- Mike Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Luke Willitz is to be installed at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon as pastor of Living Word Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, MN. <> Zachary Sippert, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Michael Wilke, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has declined the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, has received the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.