



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 550:1-6: O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

1 O Splendor of God's glory bright,
Who bringest forth the light from Light;
O Light of light, light's Fountain-spring; O Day, our days enlightening:

2 Come, very Sun of truth and love, Come in Thy radiance from above
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray On all we think or do today.

3 Likewise to Thee our prayers ascend, Father of glory without end,
Father of saving grace, for pow'r To conquer in temptation's hour.

4 Teach us to work with all our might;
Beat back the devil's threatening spite;
Turn all to good that seems most ill; Help us our calling to fulfil.

5 Direct and govern heart and mind, With body chaste and disciplined;
Let faith her eager fires renew And hate the false and love the true.

6 On Christ, the true Bread, let us feed, Let Him to us be drink indeed,
And let us taste with joyfulness The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.

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 13:44-52

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city (*the city of Antioch in the region of Pisidia*) came together to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. ⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us:

'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,
That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

⁴⁸ Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

⁵⁰ But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35

So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. ³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (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 613: Jerusalem the Golden

1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, oh, I know not, What joys await us there,
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

2 They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed Are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David; And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

THE SERMON: Revelation 21:1-6

Theme: The Bliss of Our Heavenly Home

- I. A New Heavens and a New Earth
- II. Dwelling in the Presence of the Lord
- III. A Sure Thing

SERMON TEXT: Revelation 21:1-6

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. (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

The offering of thankful hearts will now be received.

HYMN 307: Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2 He that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 413:5-6: “I Walk with Jesus All the Way”

5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me.
Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heavenward all the way; Await my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heavenward all the way.

CALENDAR

TODAY: 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. The church council will meet following the voters’ meeting to take care of regular monthly business. Sunday School is 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.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

SEPTEMBER 25th: St. Paul’s 80th Anniversary Observance.

OCTOBER 23rd: **Mission Festival** Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer to serve as guest speaker.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 8 worship – 17 Sunday school --- 0 Bible Class - 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1430.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$23,616.00		
Received for Year:	\$24,694.39		

May Cleaning: Spring Cleaning group effort accomplished on May 14.

LAWN MOWING: May -- Mike Nelson

Spring Cleaning Day: A good deal of spring cleaning was accomplished in the morning hours. Thanks to all you came to lend a hand!

DAILY REST SUBSCRIPTIONS: Please sign the sheet on the mailbox table to **renew or cancel** your subscription to the Daily Rest devotion periodical. The \$15 subscription cost should be paid to St. Paul’s. Please respond by Sunday May 29th.

CLC NEWS:

Concluding Activities at Immanuel: Friday, May 20, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.