


...the **free**  
gift of God  
is **eternal life**  
in *Christ Jesus*  
our **LORD.**  
Romans 6:23



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

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Worship: 9:30 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 11: Safely through Another Week**

1 Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;  
Let us now a blessing seek Waiting in His courts today:  
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest!

2 Mercies multiplied each hour Thro' the week our praise demand;  
Guarded by almighty pow'r, Fed and guided by His hand,  
How ungrateful we have been In repaying love with sin!

3 While we pray for pard'ning grace, Thro' the dear Redeemer's Name,  
Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame.  
From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day with Thee.

4 As we come Thy name to praise, May we feel Thy presence near;  
May Thy glory meet our eyes While we in Thy house appear!  
Here afford us, Lord, a taste Of our everlasting feast.

5 May Thy Gospel's joyful sound Conquer sinners, comfort saints;  
May the fruits of grace abound, Bring relief for all complaints.  
Thus may all our Sabbaths prove, Till we join the Church above.

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 14:8-18

And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. <sup>9</sup> This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup> said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. <sup>11</sup> Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian *language*, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" <sup>12</sup> And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their

city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out <sup>15</sup> and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, <sup>16</sup> who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. <sup>17</sup> Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” <sup>18</sup> And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them. (NKJV)

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming *back* to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> “And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.” (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 411:1-5: From Eternity, O God**

1 From eternity, O God, In Thy Son Thou didst elect me;  
Therefore, Father, on life's road Graciously to heav'n direct me;  
Send to me Thy Holy Spirit That His gifts I may inherit.

2 Though alive, I'm dead in sin, Lost to all good things by nature.  
Holy Ghost, change me within, Make of me a new-born creature;  
For the flesh works ruination And can never gain salvation.

3 Drive away the gloomy night Of my heart's perverse reflection;  
Quench all tho'ts that are not right, Hold my reason in subjection;  
Grant that I from Thee, with yearning, Wisdom always may be learning.

4 Oh, create a heart in me That in Thee, my God, believeth  
And o'er the iniquity Of my sins most truly grieveth.  
When dark hours of woe betide me, In the wounds of Jesus hide me.

5 As a branch upon a vine In my blessed Lord implant me;  
Ever of my Head divine To remain a member grant me.  
Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior, Be my Life and Love forever!

**THE SERMON:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Theme: The Holy City Jerusalem: Our Safe Place

I. Dwelling within Secure Walls

II. Possessing the Securest of Relationships with our God and Savior

**SERMON TEXT:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: <sup>13</sup> three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

<sup>14</sup> Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>22</sup> But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. (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 614: For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country**

1 For thee, O dear, dear country, Mine eyes their vigils keep;  
For very love, beholding Thy happy name, they weep.  
The mention of thy glory Is unction to the breast,  
And medicine in sickness And love and life and rest.

2 O one, O only mansion, O Paradise of joy,  
Where tears are ever banished And smiles have no alloy!  
The Lamb is all thy splendor, The Crucified thy praise;  
His laud and benediction Thy ransomed people raise.

3 With jasper glow thy bulwarks, Thy streets with em'rals blaze;  
The sardius and the topaz Unite in thee their rays;  
Thine ageless walls are bonded With amethyst unpriced;  
The saints build up thy fabric, And the corner-stone is Christ.

4 Thou hast no shore, fair ocean; Thou hast no time, bright day,  
Dear fountain of refreshment To pilgrims far away!  
Upon the Rock of Ages They raise thy holy tower;  
Thine is the victor's laurel, And Thine the golden dower.

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

BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN 52: Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which thro' Thy grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise Thee for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

CALENDAR

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

**WEDNESDAY:** Ladies Aid is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. with Donna Cole serving as hostess.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class enter summer recess. Catechism class is scheduled for **10:30**. Sermon text: Revelation 22:12-17, 20.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**SEPTEMBER 25th:** St. Paul's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance.

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

SERVING TODAY

**Organist:** Denise Barthels

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:**

Attendance: May 15 worship – 12 Sunday school --- 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$680.00	
Needed for Year:	\$26,240.00	
Received for Year:	\$25,374.39	

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

LAWN MOWING: May -- Mike Nelson

**CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:**

**ROOFING:** In a special voters meeting last Sunday the church accepted a proposal from K&L Construction from Austin for \$53,625.00 to replace the shingles both on the church roof and the parsonage roof. Any additional roof repairs (ie: plywood sheeting) will be an added expense. Much of the cost of this project is covered by insurance, however the remaining balance will more than deplete the balance in the Property Improvement Fund. **Please prayerfully consider making a special offering to the Property Improvement Fund** to help with the cost of these roofing repairs, and to help replenish the balance in the Property Improvement fund for future capital improvements and any necessary maintenance that may arise.

**Water Line repair:** The water service to the church started to leak into the church basement. Since this leak occurred before the meter it has been repaired by Austin Public Utilities without any expense to the church. However, it required some excavation both in the church basement and outside the main church doors. Please be cautious until all repairs are finished.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CLC NEWS:** Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has declined the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.