



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 come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing, have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

HYMN 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

¹ Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

² Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,
Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

³ Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light and in 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 EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:15-22

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷For *it* is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (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 246: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

³ Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE SERMON: Acts 17:22-31

Theme: Knowing the Unknown God.

I. Seeking the Unknown God

II. God Calls ALL to Repentance

SERMON TEXT: Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of

us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." (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 17: Oh Worship the King

¹ Oh, worship the King All glorious above;
Oh, gratefully sing His pow'r and His love,
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor And girded with praise!

² Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.

³ The earth, with its store Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r Hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, Like a mantle, the sea.

⁴ Thy bountiful care What tongues can recite?
It breathes in the air, It shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills In the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust And feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust Nor find Thee to fail.
 Thy mercies, how tender, How firm to the end,
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might, Ineffable Love,
 While angels delight To hymn Thee above,
 Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration Shall sing to Thy praise.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Bible class is scheduled to follow the service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with communion at 9:30 a.m. Church council is scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Ephesians 1:16-23.

JUNE 20-22: General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 7 worship – 9; No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,340.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 675.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$25,460.00	Prop. Improv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$19,605.00	

May Cleaning: group spring cleaning.

May Lawn Mowing: Joe & Katie Ubl

Lawn Mowing volunteers: The sign up sheet can be found on the mailbox table in the narthex.

THANKS to all who helped with Church Spring Cleaning. A number of volunteers were able to come yesterday and to take on some cleaning chores. Others came when they could and accomplished some other cleaning goals. The efforts of all are appreciated! (There will also still be a list of property projects drawn up for volunteers to take on. Volunteers for lawn mowing are also still needed.)

“The Lutheran Spokesman” and “Daily Rest” subscriptions renewal:

It is time to renew our subscriptions to our devotional publications. *The Lutheran Spokesman* is a valuable for also advancing our general knowledge of the truth and keeping us in touch with the ministries of our CLC and also our affiliates worldwide. Annual subscription are **\$14**.

The *Daily Rest* devotions provides scripture-based meditations written by CLC pastors and teachers for each Monday through Friday throughout the year. Gift subscriptions of each is an easy way share the gospel with friends and loved ones. Annual subscriptions are **\$15**.

Subscriptions sheets can be found on the mailbox table in the narthex. Payment should be made to St. Paul’s.

The Branches: A CLC women s periodical is also currently in its new subscription period. This is a quarterly periodical written by CLC women to increase fellowship among CLC women. It has many interesting features including Bible studies and even recipes, all following a specific theme with each issue. More information can be found with the half sheet flyer to be found by church copies of the Branches.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN has returned the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Messiah, Eau Claire has now extended that call to Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX.