



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45 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 239: Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success; Stablish Thy righteousness,
Savior and Friend!

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r!

4 To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore!

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

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said:

“Woe *is* me, for I am undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The LORD of hosts.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”

⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
“Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?”
Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.” (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that
You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that
You do unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless
one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can
he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of
water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is
born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind
blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where
it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the
Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do
not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what
We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our
witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how
will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to
heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man
who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in
Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should
not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into
the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might
be saved.” (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 245: God Loved the World so that He Gave

1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

THE SERMON: Romans 8:12-17

Theme: Indebted to the One True God for the Blessings of Salvation

- I. Indebted to the Spirit for Calling Us to be God's Children
- II. Indebted to the Father for the greatness of His Love
- III. Indebted to the Son for the Inheritance Secured for Us in Heaven

SERMON TEXT: Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV)

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 23: Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring

1. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration. To Him thro’ everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow’r, and praise, Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing, Holy, holy, God is holy, --
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

2. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected. He bo’t His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union and communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

3. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom bro’t, Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

4. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy, --
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Bible class enters summer recess.

Text: Mark 2:23-3:6

SATURDAY, JUNE 10: Delegate conference at Grace Lutheran church

Fridley, MN beginning at 10:00.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Minister of the gospel: Pastor Ted Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 19 worship –12, No Bible Class

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$1,374.00 | Other Offerings: |
| Offerings Received | \$1,070.00 | Memorials: |
| Needed for Year: | \$27,480.00 | Carol (Krieger) Hoopman for |
| Received for Year: | \$21,687.00 | Prop. Improv. Fund \$100.00 |
| | | Lincoln Cole: |
| | | Prop. Imprv. Fund \$ 65.00 |

May Lawn Mowing: Leon.

“The Branches” The cost is \$16.00/year for 4 issues. Checks are payable to, "The Branches," and should be sent to: Sandy Hulke, Subscription Manager, 29985 Norway Ave, Lindstrom, MN 55045.

CLC NEWS: Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, has returned the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

CLC CONVENTION PROSPECTUS: Hard copy available upon request, or go to: tinyurl.com/2024CLCProspectus

CLC Financial Report - April

| CLC Financial Report Operating Funds | Balance 7/1/2023 | YTD Revenue | YTD Disbursed | Budget 10 Months | Balance 4/30/2024 |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | 0 | 950,065 | 967,739 | 993,000 | (17,674) |
| ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) | 0 | 1,475,078 | 1,334,798 | 1,365,000 | 140,280 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) | 133,349 | 67,656 | 80,163 | | 120,842 |
| ILC Building Projects | 1,279,816 | 280,380 | 71,931 | | 1,488,265 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 95,621 | 218,562 | 186,495 | | 127,688 |
| Kinship | 168,286 | 153,682 | 141,076 | | 180,892 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) | 2,323,176 | 857,343 | 472,893 | | 2,707,626 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) | 145,399 | 88,656 | 157,848 | | 76,207 |
| Reserve Fund | 95,555 | 5,052 | 0 | | 100,607 |
| Auxiliary Funds Totals | \$4,241,202 | \$1,671,331 | \$1,110,406 | | \$4,802,127 |

General Fund – April receipts: **\$84,814** VS disbursements: **\$86,281**. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

ILC Operations – April receipts: **\$125,253** VS disbursements: **\$125,576**.

IIF – April receipts: **\$3,672** VS disbursements: **\$10,524**.

ILC Building Projects – April receipts: **Negative \$33,327** (contributions of \$5,163 offset by a \$38,490 decrease in market value of investments) VS disbursements: **\$6,395**.

MDF – April receipts: **\$17,118** VS disbursements: **\$40,440** (including a vehicle in Nepal and a motorcycle in Bangladesh for a total of \$14,500.)

Kinship – April receipts: **\$16,519** VS disbursements: **\$1,428**.

CEF – April receipts: **Negative \$29,415** (mortgage payments and contributions of \$29,498 offset by a \$58,914 decrease in market value of investments) VS disbursements: **\$5,474**.

SAF – April receipts: **\$7,579** VS disbursements: **\$10,255** (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end.

EduK8 Fund – April receipts: **\$2,765**. Balance **\$46,151**.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees