

With joy
you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

-Isaiah 12:3



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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (237:1)

HYMNS: 1; 769; 761; 800

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

We have perfect joy awaiting us in the New Jerusalem. All the pain and sorrow and frustration of this life will be gone forever. God will wipe every tear from the eyes of those whom He shall bring into the glory of that new heavens and new earth. God shall dwell with us, and all that are there shall be the people of God!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35

God is glorified in Jesus and the salvation which He alone could bring to this sinful earth. Jesus has gone before us, into death and then to the glory reserved for Him in heaven. Though we cannot go to be with Him now, He has reserved a place for us in heaven also. Now while we await His glorious return let us live in love for one another. Christian love is the mark of true discipleship.

THE SERMON: Acts 13:44-52

Theme: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Hostile World

I. Facing Hostility

II. Knowing the Power of the Gospel

III. Being Filled with Joy and the Holy Spirit

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school, and Bible Class follow the service.
Rochester service at 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism in Lake Mills at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Divine Word service in Spring Valley at 7:30 a.m. Sermon text: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 11: **Spring clean up day** at church both inside and outside. Lists for inside cleaning and outside maintenance and clean up will be ready by next Sunday so individuals may volunteer for specific jobs even if they are not able to attend on May 11. Rain date is May 18.

Sunday June 16: **Delegate Conference** in Mankato starting at 3:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

-Organist: Denise Barthels

-Ushers: Leon Hellickson, Preston Johnson, Melvin Eichstadt,
Ken Nickson

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 21 worship - 40 Bible Class - 12 Sunday school - 4

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1,045.00		
Offerings Received	917.00		
Needed for Year:	16,720.00		
Received for Year:	16,326.00		

Ladies' Aid Thanks: The Ladies' Aid thanks all who gave gifts for new spring silk floral arrangements for the altar.

Web Site: Please check out our restored congregation website. Starting this week the bulletin and sermon will be on the site each week: <http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/>

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 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 GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35

31 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 SERMON TEXT: Acts 13:44-52

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city 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)