



Trust in the  
LORD forever,  
for the LORD GOD  
is an everlasting rock.

-Isaiah 26:4

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your Holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus, that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (38:1-3)

HYMNS: 390; 371; 353; 52

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 1:5-10

“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.” Do we then walk in darkness or light? Do we sin willfully, following the lusts of the flesh? Let us turn away from the darkness of this world and walk in the light of Christ. This is the light of gospel, that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is the righteousness of God which the Spirit would lead us to trust for life and salvation.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:12-16

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Jesus boldly testified that He is the Light of the world. Those who would be His disciples will not walk in the darkness of this world. Darkness and light is not only doing good or bad, but understanding righteousness and judgment. Although the Pharisees (then as well as their counterparts now) challenge the judgment of Jesus, His judgment is true. He does not judge according to the flesh. Those that judge according to the flesh judge imperfectly according to the righteousness of man. Jesus' judgment is true, according to the will of His Father in heaven.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 51: 1-12

Theme: God Comforts His People with His Righteousness

I. God's Assurance When All Seems Bleak

II. God's Assurance When All Seems Bleak

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION OFFICERS

In the regular fall quarterly meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church the following have been elected to serve the congregation. Today they willingly give their pledge to serve the Lord and this congregation as the Lord gives them strength. Randy Berg - Chairman; Norman Schwartz – Vice chairman; Joe Ubl – Secretary; Ken Nickson – Treasurer; Lincoln Cole – Financial Secretary; Luke Berg – Chairman Board of Building and Grounds; Leon Hellickson, Joe Ubl, Melvin Eichstadt – elders.

CALENDAR

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TODAY: Immediately after the service this morning Pastor will present the pastoral address from St. Paul's annual report Sunday School and Bible Class will follow that presentation. In Bible class important information concerning the CLC ministry and its budget plan will be presented. A pot-luck meal will follow after Bible class. The annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY: Area Pastor Meeting at Berea in Inver Grove Heights.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class in Lake Mills at 4:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service.

#### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday.

March 28- 30: **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** at the Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona, MN, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

#### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Ubl/Barthels

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OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 26 Worship – 12, There was no Sunday school or Bible class due to bad weather.

**Gift of Appreciation:** It is that time of year when we gather a gratuity for those who have provided us with music for our services in the past year. The offering basket by the mail box table is designated for that purpose and gifts will be received through the remainder of the month.

**TOUR CHOIR INVITATION:** This year the tour route for Immanuel Lutheran College choir goes right through Austin. We therefore have the opportunity to invite the choir to present a concert here at St. Paul's on **Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.** This would involve feeding the choir lunch and serving refreshments after the concert. They will need to be on the road by 2:30 p.m. to make the long drive to Kansas City, MO. This matter will be discussed/decided at today's voters' meeting.

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