



*O come, let us
worship and bow down,
let us kneel before
the Lord, our maker!
-Psalm 95:6*

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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PRAYER: O Lord God our Heavenly Father, we come into Your presence to hear Your holy Word and to worship and praise You for your great Love. May our worship be pleasing in your sight, and may You give us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith, increase our love for You, and keep us steadfast until that day when Christ shall come and take us to our heavenly home to live with you forever in peace and joy. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

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

HYMNS: 748; 250; 243; 644

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 4:1-12

Peter and John were bold in proclaiming Christ as our crucified and risen Savior. They told the Jewish counsel that it was the power of Jesus that healed the lame man, and that there is salvation in none other than Christ alone. Jesus is the only name by which we must be saved.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-6

Jesus addressed these words of the Sermon on the Mount to disciples who came and assembled before Him. We are then right to understand that these are words regarding our spiritual state before the Lord. We are blessed if we are poor in spirit, that we humble ourselves before the Lord and mourn our sin, for we shall then be comforted, and by His grace be brought into the kingdom of God. Being meek isn't the way of the world, but the Lord brings us to love others in their need, knowing our inheritance is in a new earth. If we seek righteousness from the Lord we shall be filled with the righteousness of Christ.

THE SERMON: Genesis 17:1-9

Theme: God's Covenant with Abraham Is the Covenant
of Our Salvation

- I. A Personal Covenant with Almighty God
- II. A Covenant with Many Nations
- III. An Everlasting Covenant

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 Sermon text: Acts 8:26-38

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1-2: Vacation Bible School Friday evening August 1st, 6:00-8:00, Saturday August 2 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. This year's series is entitled: In the Courts of the Lord.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 29 Worship -28

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$896.00		
Needed for Year:	27,380.00		
Received for Year:	25,045.50		

Spokesman subscriptions \$45.00

CLC NEWS: Pastor Scott Schiermeister of Loveland Co died this past Monday. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and two young daughters. Let us remember them in our prayers. Peggy and her family are moving to Bismark, ND where they will live with her husband's parents. St. Paul Lutheran Church our CLC congregation in Bismark, has established a special fund to assist this family in its time of need. Both condolences and gifts to this fund may be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church 2510 East Divide Ave. Bismark, ND 58501.

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew has accepted the call to the joint parish of Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran Church of New Ulm, MN. Pastor Joel Fleischer of Marquette MI as received the call to Brea Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, SD.

We currently have 8 pastoral vacancies in the CLC, Millston, Wisconsin, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Mapleton North Dakota, Loveland, Colorado, Lakewood (Denver), Colorado, Blue Springs (Kansas City), Missouri,

Live Oak, Florida, Lawrenceville (Atlanta) Georgia. **“Pray the Lord of the harvest that He send out laborers into His harvest.”** (Matthew 9:38).

A 4th of July message from Martin Luther:

What Luther Says on Government and Citizenship.

“God states His will that there should be government, princes, and lords, to whom we should be obedient, let them be whoever and whatever they will. And we should not ask whether they have the rule and the government with justice and right or with injustice, and hold it thus; we must merely look upon the power and government which is good, for it has been ordained and instituted by God (Rom 13:1). You dare not abuse the government if you occasionally are oppressed by princes and tyrants, and they abuse their power which they have from God; they will surely have to give an account of it. The abuse of a thing does not make the thing evil which in itself is good. ... But what if they should want to take the Gospel from us, or prohibit its preaching? Then you shall say: ‘The Gospel and the Word of God I will not give you, neither have you any power concerning that; for your government is a temporal government over earthly goods, but the Gospel is a spiritual, heavenly possession; therefore your power does not extend over the Gospel and the Word of God. ... That we shall not yield, for it is the power of God (Rom 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18) against which even the portals of hell cannot prevail (Matt. 16:18). Therefore the Lord condenses these two points very nicely, and separates them from each other in one verse, and says: ‘Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.’ To God pertains His honor, that I believe Him to be the true, almighty, and wise God, and confess that He is the Author of everything good. But to the government is due [honor],” ... “tax, and obedience. God wants the heart; the body and goods are under the government, over which it should rule in the stead of God.”