



*For the word of God
is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword ...
discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12

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: Lord God, heavenly Father we thank and praise You for revealing Yourself to us as our Savior from sin and death, and that You have called us to faith through the truth of Your word. Preserve us in Your truth that our faith may always be founded on those gospel precepts presented through Your servant Martin Luther, that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Jesus' merits, the truth of Christ being found in Scripture alone. We praise You in our Savior's name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 758; 266; 774; 261

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Chronicles 29:1-12a, 15-20
A young King Hezekiah realized (because of the upbringing given him by a devout mother) how serious the spiritual corruption of Judah was, and how important it was for the people that true worship be restored. It was a top priority set about in the first year of his reign that reform take place and that true worship of God be maintained. May we also regard God's Word as holy, and respect the teaching we have received from our elders, and keep true worship the top priority of our lives. Here we receive God's grace and salvation.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-17

Early in His ministry, (and then again in its final days) Jesus cleansed the temple of the many abuses that were accepted there, abuses that not only took advantage of worshipers, but undermined the truth of the gospel. This was a grave and serious danger for the common practice had taken the house of prayer and made it a den a thieves, a place where the children of God are misled, and allowed to be victims of others' greed and social or political agendas.

THE SERMON: Hebrews 13:7-9

Theme: Reformation Principles Preserving the Gospel Among Us

- I. Remembering those who Taught us the Truth of God's Word
- II. Jesus is Unchanging

November 1, 2015

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

III. Maintaining Purity of Doctrine

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible Class will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Divine Word Worship at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30, with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. Sermon text: Colossians 3:1-4.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend. Please consider the second special insert encouraging participation at convention of lay delegates.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes, Leon Hellickson Melvin Eichstadt, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 25 Worship – 34 Sunday school – 3 Bible Class -16

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,018.00	Missions	\$260.00
Needed for Year:	\$49,106.00		
Received for Year:	\$37,081.00		

What Luther Says about God’s Word: As a Precious Gift

“Among all gifts the gift of the Word of God is the most valuable. For if you take this away, it is like taking the sun away from the earth. For if the Word were removed, what would the world be but a hell and a mere realm of Satan, though people of wealth, lawyers, doctors, etc., dwell in it? What can and do these people accomplish without the Word? For only the Word keeps a joyful conscience, a gracious God, and all religion, since out of the Word, as from a spring flows our entire religion. Indeed the Word sustains the entire world. Without the Word and Christ the world would not continue to exist for one moment. Therefore though

there are many great gifts of God in the world, given for the benefit of man, yet the one gift which includes and sustains all the others is the Word, which proclaims that God is merciful and promises forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. But I ask you, could this life still be considered life if we had to dispense with these blessings” (*What Luther Says* par. # 4733).

What Luther Says about God’s Word: and its power in your life.

“You must always have the Word of God in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. Where the heart is idle and the Word does not ring out, the devil breaks in and has done damage before we are aware of it. On the other hand, such is the power of the Word if it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used that it is never without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devotion and purifies the heart and thoughts. For these are not inert or dead but active and living words” (*What Luther Says* paragraph # 4742).

Hymn 238:3-5

3. “Lord God, our King on heaven’s throne
Our Father, the Almighty One.
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son,
True God from all eternity,
O Lamb of God, to Thee we flee.

4. “Thou dost the world’s sin take away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
Thou dost the world’s sin take away;
Give ear unto the prayer we say.
Thou sitt’st at God’s right hand for aye;
Have mercy on us, Lord we pray.

5. “Thou only art the Holy One;
Thou only o’er all things Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
Thee only as the Lord Most High;
Thou art, the Holy Ghost with Thee,
One in the Father’s majesty.”