



Blessed is the nation
whose God is
the LORD.

-Psalm 33:12

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: 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. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 575; 579; 581; 577

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:11-17

The greatest benefit we can bring our nation is to be good citizens who not only respect our rulers and live as law abiding citizens, but also refrain from the evils of this world. This will reveal that the charges and name calling of this world against us are groundless. So we silence the ignorance of unbelief, even as we glorify our Lord by our wholesome conduct that others may know the way of righteousness and life. "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the *President!*"

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:24-29

When the people of a nation follow the Lord, and their society builds its culture on the words of Christ, then that people will be blessed for they will be building upon a rock solid foundation. This begins with each of us, hearing the Word of Christ, and recognizing His authority. Those who reject his word, and build upon their own wisdom and desires are building upon an uncertain foundation, and when the storms of life come, and they will come, they shall fall because they built upon sand. As this is true for the individual, this is true for a society. Our best contribution to honor America is to be faithful Christians, active in our society.

THE SERMON: Genesis 19:27-29

Theme: God Bless the USA

- I. May America Acknowledge Almighty God
- II. May America Know the Holy Will of God
- III. May America Be Blessed by God's Grace

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday and school and Bible Class are in summer recess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. The children will be singing the hymn learned in VBS. Sermon text: Matthew 13:44-46.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 19 Worship – 17; (June 26 no service – devotion lead by Melvin Eichstadt – 6 in attendance. Thank you, Melvin!)

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,280.98	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$120.00
Needed for Year:	\$28,875.00	ILC Student Aid	\$ 5.00
Received for Year:	\$23,114.98		

There is still a need for considerable contributions to the Property Improvement Fund following the replacement of the parsonage furnace and air conditioning. The Lord has placed a challenge before us, which is also an opportunity to show our gratitude to Him for the gospel. Any gift, great or small, is seen by the Lord for the thank offering it is.

CLC NEWS: Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, pastor of Holy Truth Lutheran, Ketchikan AK. <> Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND. <> The Rev. Caleb Schaller, associate pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has received the call to serve as pastor at Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. <> Mr. Paul Tiefel III, teacher at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has received the call to serve as principal/teacher at St. Stephen, Mountain View CA. Mr. Timothy Daub, a member of Gethsemane, Spokane Valley WA, has successfully completed the second phase of colloquy and has been added to the CLC roster of called servants. <>The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Bruce Naumann as full-time visiting missionary, with duties to include work among our various overseas mission fields as well as here in the U.S. <> Pastor George Dumann has declined the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, MI.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:11-17

¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. ¹³ Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— ¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (NKJV)

THE SERMON TEXT: Psalm 33:8-12

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

The plans of His heart to all generations.

¹² Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD,

The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. (NKJV)