



**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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PRESERVICE 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 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 243; 410; 413; 50

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

Paul focuses on “the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” During our earthly pilgrimage we reveal that gracious good will of God in our sanctified Christian lives, avoiding sin, also living lives of praise and prayer. God has set us apart from sin that we might be found blameless, in both soul and body, at Jesus’ coming. The Lord who called us to faith is the One who keeps us in truth faith.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord has called us to be His servants, caretakers of His gifts and the treasure of the gospel. In this parable we see that not all have been given equal gifts, but the Lord looks for a satisfactory return on that which He has entrusted to each of us. That includes not only our faith, but also the many different blessings and talents and abilities which He has distributed among us according to His gracious will. May we be found faithful stewards of the Lord’s grace!

THE SERMON: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Theme: Elijah Restoring the Widow’s Son Reveals

The LORD’s Victory over Death.

- I. The Bitterness of Death
- II. The LORD is Lord of Life
- III. The Gospel Truth

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Church Picnic follows after the service this morning. Please stay and join in the fun and fellowship.

MONDAY: Pastor Barthels is scheduled to be in Mankato for a Meeting of the Minnesota pastors. He should be back in Austin by about 5:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sunday School begins! Church council follows after the service. Sermon text: James 3:13-18.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19: Pastor Barthels leaves on vacation.

September 25: Lay service in Pastor Barthels absence.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Hellickson; Lawn Mowing: Leon Hellickson

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 4 Worship – 17

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 791.00	Memorials: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$41,580.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$100.00
Received for Year:	\$31,584.98	

We are behind in our budgetary offerings to the point that the church council needed to authorize a \$1000 loan from the Memorial fund. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration.

CLC NEWS: Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA. <> Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND. <> The Rev. Steven Karp, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Hayward CA, has announced his retirement. He will continue serving St. Stephen for a time. <> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Paul Tiefel, pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. <> This year ILC seminary seniors are serving as vicars in the following congregations: Tom Naumann: Calvary Lutheran, Marquette, MI

Sam Rodebaugh: Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN Stefan Sonnenfeld: Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI

**From the Family of Prof. Paul Naumann:** Winston Churchill famously said, of the Battle of Britain, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few." Our family's case is the opposite. I wonder whether, in the history of our fellowship, so many dedicated believers have ever before put such an astonishing amount of effort into a project that benefitted just one family - the family of ILC's incoming professor. The renovation of the Claymore Lane house stands as a monument to Christian love. Just a few weeks before we arrived in Eau Claire, the structure was gutted -- sans windows, sans flooring, sans siding -- sans just about everything! Neighbors tell us that they thought the house was to be torn down. Instead, skilled and dedicated Christians from CLC congregations near and far sacrificed hours of their own time to create a beautiful home for our incoming family. The work was finished right on time, and we moved into a beautiful house with new flooring, siding, windows, cabinets and a host of other improvements and upgrades. Words are weak instruments to express our pleasure upon moving into so beautiful and comfortable a home. At first we were flattered that so many people would invest such a great amount of effort just for us; then we realized that the effort wasn't only -- or even primarily -- for us. Rather, it was done out of deep love for the Lord Jesus, and that's even more gratifying. "*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*" -- *Psalms 133:1*. Thank you, thank you, our dear Christian brethren!

### **Hymn 248:1-3 Father of Glory, to Thy Name**

Father of glory, to Thy name  
Immortal praise we give  
Who dost an act of grace proclaim  
And bid us rebels live.

Immortal honor to the Son,  
Who makes Thine anger cease;  
Our lives He ransomed with His own  
And died to make our peace

To Thine almighty Spirit be  
Immortal glory giv'n,  
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee  
And train us up for heav'n.