



*I will lift
up the cup
of salvation
and call on
the name of
the LORD.*

-Psalm 116:13

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: Oh God, who does not desire the death of the sinner, but that he turn from his sinful and live, I come to You even though I have sinned and deserve only Your wrath. But I flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave His body and blood for my redemption. May I always believe this and never waver. Grant that I may worthily go to Your altar to receive the very body and true blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, that I may duly praise laud, and honor Your love and your mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 84:1-5)

How lovely *is* Your tabernacle,

O Lord of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, even faints

For the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,

And the swallow a nest for herself,

Where she may lay her young—

Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts,

My King and my God.

⁴ Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;

They will still be praising You.

⁵ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You,

Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-8

Abram believed God. He believed God's promises, as farfetched as they may have sounded, as distant in time as they were. Abram believed God and acted according to that faith. He left his homeland and established himself in a strange land as a foreigner, and there he built an altar, and called on the name of the LORD.

THE PASSION HISTORY: The Betrayal

Jesus did not try to run or hide. He went out and met the betrayer and those who would arrest Him. He submitted to the Father's will and protected those whom He had called. He even healed one of His enemies. All was done that the Scriptures might be fulfilled, and we might be saved.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In the early church Holy Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were even allowed to watch it! Of course, this practice was more strict than necessary, but the early church did understand something that many today do not. Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can properly prepare. Thank you.

THE SERMON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Theme: Possess Abraham's Certainty of Salvation.

- I. This Certainty Is NOT Found in Personal Obedience
- II. This Certainty Is Found in Faith.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Lenten meditations continue. Supper at 6:00; meditations at 7:00. The theme for this year's meditations is "*The Blood of Jesus.*" Wednesday's sermon text: Romans 3:25-26. Theme: "*The Propitiating Blood.*"

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 20:17-28*

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 5 worship – 19, Sunday school – 1 Bible Class 11
 March 12 worship 20 Wednesday March 15 worship - 14

This offering report includes offerings from 3/5 – 3/12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$3073.00	Missions \$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$13,277.00	
Received for Year:	\$10,262.00	

Memorials: Lincoln Cole Prop Imrv. Fund \$50.00 Samantha Barthels ILC Student Aid - \$25.00.

CLC NEWS: Claire Abbas, Peace Thru Christ Lutheran, Middleton WI, has returned two calls: Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI, and Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY. <> The Rev. David Reim, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran, Vernon BC, has returned the call to St. Luke’s Lutheran, Lemmon SD. <> The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL.