

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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 redeem us from sin and death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us power over sin in our lives that we may live the victory Christ won for us; to the praise and glory of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 11; 421; 360; 54

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 91:2, 4, 9-10, 1)

²I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;

My God, in Him I will trust."

⁴He shall cover you with His feathers,

And under His wings you shall take refuge;

His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

⁹Because you have made the Lord, *who is* my refuge,

Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰ No evil shall befall you,

Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses was to lead the Children of Israel to the Promised Land. It was going to be a long pilgrimage that lay before the Children of Israel, a pilgrimage filled with tribulation, danger and temptation. Moses could not see doing it without the Lord. The Lord assured Moses that He would go with Moses and give them rest. So we also travel on our own pilgrimage to the Promised Land of Heaven, knowing the Lord is with us, guiding and protecting us until He gives us that rest of eternal life.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus praises His heavenly Father for revealing the saving truth of the gospel to the spiritually lowly, and not to the self-proclaimed wise and exalted of this world. We praise God that He has enlightened us with His truth, and led us to accept the invitation to come to Jesus. He relieves us of the burden of sin and death, bringing us rest for our souls.

<u>THE SERMON</u>: Romans 7:15-25a **Theme**: The Conflicted Christian!

I. The Inner Conflict of the Christian Heart.

II. Conflict Resolution with God in Christ

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl <u>July Cleaning – Barthels</u> <u>July Lawn Mowing:</u> Joe Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 16 worship - 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$588.00	
Needed for Year:	\$35,003.00	
Received for Year:	\$27,196.00	

CLC NEWS:

CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal – Seventeen CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal assisting Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti, other pastors and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). These seventeen individuals have been divided into four teams for their three weeks of proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 1,500 children in Himalayan villages where HCLCN congregations are located. Pastoral training classes are also being taught among the pastors and Himalayan Bible Institute students of the HCLCN. You can follow along

with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at http://2017clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/ Your prayers are much appreciated.

North Hall Update and Cleaning: The boys dormitory at the Immanuel campus, North Hall, is being updated this summer. Parts of the solar heating system had to be removed in order to install a more efficient natural gas boiler system. New windows are also being installed. The project is progressing as planned. Because of this project occurring over summer, there will be a small window of opportunity to clean it appropriately prior to the opening of the school year. Those willing to help with cleaning during the first two weeks of August are encouraged to contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

Partners in Ministry Program: The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who will be contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and would then need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by August 15. Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

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.