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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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**PRAYER:** Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE:** p. 15

**HYMNS:** 537; 36; 531; 309

**THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT:** (Psalm 136:1,23-26 NKJV)

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*

**For His mercy *endures forever.***

<sup>23</sup> Who remembered us in our lowly state,

**For His mercy *endures forever;***

<sup>24</sup> And rescued us from our enemies,

**For His mercy *endures forever;***

<sup>25</sup> Who gives food to all flesh,

**For His mercy *endures forever.***

<sup>26</sup> Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!

**For His mercy *endures forever.***

*Glory be to the Father...*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Isaiah 55:1-5

The most important, and most beneficial food that exists is not food for the body, but for the soul. Even more striking is the truth that this food cannot be purchased. As much as we spend our assets on food that perishes, this food which feeds our souls comes to us without us paying any price. The price was paid by Jesus, Who Himself is the sure mercies of David the One who makes it possible for us to be called God's holy nation.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:35-39

The Gospel assures us that the trials and tribulations, indeed not any created thing, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

THE SERMON: Matthew 14:13-21

**Theme:** The Feeding of the 5000 Reveals the Lord’s Continual Care.

- I. The Depth of Jesus Compassion
- II. The Almighty Power of the Son of God
- III. The Abundance of His Providential Grace

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: The August church council meeting follows after the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. *Sermon text: 1 Kings 19:9-18.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10: Sunday school and Bible class resume. Church picnic follows. Please encourage all to come. There will be fun and fellowship for all.

September 18 –October 4: Pastor on vacation.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt

August Cleaning – Hellickson August Lawn Mowing: Katie Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 13 worship – 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$760.00	

Needed for Year:	\$39,831.00
Received for Year:	\$31,413.00

**CLC NEWS:** Missionary Todd Olhmann was recently in a bicycle accident resulting in a fractured c3 vertebrae in his neck. A fracture to this vertebrae is very serious and could cause paralysis and even death. Thankfully, the Lord has preserved Todd from either of these. He will need to wear a neck brace and be under some strong movement restrictions for at least a month while they watch the fracture and make sure that it heals. He had a trip to Zambia planned this month, and that will need to be rescheduled.

**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 **September 1** (extended deadline). Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION  
GEMS FROM LUTHER  
(Regarding the Lord's Supper)

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16 NKJV)*

“This passage was a reviving tonic to my heart in my trials concerning this Sacrament; and if we had no more passages than this one, we could nonetheless sufficiently confirm all consciences with it and forcefully enough refute all adversaries. ... Plainly and clearly St. Paul states: The very bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Do you hear, my brother? The broken bread, or the bread distributed in pieces, is the communion of the body of Christ. It is, it is, it is, says he, the communion of the body of Christ. But what is the communion of the body of Christ? It can consist in nothing else than this, that they who individually take a piece of

the broken bread receive in it the body of Christ.” (What Luther Says Volume II p. 797, Ewald Plass Concordia Publishing House c.1959)