



**These are written
so that you may
believe...and...believing...
have life in his name. John 20:31**

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 16; 290; 775; 283

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 34:4-8,1 NKJV)

I sought the Lord, and He heard me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*,

And saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,

And delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord *is* good;

Blessed is the man *who* trusts in Him!

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 9:1-5

Paul was grieved at heart because of the unbelief of so many of his fellow countrymen, the nation to whom the Lord had entrusted His Word and promises. God had chosen this nation, this people to be the ones among whom Christ was born who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Let us learn from Paul's love for the souls of his fellow countrymen, and Paul's zeal and confidence in the gospel as the way to faith and eternal life.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-23

While we may fear when overwhelmed by circumstances of this life, the Lord shows that He is always in control, even of the laws of nature. Jesus walked on water. Peter also, by the power of the Lord, walked on water, but then Peter doubted the power of Jesus' word and he began to sink. Even then when Peter cried out to the Lord the Lord's hand was there to lift him up. Let us trust the power of Jesus' Word, and know that even in our weakness He will lift us up.

THE SERMON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Theme: What Are You Doing Here?

- I. Feeling Defeated (Feelings can be so deceiving.)
- II. Observing the Quiet Power of God's Word.
- III. Proceeding with the Authority of the Sure Word of God.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. *Sermon text: Rom. 11:13-15,28-32.*

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 20 worship – 16

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1230.00	Memorial: Jerry Goergen \$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$41,038.00	
Received for Year:	\$32,643.00	

CLC NEWS: The Rev. John Schierenbeck (em.) has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, to serve as part-time interim pastor. <> Eric Libby has returned the call to teach 11/12 Religion at Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato, MN for the fall semester of 2017; the congregation has now called the Rev. Douglas Libby to the same position, and he has accepted.

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GEMS FROM LUTHER

The Gospel cannot be preached and heard enough, for it cannot be grasped well. We preach nothing; but we are forever and incessantly preaching about the man called Jesus Christ, true God and man, who died for our sins and was raised from the dead for our justification. But although we are forever preaching and repeating this message, we shall never be able to grasp it sufficiently. In this respect we always remain babes and little children who are just learning to read and are hardly able to form half a word, nay, scarcely a quarter of a word.

Therefore we intend to speak about it now, too, because our highest interests depend on it. Moreover, our greatest task is to keep you faithful to this article and to bequeath this treasure to you when we die. For unfortunately it is evident that after we, who are now preaching to you, shall have laid our heads to rest, sectarian spirits and fanatics will come to tear down, to destroy, and to demolish what we have built.” (What Luther Says, V.2, #1710, Ewald Plass, Concordia Publishing House c. 1959)