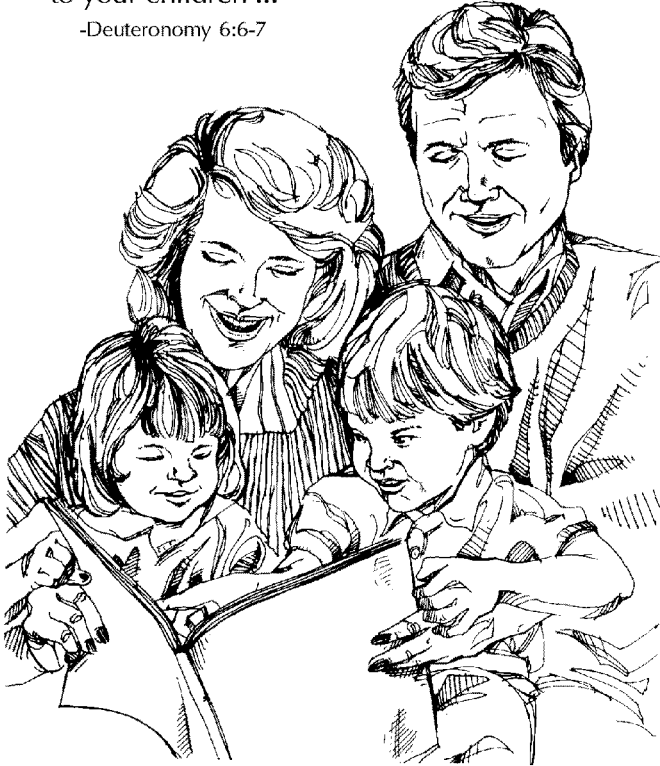


And these words
which I command you this day
shall be upon your heart;
and you shall teach them diligently
to your children ...

-Deuteronomy 6:6-7



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 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 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 239; 352; 360; 644

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 115:17; 2:1-3, 48-49 NKJV)

We will bless the Lord
From this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

“Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion.”

⁷“I will declare the decree:

The Lord has said to Me,
‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
The nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

² For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord *endures* forever.

Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 6:2-8

The Lord saw the slavery under which the Children of Israel suffered. He was determined to free them, fulfilling the covenant established with their fathers. So the Lord has been faithful to His covenant in also freeing us from the bondage of sin and death, bringing us to the Promised Land of heaven.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:33-36

The wisdom and knowledge of God are so vastly beyond our comprehension that we cannot come by this knowledge of God without it being revealed from above. All things are under Him in His vast domain, and He directs all things according to His gracious good will.

THE SERMON: Matthew 16:13-20

Theme: The Rock Solid Truth about Jesus Christ

- I. Truth Revealed by God the Father
- II. The Solid Foundation of Christ's Church
- III. The Rock Solid Assurance of Forgiveness

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Mrs. Kathryn Ubl and Mrs. Denise Barthels have been called by the congregation to serve as teachers for our Sunday School for this 2017-18 school year.

CALENDAR

Today: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. **Church picnic** follows immediately after Bible class at 11:30. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship.

MONDAY: Pastor will be meeting with Minnesota pastors in Inver Grove Heights.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Denise Barthels is scheduled to serve as hostess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and church council follow the service. *Sermon text: Jeremiah 15:15-21.*

Delegate Conference in Sleepy Eye, MN beginning at 3:00 p.m.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 18 –OCTOBER 4: Pastor on vacation. Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer has agreed to preach in Pastor Barthel's absence.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: Mission festival Sunday! Pastor Fleischer will present a mission message and a pot luck will follow after Bible class.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

September Cleaning – Nelson September Lawn Mowing: Joe Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 3 worship – 17

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$920.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole	
Needed for Year:	\$43,452.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Received for Year:	\$34,902.00		

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN has called Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, to serve as co-pastor.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

“I called on the Lord in distress;

The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.”

Psalm 118:5

We read, “I called upon the Lord.” You must learn to call. Do not sit by yourself or lie on a couch, hanging and shaking your head. Do not destroy yourself with your own thoughts by worrying. Do not strive and struggle to free yourself, and do not brood on your wretchedness, suffering, and misery. Say to yourself: “Come on, you lazy bum: down on your knees, and lift your eyes and hands to heaven!” Read a psalm or the Our Father, call on God, and tearfully lay your troubles before Him. Mourn and pray, as this verse teaches ... It is His desire and will that you lay your troubles before Him. He does not want you to multiply your troubles by burdening and torturing yourself. He wants you to grow strong in Him. By His strength He is glorified in you. Out of such experiences men become real Christians.

(Commentary on Psalm 118: Luther’s Works 14:60-61 as cited in 365 Devotional Readings with Martin Luther Day by Day, Concordia Publishing House)