



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

*-Psalm 116:13*

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

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45 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 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 351; 373:1-4; 358; 399:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 116:12-17 NKJV)

What shall I render to the Lord

**For all His benefits toward me?**

<sup>13</sup> I will take up the cup of salvation,

**And call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord

**Now in the presence of all His people.**

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord

**Is the death of His saints.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I *am* Your servant;

**I *am* Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;**

**You have loosed my bonds.**

<sup>17</sup> I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**And will call upon the name of the Lord.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 1:3-5, 18b-27

Paul rejoices in the fellowship of faith which he has with the Philippians. It is a fellowship in the grace of God so that Paul is confident and ready for however his imprisonment might end. His death would mean Paul would be with Christ all the sooner; Paul's release would mean he will have opportunity to continue to work in the Lord's fields for the good and blessing of his fellow Christians. And so God's grace predominates in our lives also. May the conduct of our lives reflect that grace to others.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mathew 20:1-16

This parable reveals the difference in thinking between the Lord and men. We naturally think we ought to be rewarded according to our work. That is not the Lord’s way. When we are called to faith we are called to a purpose, to live and work for the Lord. If that be for our entire lives we are blessed and rewarded according to grace. If that be but our last hour, we are blessed and rewarded according to grace.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 55:6-9

**Theme:** God’s Gracious Invitation

- I. Awaiting the Sinner’s Response NOW!
- II. Revealing God’s Higher Way of Thinking

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Fall cleanup day at church beginning at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sunday school and Church Council follow the service. *Sermon text: Philippians 2:1-11.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 29: Quarterly Voters’ meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 24 worship – 12 Sunday school - 1, Bible Class - 5

October 1 Worship - 15 Sunday school - 0, Bible Class - 10

(Offering figures include **both** Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 1.)

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1070.00	Missions	\$150.00
Needed for Year:	\$48,280.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole	
Received for Year:	\$38,272.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	50.00

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Joe Ubl

October Cleaning – Ubl

October Lawn Mowing: volunteer?

CLC NEWS: Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2018. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2017 (letters postmarked December 1, 2017) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: [danschierenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:danschierenbeck@gmail.com).

500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION  
GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

*(concerning Prayer)*

“Praying is the work of faith alone and something no one but Christians can do. For Christians do not base their prayer on themselves but on the name of the Son of God, in whose name they have been baptized; and they are certain that praying in this way is pleasing to God because He has told us to pray in the name of Christ and has promised to hear us. Others, who undertake to pray in their own name, do not know this. . . . This is not the mind of a Christian after prayer. . . . He finds in reality that God helps him in all troubles; and although he is not at once freed from his plight, he nevertheless knows that his prayer is pleasing and is heard. And God grants him the ability to bear and overcome what is troubling him. This amounts to having the trouble taken from him; for once it is overcome, it is no longer a misfortune.” (What Luther Says; Vol II #3440, Concordia Publishing House)