



*There will be no more death or  
mourning or crying or pain.*

Revelation 21:4

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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 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. I come before You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, may Your Spirit strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and power to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 20; 609; 613; 313:2

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 118:1,5,6,8,9,15,29 NKJV)

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

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

I called on the Lord in distress;

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

The Lord *is* on my side; I will not fear.

**What can man do to me?**

*It is* better to trust in the Lord

**Than to put confidence in man.**

*It is* better to trust in the Lord

**Than to put confidence in princes.**

The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tents of the righteous;

**The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.**

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

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

*Glory be to the Father...*

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We need to keep the hope of the resurrection before us always. If we know and believe that Jesus both died for us and rose again, than we also know that God will bring with Jesus those who have died in faith. When Jesus comes with the voice of an archangel the dead in Christ will rise and we will join them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 25:1-13

In this parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Jesus teaches a lesson concerning readiness for the Lord's coming. We need to possess the necessary provisions for the Lord's appearing. The oil of faith is the Word of God which keeps faith's fire burning in our hearts. When Christ appears, then it will be too late, and one may find oneself left out of the great wedding feast of salvation. Watch, for we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's coming.

**THE SERMON:** Isaiah 52:1-6

**Theme:** Open Your Eyes to the Victory!

- I. Celebrate Your Liberty in Christ.
- II. Celebrate the Wonder of the Lord's Salvation.

**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:** Sunday school and Church Council follow the service.

**TUESDAY:** Catechism class at 4:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY:** Thanksgiving Worship at 9:30 a.m. *Sermon text: Philippians 4:10-20.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. *Sermon text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

**DECEMBER 6, 13, 20:** Midweek Advent services. Soup and sandwich suppers at 6:00. Advent meditations begin at 7:00. p.m.

**DECEMBER 24:** Christmas Eve! **No** Sunday morning service. Christmas Eve program is set for 4:00.

DECEMBER 25: Christmas Festival worship at 9:30.

DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve Day morning worship only beginning at 9:30.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Nov. 12 Worship - 24 Sunday school - 0, Bible Class - 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1308.00	Memorials: Ellie Rhodes
Needed for Year:	\$55,522.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$95.00
Received for Year:	\$45,219.00	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson, Phil Egtvedt

November Cleaning – Barthels

CLC NEWS: Pastor Andrew Schaller of Marquette, MI has declined the call to serve as co-pastor of Immanuel in Mankato.

500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION  
GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER  
*(Concerning the Christian's Victory)*

“Know ye, then –sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me – that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.”

(What Luther Says; Vol III #3881, Concordia Publishing House)