



**“...and you shall
be my witnesses...
to the end of the earth.”**

Acts 1:8

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: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 235:1-3; 770; 360; 412:1-2

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 40:1-5_a, 10_a NKJV)

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;

And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

² He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,

Out of the miry clay,

And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

³ He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God;

Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the Lord.

⁴ Blessed *is* that man who makes the Lord his trust,

And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

⁵ Many, O Lord my God, *are* Your wonderful works

Which You have done;

And Your thoughts toward us

Cannot be recounted to You in order;

¹⁰ I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;

I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

While Samuel had a special calling to serve as prophet and judge from his youth, we also need to recognize how the Lord calls us to serve Him, and answer with a willing spirit, submitting to His gracious will for our lives. Let us also respond with Samuel, “Speak Lord for your servant hears.”

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

The world justifies its excesses and fulfillment of fleshly lusts with the claim, “It’s my body”, or “It’s my life, I may do with it as I please.” The Lord answers, “You are not your own,” “you were bought at a price” and because of that redemption through the precious blood of Christ and having also been called to faith, our bodies have been made the temple of the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits which are God’s.

THE SERMON: John 1:43-51

Theme: Called to Testify to Jesus’ Glory.

- I. Philip’s Testimony to Nathanael
- II. Nathanael’s confession

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school follows immediately after the service. Church Council will meet today in preparation for the annual voters’ meeting. No adult Bible class today.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday January 28: Annual voters’ meeting is scheduled for 12:30. It will follow a pot luck meal that will follow after Bible class.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Jan. 7 Worship - 22 Sunday school 3; Bible Class -15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,201.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1001.00	Memorials: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$1,201.00	Property Improv. Fund 50.00
Received for Year:	\$1,001	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

January Cleaning – Nelson

Cleaning volunteers: We are down to only four families doing the bulk of the church cleaning throughout the year. Please consider if you could serve the Lord in this way. If we gained a couple volunteer families we each would serve two months a year, providing one thorough cleaning each time. Please let pastor know of your willingness to serve. He will be setting up the cleaning schedule soon.

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Neal Radichel, Pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, as co-pastor.

Sanctity of Life: From 1970 to 2014, in the United States, a nation that purports that all people have the right to life, **44.5 million** defenseless babies, for whom Christ shed his blood, were cruelly slaughtered in abortions, cutting short their time of grace. May God have mercy on us. May God forgive our own silence in the face of such evil.

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Proverbs 25:11-12

“¹¹ A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold
In settings of silver.

¹² *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold
Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.”