



Jesus said to them,
"Follow me and I will
make you fish for people."

Mark 1:17

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, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Jesus. I know and confess my sin, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me, calling me to be Your child and heir of everlasting life. Help me to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 282; 769; 315:1-6; 309

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 113:1-2,4,7-8,3,1a. NKJV)

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

Praise the name of the Lord!

² Blessed be the name of the Lord

From this time forth and forevermore!

⁴ The Lord *is* high above all nations,

His glory above the heavens.

⁷ He raises the poor out of the dust,

And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

⁸ That He may seat *him* with princes—

With the princes of His people.

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down

The Lord's name *is* to be praised.

¹ Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

“The time is short.” Things of this life and of this world should not dominate our lives. “The form of this world is passing away.” Let us pay attention to our higher spiritual calling.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:14-20

This calling of these four fisherman was a calling to a new vocation. They were no longer to spend their lives catching fish, but rather be fishers of men, using the gospel to bring sinners to the Lord. So also the Lord would have us realize that our higher calling in this life is to bring others to know Jesus that they might have forgiveness and life.

THE SERMON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Theme: Jonah's Call to Nineveh Reveals the Depth of God's Grace

I. Proclaiming God's Word in Nineveh of all Places!

II. Nineveh' Repentance Reveals the Power of the Word to Save.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follows immediately after the service.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. **Annual voters' meeting** is scheduled for 12:30. It will follow a pot luck meal that will follow after Bible class. Sermon text: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lenten meditations begin.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Jan. 14 Worship - 19 Sunday school 1; No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,201.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$988.00	Memorials:
Needed for Year:	\$2,402.00	
Received for Year:	\$1,989.00	

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: The Reverend Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has accepted the call as co-pastor for Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Proverbs 11:12-13

“¹²Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.

¹³Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.” (ESV)