

Whoever wants to be  
first must be last of all  
and servant of all.

Mark 9:35



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

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 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 (248:1-3)

**HYMNS:** 358; 744; 361; 800

**THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT:** (Ps. NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>Delight yourself also in the Lord,

**And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the Lord,

**Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.**

<sup>6</sup>He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**And your justice as the noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;

**Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,**

**Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.**

<sup>4</sup>Delight yourself also in the Lord,

**And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Lord has always revealed that the world will hate those who stand up for the truth of God and oppose the evil in this world. We also should expect nothing less than such rejection and persecution from the world. We also can take our case to the Lord that He might protect us from evil.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again explains His imminent sufferings and death, but the disciples cannot understand. Jesus purpose was contrary to human nature which is self-serving. The disciples were seriously debating which of them was greatest. Jesus put a child in the midst of them that they might aspire to lowliness and humility.

THE SERMON: James 3:13-18

Theme: Possessing True Wisdom

I. Earthly Wisdom Is Contaminated with Selfishness

II. Heavenly Wisdom Is Pure and Self-sacrificing

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Jean Hellickson is scheduled as hostess.

SATURDAY: Fall clean-up day at church from 9:00 – noon

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-50.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 14: Church council will meet following the service.

October 28: Quarterly voters’ meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

November 4: Joint Reformation service at Berea, Inver Grove Heights, beginning at 4:00 with fellowship meal to follow.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Sept. 16 Worship – 25, Sunday school - 3

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other offerings
Offerings Received	\$ 971.00	
Needed for Year:	\$42,734.00	
Received for Year:	\$37,307.00	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels,

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Randy Berg

September cleaning: Hellickson

September lawn mowing – Joe Ubl

**CLC NEWS:** The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions extended a call to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI, to Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck of Living Word Lutheran of Blue Springs, MO. This call is for replacing Prof. Paul Schaller who plans to retire in June of 2019. Pastor George Dummann of Eagle Lake, Minnesota has received the call to Bethel Lutheran Church of Morris, MN.

**Update on India** - The current political climate in India has made Christian work there more and more difficult. Our missionary has faced increased scrutiny. On his last exit, in particular, he was questioned at length, which led to concerns about whether he would be allowed to enter the country on his return. The WELS missionaries have experienced similar problems. We are currently pursuing other visa options which we hope will alleviate the problems he has recently faced. Please remember him and the work of our brethren in India in your prayers with the assurance that the "effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

**Mexico** - Two CLC representatives will be traveling to Mexico at the end of this month to encourage our brethren there following the tragic and sudden death of two seminary students. They will be meeting with Pastor Olvera in Juarez and with the remaining seminary students, as well as worshipping with members of the congregation in Juarez during their Sunday services. Pray that the Lord would sustain this small group of believers in their all-important work of proclaiming the Gospel in a dangerous country, but to people in need of the knowledge of the only Savior from sin and death.

**INVITATION:** You are invited to attend the **installation of Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer** as pastor of Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. on **October 21 at 4p**. A lunch will follow.