



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PRESERVICE 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. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 225:1-3 **Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

**1. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds, The darkness from our eyes.**

**2. Revive our drooping faith, Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breasts the flame Of never dying love.**

**3. Convince us of our sin, Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view reveal The mercies of our God."**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward

That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your old men shall dream dreams,

Your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸ And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own

tongues the wonderful works of God.”¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

¹³ Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

²¹ And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the Lord
Shall be saved.’ (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 232:1,2,4, Let Songs of Praises Fill the Sky

**1. Let songs of praises fill the sky: Christ, our ascended Lord,
Sends down His Spirit from on high According to His word.
All hail the day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Ghost!**

**2. The Spirit by His heav’nly breath Creates new life within;
He quickens sinners from the death Of trespasses and sin.
All hail the day of Pentecost, The coming of the Holy Ghost!**

**4. Come, Holy Spirit, from above With Thy celestial fire;
Come and with flames of zeal and love Our hearts and tongues
inspire.
Be this our day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Ghost.**

THE SERMON: John 6:5-11

Theme: The Powerful Presence of the Holy Spirit

- I. The Advantage of the Spirit's Presence
- II. The Convincing Power of the Holy Spirit

SERMON TEXT: John 6:5-11

“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 307: Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

**1. Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.**

**2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.**

THE WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach

us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's

presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

Prayer:

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

**1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heart-felt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me thy body and Thy blood.**

**2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!**

CALENDAR

TODAY: Please exit the building as efficiently and quickly as possible. Remember to take bulletins home, or dispose of them in wastebasket at the entrance to the nave. You may visit outside but please remember to maintain social distancing of 6 feet. May the Lord keep us all safe! Church council meeting in the parking lot following the service. Sunday school and Bible class are in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Text: Genesis 1:1-2:3.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 24 worship – 7 (for service recording) (Sunday school & Bible class are in summer recess)

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings: Memorial
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Offerings Received	\$ 1,585.00	Samantha Barthels for	
Needed for Year:	\$26,250.00	Prop. Improv. Fund	\$100.00
Received for Year:	\$24,968.00		

May/June church lawn mowing: Kate and Valerie Barthels.

July lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

(We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

CLC NEWS: Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to the joint parish in Bowdle and Ipswich South Dakota.

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until June of 2021.

THE BRANCHES Subscription Renewal: (*The Branches* is a Christian Women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC.) The cost is \$15.00 for four issues. Checks are payable to, *The Branches*, and should be sent to: Laura Wales, Subscription Manager, 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Online payments are also available via PayPal—you may contact Laura Wales at lewales@gmail.com.

CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List
May 2020

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you...2 Thessalonians 3:1 (NKJV)

Bangladesh – Cyclone Amphan, that ravished northeast India before hitting the southern coast of Bangladesh about a week ago had devastating effects on several Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission congregations in the Jessore and Sathkhira districts. BLCM church buildings, schools, and homes of our brothers and sisters in Christ have been severely damaged or destroyed. There has been no loss of life among the members of the BLCM, but many have sustained injuries and are still in need of medical care. All of this is happening while the people are struggling to feed and care for their families during the coronavirus lockdown. CLC Project Kinship has sent emergency disaster relief funds to the BLCM to provide for basic needs and shelter. **Praise the Lord** that no lives were lost among our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Ask** for His love and compassion upon those who are suffering and for protection for Pastor Monotosh as he travels to visit the people of the BLCM over the next several days.

Note: Contributions to the CLC Project Kinship general budget have been used to provide for disaster relief and COVID-19 aid.

Myanmar – The situation with the family of eleven that has been hospitalized and quarantined for several weeks due to the coronavirus is improving. Five family

members remain in the hospital, but their health has improved, and they are waiting for their test results to be returned from the government laboratories in Yangon. If the lab results come back negative, they will be able to go home. **Take this to the Lord asking** that He bless the treatments they have all received according to His mercy that this family will be healed of this disease and be united with each other very soon. **Pray also** that the Lord will provide for the medical bills that have accumulated during this long hospital stay.

The Spiritual Welfare of Our Brothers and Sisters Around the World – as much of the world has spent the past several weeks in mandatory coronavirus lockdowns and quarantines, many in developing nations have not had the advantage of the high-speed internet connections that most of us take for granted to provide opportunities for home worship, Bible study, and Christian fellowship. Also, many of the people do not have the financial means to own their own Bibles and/or are unable to read so they depend upon weekly worship and Bible studies to hear, learn, and be strengthened by God's saving word.

Pastoral training has also come to a halt for those who are training around the world. Options for online classes, correspondence, etc. just are not possible as most of the students have very weak and limited data available on their phones, if at all, and virtually none have internet in their homes. **Pray** that the Lord will bring a quick end to this pandemic that He people may return to worship and Bible study at their churches. Pray that the Lord will lead and strengthen all of us to be reminded of His great love and the truths of His saving grace that we have learned from His word and rejoice always, even in the midst of such uncertain times.

The Physical Welfare of Our Brothers and Sisters Around the World – Leaders from our sister church bodies in Liberia, Togo, Nigeria, D.R. Congo, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh, along with contacts in several other countries, have reported that much of the population in these developing nations is struggling to provide the basic necessities of life. Most of the pastors and those they serve in these nations provide for their families through day-labor. For this type of laborer, you are paid for your work each day. If you do not work, you do not get paid. The coronavirus lockdowns have caused much physical suffering. **Pray** that the Lord will provide and that He will bless the CLC Project Kinship aid that has been sent that it will go much further than expected in providing for the sheep of His flock who are suffering.

Seminaries Preparing to Re-Open – the Wartburg Lutheran Bible Institute in Tanzania and the Holy Trinity Lutheran Bible Institute in the D.R. Congo are planning to bring students back soon. **Pray** for the safety of the students and instructors as they travel. **Pray** for the families of the students as they prepare to have their husbands and fathers gone for the next few months of classes. **Pray** for the teachers as they prepare lessons for this shortened semester. **Pray** that there will be no government interference with their plans to continue the work

of training pastors for the Church. **Ask** for God's blessings on these efforts to train men to be faithful preachers and teachers of His saving word during these strange and uncertain times.