



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 234:1-4 Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

**1. Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.**

**2. Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me which are only known to Thee.**

**3. Holy Ghost, with pow'r divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.**

**4. Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.**

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: Deuteronomy 11: 18-21, 26-28

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰ And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. ...

“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:15-29

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good

tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 373:1, 2, 4, 5 By Grace I'm Saved Grace Free and Boundless

**1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain:
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.**

**2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.**

**4. By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of thine own merit**

**That Jesus died thy soul to win?
Nay, it was grace, and grace alone,
That bro't Him from His heav'nly throne.**

**5. By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
What our whole faith must rest upon,
Is grace alone, grace in His Son.**

THE SERMON: Romans 3: 21-25a, 27-28

Theme: Attaining True Righteousness

- I. The Ever Elusive Righteousness of the Law
- II. The Righteousness that Comes to Us from God

SERMON TEXT: Romans 3:21-25a,27-28

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, ... ²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 371: 1-4 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully thro' these absolved I am
From sin and fear from guilt and shame.**

**3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.**

**4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me – e'en for my soul – was shed.**

BENEDICTION;
C: Amen.

Hymn 50:2 Thanks We Give and Adoration

**2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the Truth may we be found!**

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!

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class is in summer recess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Holy Communion.
Text: Matthew 9:9-13

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 7 worship – 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings: Memorial
Offerings Received	\$ 1,075.00	Samantha Barthels for Kinship \$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$28,750.00	Lincoln Cole Prop. Imprv. \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$27,278.00	Joyce Lerum General Memorial \$20.00

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

July lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

August lawn Mowing Mike Nelson

(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. Pastor Chad Seybt, Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

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

KINSHIP DISASTER RELIEF! Because of the ravages of the COVID – 19 pandemic, a desperate need exists among our Christian brethren around the world. How should we respond? *“And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.”* (Acts 11:27-30) Why special aid for Jerusalem? Because they suffered severe, persistent persecution along with ravages of famine. The love of Christ opened hearts of Christians throughout Galatian and Asia Minor, and Macedonia, and Greece. And they sent aid to brothers and sisters in Christ, people they had never met, time and again!

Now the suffering of our Christian brethren has been brought to our attention. How shall we respond? Christ loved us and saved us, and has bestowed great gifts upon us both spiritual and material. Shall we close our hearts? God forbid! Our brothers and sisters in Christ in so many countries are suffering great hardship and persecution. We can help and help quickly by supporting **Kinship Disaster Relief**. May we be determined to send relief, and also DO IT at the hands of those we have called to administer relief. Again, please designate **Kinship Disaster Relief** on your gift.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL. We need to renew our subscriptions this month! Please let pastor know. Please remember to submit your payment of \$14.00 to St. Paul’s. One check is sent from St. Paul’s for the entire group. This is not a benefit from your offerings. IRS regulations forbid any tangible benefits from charitable donations. Please pay for your subscription.

CLC Financial Report - May

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2020
General Fund (See below)	0	1,001,838	966,977	974,325	34,861
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	1,302,840	1,230,543	1,323,740	72,297
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	64,941	12,187		191,057
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	188,407	188,000		17,479
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	167,158	156,731		55,447
Kinship	56,634	133,462	129,998		60,098
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	717,764	284,117		1,876,137
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	151,690	126,362		76,035
Reserve Fund	278,088	17,552	0		295,640
Total Auxiliary Funds	\$2,028,314	\$1,440,974	\$897,395		\$2,571,893

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance May 31, 2020	\$1,054,853
Principal paid to date	\$406,078

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." (Psalm 46)

General Fund – May offerings of **\$112,945** (\$64,402 cong offerings, \$48,543 bequest) **vs** disbursements of \$93,281, resulted in a \$19,663 positive cash flow, increasing our current balance to \$34,861. The General Fund Budget calls for \$88,575 monthly to fund the work of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub.

ILC Operations – Revenue of \$81,045 (incl \$47,875 subsidy) **vs** disbursements of \$101,603.

ILC Building Projects – Offerings of \$3,510 **vs** the \$8,000 monthly loan payment for the AC loan.

CEF – Revenue of \$31,149 (Cong CEF loan repayments) **vs** disbursements of \$4,062 for promissory note debt service & admin expenses.

MDF–Offerings of \$5,976 **vs** disbursements of \$2,735, (Africa Exploratory, Foreign VBS).

SAF – Revenue of \$13,698 (\$11,518 STU loan payments, \$1,758 offerings) **vs** \$8,423 grants & loans.

Kinship – Offerings \$8,925 (\$3,055 orphan & student sponsor gifts; \$5,870 Cong & special gifts, **vs** disbursements of \$26,512 (\$9,650, Sem students Sponsorship; \$7,270, orphans support; \$5,000, disaster relief; \$850, Seminary Graduation gifts).

The Lord continues to bless & strengthen faith by providing alternate ways of bringing His Means of Grace to us, while we try to wait patiently for our return to His sanctuary to enjoy worshipping together again. Meanwhile, He continues to bless our material means also & to move hearts to make the extra effort sheltering requires to get our offerings to our treasurers.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees