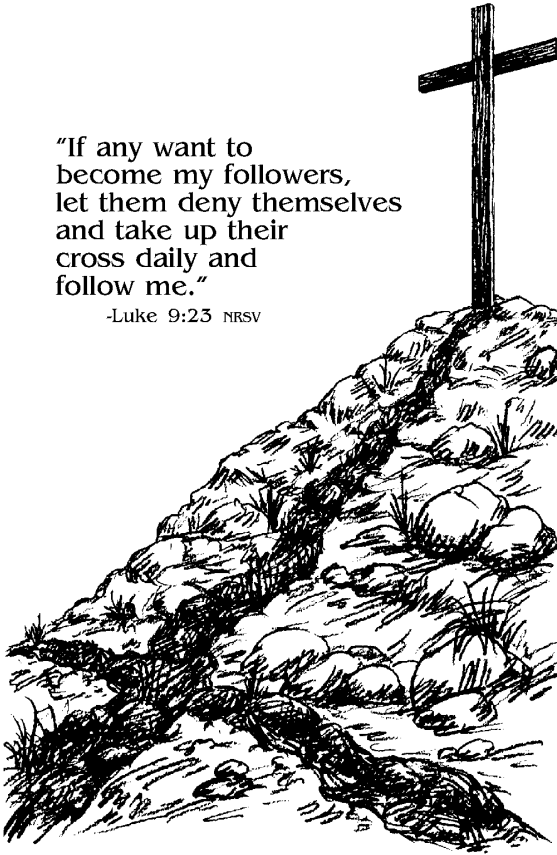


"If any want to  
become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their  
cross daily and  
follow me."

-Luke 9:23 NRSV



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## 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 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.
5. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down every idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.
6. See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;  
A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee.

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: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The Lord do so; the Lord perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Lord's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: <sup>8</sup> The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent." (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1B-11

Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup>For he who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup>knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

## THE APOSTLES CREED

### Hymn 421 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

1. Come, follow Me, the Savior spake,  
All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
Obey My call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.

2. I am the Light, I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day,  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the Way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.

3. My heart abounds in lowliness,  
My soul with love is glowing,  
And gracious words My lips express,  
With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all  
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4. I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul's salvation,  
Your heart from every guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the Refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heavenly goal.

5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
In suffering be undaunted.  
For who bears not the battle's strain  
The crown of life shall not obtain.

THE SERMON: Matthew 10:34-42

Theme: Expectations of Following Jesus:

I. A Sword

II. Life Fulfillment

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 10:34-42

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup> and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup> He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.” (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

## **HYMN 408: Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory**

1. Jesus Christ, my Pride and Glory, He, the true and living Light,  
Strengthens me with glorious might. Christ revealed in sacred story,  
Whom I now as Lord confess, Teaches me true holiness.

2. Let me live to praise Thee ever, Jesus, Thou my heart's Delight,  
Thou who leadest me aright. Let me cling to Thee forever,  
All the fleshly lusts deny, and the devil's hosts defy.

3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, that in all I follow Him  
Lest the light of faith grow dim. Let me ever trust Thy merit,  
Let Thy blessing me attend, From all evil me defend.

4. From all pain and imperfection, Gracious Lord, deliver me,  
Heaven's glory let me see. Keep me under Thy direction  
That the grace Thou gavest me I may praise eternally.

Prayer:

**C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION;

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn 409:1 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding,  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Please exit the building as efficiently and quickly as possible.  
Remember to take bulletins home, or dispose of them in the 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!

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Text: Exodus 33:12-23.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 5 worship – 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 935.00	Kinship Disaster Relief	\$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$33,750.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole	
Received for Year:	\$31,778.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00

July Church Cleaning - Hellickson

July lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

August lawn mowing - Mike Nelson

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

**CLC NEWS:** Prof. Steve Sippert has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

**Martin Luther** lived through a terrible pandemic that struck his hometown severely, and he was encouraged to flee for his own safety. In faith Luther responded:

“I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.”

LW 43:132