



---

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

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Theodore W. Barthels

Phone: 507-433-1957

Cell: 507-219-2517

Church Office:

Phone: 507-433-8191

Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

*Affiliated with*  
**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION**  
[stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com](http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com)  
[www.CLclutheran.org](http://www.CLclutheran.org)  
[www.ilc.edu/home.htm](http://www.ilc.edu/home.htm)

PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in grace and live to the glory of Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the Everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Father-like He tends and spares us:  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

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

August 16, 2020

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**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 EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor

height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard *it*, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. <sup>14</sup> And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup> And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

<sup>18</sup> He said, “Bring them here to Me.” <sup>19</sup> Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. <sup>20</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. <sup>21</sup> Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. (NKJV)

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**Hymn 377:1, 3, 6: Salvation unto Us has Come**

1. Salvation unto us has come By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom, Thy help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.

3. It was a false misleading dream That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.

6. Since Christ hath full atonement made and brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
Thy grace alone, dear Lord I plead, Thy death is now my life indeed,  
For Thou hast paid my ransom.

**THE SERMON:** Isaiah 55:1-5

Theme: Divine Guidance through the World's Spiritual Marketplace

- I. The Compelling Voice of the Lord
- II. Offering an Everlasting Covenant
- III. Inclusion in the Universal Call to Eternal Life

**SERMON TEXT:** Isaiah 55:1-5

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts,  
Come to the waters;  
And you who have no money,  
Come, buy and eat.  
Yes, come, buy wine and milk  
Without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread,  
And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good,  
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to Me.  
Hear, and your soul shall live;  
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—  
The sure mercies of David.

<sup>4</sup>Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people,  
A leader and commander for the people.

<sup>5</sup>Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,  
And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you,  
Because of the LORD your God,  
And the Holy One of Israel;  
For He has glorified you.” (NKJV)

**PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## **HYMN 307: Draw Nigh and Takes 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.

BENEDICTION;

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn 377:10 All Blessing, Honor Thanks, and Praise**

10. All blessings, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit.  
The God who saved me by His grace –  
All glory to His merit!  
O Triune God in heaven above,  
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,  
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: August church council meeting follows the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall spreading out at different tables to maintain distancing.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Romans 9:1-5

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 9 worship – 17

|                         |             |              |         |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,250.00 | Memorials    |         |
| Offerings Received      | \$1,315.00  | Lincoln Cole |         |
| Needed for Year:        | \$38,750.00 | Prop. Imprv. | \$50.00 |
| Received for Year:      | \$35,233.00 |              |         |

Church Cleaning - Nelson

August lawn mowing - Mike Nelson

**CLC NEWS:** Pastor Del Maas has accepted the call to serve as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ponsford, MN creating a joint parish between Gift of God in Mapleton, ND and St. Paul of Ponsford, MN. (Up to this time Pastor Maas had been serving St. Paul with a temporary or vacancy call.)



## CLC Financial Report - July

| CLC Financial Report<br>Operating Funds | Balance<br>7/1/2020 | YTD<br>Revenue  | YTD<br>Disbursed | Budget<br>1 Month | Balance<br>7/31/2020 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                     | 0                   | 74,529          | 98,567           | 91,450            | - 24,128             |
| ILC Operations                          | 0                   | 70,878          | 80,575           | 114,845           | - 9,697              |
| <b>Auxiliary Funds</b>                  |                     |                 |                  |                   |                      |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)              | 201,448             | 730             | 18,449           |                   | 183,729              |
| ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)         | 14,542              | 490             | 8,000            |                   | 7,032                |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF)          | 84,054              | 12,711          | 17,300           |                   | 79,465               |
| Kinship                                 | 86,093              | 18,392          | 18,216           |                   | 86,269               |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF)             | 1,914,371           | 33,480          | 19,009           |                   | 1,928,842            |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF)                  | 84,280              | 7,202           | 943              |                   | 90,539               |
| Reserve Fund                            | 294,092             | 0               | 0                |                   | 294,092              |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$2,678,880</b>  | <b>\$73,005</b> | <b>\$81,917</b>  |                   | <b>\$2,669,968</b>   |

| <b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center Balance & North Hall) |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Beginning Balance November 1, 2017                                  | \$1,460,931      |
| (Last payment, see below) Current Balance July 31, 2020             | \$1,045,871      |
| Principal paid to date  | <b>\$415,000</b> |

**General Fund** – Offerings vs disbursements left a negative balance to start the new fiscal year FY21, not unusual for summer & given the pandemic issues. Yet we were still blessed with more than the daily bread for which we pray. **The Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications count on their major funding from our CLC General Fund offerings.**

**ILC Operations**– ILC July revenue vs disbursements resulted in the usual slight deficit for a summer month when ILC is not in session. When ILC opens August 24 the initial payments due on student accounts will cover the July deficit.

**ILC Building Projects** – The good news has traveled quickly of the nearly \$2M bequest ILC has received from a faithful member who desired whenever the Lord called him Home to pay off the remaining ILC building debt on the Academic Center (Original: \$1,751,000 in 2010) & the North Hall dorm upgrades (\$253,000 in 2017), and to use any balance for future expansion. The last \$8000 monthly payment was made in July. Regular congregational Building Fund offerings, plus special individual offerings of \$300,000 in the last 2 or 3 years has resulted in the final principal balance of \$1,045,871, which will be paid by the end of August when the final transfer arrangements can be made to the Building Fund. *“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.”* (1Chron 29:14)

**CEF** – July revenue vs disbursements resulted in a \$14,500 gain for the current balance.

**MDF** – July disbursements included \$12,000 for Nepal Bible Institute construction loan, \$4,000 for church building assistance, \$1,200 for Bibles & tracts, and \$1000 for Africa exploratory work.

**IIF** – Disbursed \$11,000 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus to transport students under COVID requirements.

**Kinship** – Offerings of \$18,392 & disbursements of \$10,000 for orphans & \$8,000 for Sem students.