



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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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: **239 Come, Thou Almighty King**

1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty Sword,
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success;
Stablish Thy righteousness, Savior and Friend!

3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r!

4. To the great One in Three Eternal Praises be
Hence evermore!
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore!

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: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

¹. Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
For My salvation *is* about to come,
And My righteousness to be revealed.

⁶. “Also the sons of the foreigner
Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,
And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—
Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,
And holds fast My covenant—

⁷ Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
Will be accepted on My altar;
For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸ The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,
“Yet I will gather to him
Others besides those who are gathered to him.” (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

²⁸ Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. ³⁰ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³² For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.
(NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 245: God Loved the World So that He Gave

1. God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.

3. God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

5. If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

THE SERMON: Matthew 15:21-28

Theme: Jesus Tests the Faith of a Gentile Woman

I. The Nature and Purpose of these Tests

II. Faith Grew Stronger through these Tests

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

²³ But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."

²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 32 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

1. Redeemed, Restored, forgiven, Thro' Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven, Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2. Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side;
But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away;
With cords of love He bound us To be His own for aye.

3. Dear Master, Thine the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah! Who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; Be Thine alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve Thee all our days.

4. Now keep us, holy Savior, In Thy true love and fear
And grant us of Thy favor The grace to persevere
Till, in Thy new creation, Earth's time-long travail o'er,
We find our full salvation And praise Thee evermore.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 45:1 Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Now, the hour of worship o'er, Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,
Let us gladly God adore, For His Word our praises bringing;
For the rich repast He gave us Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Please exit the building directly after the service. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Exodus 6:2-8.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 23 worship – 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$1,150.00	
Needed for Year:	\$41,250.00	
Received for Year:	\$37,858.00	

Church Cleaning - Nelson

August lawn mowing - Mike Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Chad Sebyt, Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has been called by Morningstar, Fairchild, WI; Trinity, Millston, WI; and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St, Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, Ca has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO. has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.