



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

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: 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine, Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true, Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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 15:15-21

⁵ O LORD, You know;

Remember me and visit me,

And take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In Your enduring patience, do not take me away.

Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,

And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;

For I am called by Your name,

O LORD God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers,

Nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone because of Your hand,

For You have filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual
And my wound incurable,
Which refuses to be healed?
Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream,
As waters *that* fail?

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return,
Then I will bring you back;
You shall stand before Me;
If you take out the precious from the vile,
You shall be as My mouth.
Let them return to you,
But you must not return to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall;
And they will fight against you,
But they shall not prevail against you;
For I *am* with you to save you
And deliver you,” says the LORD.

²¹ “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked,
And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.” (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!”

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

(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: Romans 12:1-8

Theme: Living Transformed by Christ

I. The Power of Transformation

II. Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind

III. Transformation Activation

SERMON TEXT: Romans 12:1-8

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 409: 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.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heavenly joy;
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

3. Let us also die with Jesus, His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

4. Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 413:5, 6 I Walk with Jesus All the Way

5. I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

6. My walk is heavenward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp begone! To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heavenward all the way.

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. Bible class will be held in the fellowship hall, however we ask that those attending spread out, with each family groups having their own table, maintaining 6 feet of distancing from other family groups.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy communion at 9:30. Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Matthew 18:15-20.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 6 worship – 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$565.00	Tina Janson for missions \$95.00
Needed for Year:	\$43,750.00	
Received for Year:	\$39,068.00	

September Church Cleaning - Ubl

September lawn mowing - Joe Ubl (A volunteer to help with lawn trimming would be greatly appreciated)

CLC NEWS: On Saturday August 29th, **Desirae (Ohlmann) Naumann** one the former teachers of St. Paul's School, was diagnosed with a brain tumor following a sudden seizure. On Tuesday, September 1st a golf ball sized tumor was removed from her right occipital lobe, and chemo wafers were inserted in her brain. Pathology diagnosed the tumor to be a fast growing Glioblastoma, with a medium life expectancy of 15-17 months. Further treatment will be necessary. We pray that the Lord watch over Desirae, bless the treatments she is receiving and, according to His gracious good will, grant her a full recovery. Naumann's address is 1119 14th St. Clarkston, WA 99403. Desirae is the wife of Pastor David Naumann, and mother to Pastors Joe, Tom, and Sam Naumann.