



MATTHEW 18:18, ESV

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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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: 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: Ezekiel 33:7-11

“So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked *man*, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

⁹Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?”’ ¹¹Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’ (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:1-10

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of

the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

⁸Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 324:1-4 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve – Jesus sinners doth receive.
2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim. Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe - Jesus sinners doth receive.
3. Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live – Jesus sinners doth receive.
4. Come, ye sinners, one and all, Come accept His invitation;
Come, obey His gracious call, Come and take His free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

THE SERMON: Matthew 18:15-20

Theme: The Christian's Responsibility of Soul Care

- I. Driven by Jesus' Love for the Lost
- II. Conducted According to Jesus' Prescription
- III. Completed with Eternal Benefits

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 18:15-20

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’

¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

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.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heart-felt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

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. A meeting of the Church Council is scheduled to follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Genesis 50:15-21.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 13 worship – 15 Bible Class -- 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$1,790.00	Tena Janson for missions \$10.00
Needed for Year:	\$45,000.00	
Received for Year:	\$40,858.00	

September Church Cleaning - Ubl

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

CLC NEWS: 2020 Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO. has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN.

CLC Financial Report - August

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2020
General Fund	0	139,847	172,053	182,900	- 32,206
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	269,727	186,932	229,690	82,795
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	819	44,073		158,194
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	1,994,158	1,053,871		954,829
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	59,832	39,823		104,063
Kinship	86,093	49,107	18,356		116,844
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,314,726	26,274		3,202,823
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	17,407	21,173		80,514
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
Total	\$2,678,880	\$3,436,049	\$1,203,570		\$4,911,359

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center & North Hall) Paid in Full !!	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
(Final payment: \$1,053,871) Balance August 31, 2020	Hallelujah! \$0
Total Loan Principal Paid in Full!	\$1,460,931

General Fund – August offerings of \$65,317 vs disbursements of \$73,395 increased the negative balance by \$8,077. Again, not unusual for summer & given the pandemic issues. And still the Lord has blessed us with more than our daily bread! **The Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications receive their major funding from our CLC General Fund offerings.**

ILC Operations– ILC August revenue of \$148,098 vs disbursements of \$106,356 more than covered July's \$9,700 deficit, due largely to the initial payments on the new school year student accounts.

ILC Building Projects – The entire CLC indebtedness on the Academic Center (original loan of \$1,751,000 in 2010 & the North Hall dorm upgrades of \$253,000 in 2017) has been paid in full! Regular congregational Building Fund offerings, special individual offerings --\$300,000 in the last 2 or 3 years-- and recently a bequest of nearly \$2M has resulted in the final payment of the principal balance of \$1,053,871. *"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) We are His people because He has paid our debt in full, and not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood! That is why His people are able to offer so willingly after this sort from what He has given!

CEF – August revenue was \$1,281,245 (\$1,053,871 from the AC/North Hall payoff and \$231,485 from a congregation's payoff of its CEF loan) vs disbursements of \$7,265 in debt service, resulting in the current CEF positive position of \$3.2M.

MDF – August offerings of \$47,121 (gifts of \$10,000 & \$16,000) vs disbursements of \$22,523 (\$10,000 construction loan installment of Nepal Bible Institute, \$8,600 Mission Helper expenses, and \$2,500 for bicycles/motorcycles).

Kinship – August gifts: \$30,715. Public Ministry Prep gift: \$15,000. Praise be to our gracious God!

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees