



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: 24 Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

1. Lord of my life, whose tender care Hath led me on till now,
Here lowly, at the hour of prayer, Before Thy throne I bow.
I bless Thy gracious hand and pray Forgiveness for another day.

2. Oh, may I daily, hourly strive In heav'nly grace to grow,
To Thee and to Thy glory live, Dead to all else below!
Tread in the path my Savior trod, Tho' thorny, yet the path of God.

3. With prayer my humble praise I bring For mercies day by day.
Lord, teach my heart Thy love to sing; Lord, teach me how to pray.
All that I have and am, to Thee I offer through eternity.

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 EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 14:5-9

One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that

payment be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 27:1-4 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

1. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
2. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
3. 'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses and makes thee young again.
4. He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed thy soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

THE SERMON: Genesis 50:15-21

Theme: The Grace of Forgiveness

- I. Liberating Sinners from the Burden of Guilt
- II. Flowing from Faith in a Merciful God

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, ¹⁷ 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.'" And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants."

¹⁹ Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God?

²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 412 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living Way,
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

2. So may we join Thy name to bless,
Thy grace adore, Thy power confess,
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

3. Spirit of Life, of Love, and Peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 453:2 We Are the Lord's

2. We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow 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.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We will spread out to individual tables and wear masks, and for now forgo the hostess snacks.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Philippians 1:18-27.

October 11: Council meeting will follow the service.

October 18: Mission Festival Sunday. Because of pandemic restrictions we will not be having a guest speaker this year or our traditional mission festival pot-luck meal. We will have a special mission evangelism presentation following the service. Please consider what special gift you can make for the mission work of the CLC!

October 25: Quarterly Voters' meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 20 worship – 15 No Bible Class –or Sunday school

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$950.00	
Needed for Year:	\$46,250.00	
Received for Year:	\$41,808.00	

September Church Cleaning - Ubl

September lawn mowing - Joe Ubl

October mowing: A volunteer is also still needed.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Chad Seybt has accepted the call extended to him by the tri-parish of Morning Star, Fairchild, WI; Trinity, Millston, WI; and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI. <> Prof. John Reim has announced his retirement from the teaching ministry at ILC effective at the end of the current school year. <> Rev. Stephen Sydow has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus counselor. (The intent is to call a female mentor counterpart once the Lord has filled the counselor position.)