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**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: 23 Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring**

1. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! To God the Father let us bring  
Our songs of adoration. To Him thro' everlasting days  
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing, Holy, holy, God is holy, --  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

2. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In whom we are elected. He bo't His Church with His own blood,  
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And as His bride selected.  
Holy, holy Is our union and communion.  
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

3. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought  
And us unto the Bridegroom bro't, Made us His chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;  
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

4. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Triune God we sing;  
Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore  
And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor!  
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy, --  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

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 25:6-9

And in this mountain

The LORD of hosts will make for all people

A feast of choice pieces,

A feast of wines on the lees,

Of fat things full of marrow,  
Of well-refined wines on the lees.

<sup>7</sup> And He will destroy on this mountain  
The surface of the covering cast over all people,  
And the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever,  
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces;  
The rebuke of His people  
He will take away from all the earth;  
For the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> And it will be said in that day:

“Behold, this *is* our God;

We have waited for Him, and He will save us.

This *is* the LORD;

We have waited for Him;

We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” (NKJV)

### THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

### THE APOSTLES CREED

## Hymn 281 The Savior Calls; let Every Ear

1. The Savior calls; let ev'ry ear Attend the heav'nly sound.  
Ye doubting souls, dismiss your fear; Hope smiles reviving round.
2. For ev'ry thirsty, longing heart Here streams of bounty flow  
And life and health and bliss impart To banish mortal woe.
3. Here springs of sacred pleasures rise To ease your ev'ry pain;  
Immortal fountain full supplies! Nor shall you thirst in vain.
4. Ye sinners, come, 'tis Mercy's voice; The gracious call obey;  
Mercy invites to heav'nly joys And can you yet delay?
5. Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts; To Thee let sinners fly  
And take the bliss Thy love imparts And drink and never die.

### THE SERMON: Matthew 22:1-14

Theme: Invited to the Wedding Feast of God's Son!

- I. The Richness of the Grace of that Feast
- II. The Varied Responses to a Gracious Invitation
- III. The Proper Apparel for Such a Glorious Event

### SERMON TEXT: Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup> Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.”’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*. <sup>7</sup> But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ <sup>10</sup> So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> So he said to him, ‘Friend, how

did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.” (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

**HYMN 279 :1-3 Today Thy Mercy Calls Us**

1. Today Thy mercy calls us to wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Thy precious blood can cleanse us and make us white today.

2. Today Thy gate is open, and all who enter in  
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,  
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav’n.

3. Today our Father calls us, His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather Around the heav’nly gates.  
No question will be asked us How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.

BENEDICTION;

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn 48:3 Today I Was My Savior’s Guest**

3. Today I was My Savior’s guest My soul was here so richly blest,  
The Bread of Life receiving  
Oh, may thereby my faith prevail, So that its fruit shall never fail  
Till my account is given Before the throne in heaven!

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. 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. **Quarterly Voters' meeting** will follow immediately after the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30.  
Ladies Aid meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: REFORMATION SUNDAY! Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. We will continue a special video mission evangelism series prepared by the CLC's Committee on Domestic Fields following the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall spreading out with families at individual tables to maintain social distancing. The presentation will be about 45 minutes. Sermon text: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends. Turn your clocks **back** one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 18 worship – 18 Bible Class 14; Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials	
Offerings Received	\$1585.00	Missions	\$330.00
Needed for Year:	\$51,250.00	Kinship	\$ 50.00
Received for Year:	\$46,204.00		

October Church Cleaning - Barthels

October mowing: Joe Ubl

**CLC NEWS**: Update from Pastor David Naumann on Desirae Naumann (nee Ohlmann) one of St. Paul's former teachers: "An update on my wife, Desirae: She has finished her fifth week (one week left!) of chemo/radiation in the treatment for glioblastoma brain cancer. Following that, we'll have a four week rest before getting an MRI scan, the Dr.'s diagnosis, and the next plan for chemo therapy. Physically

speaking, it has been a rough time of exhaustion, nausea, and a steady decline in overall health. Last week one of her doctors wrote that she is "legally blind, and has impaired mobility." She still can see somewhat and can still get around the house, but it's a struggle. Spiritually speaking, God's Word and His gift of faith to Desirae shines brightly in and through her to me and our whole family, and I pray to you also. All our children and grandchildren have been able to visit during this time, which has been a great blessing.

‘In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.’  
Thank you all for your continued prayers.”

### **Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call:**

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. The position would require someone seminary trained with the ability to teach primarily music, college Greek, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2021-22 academic year. The person would serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, potentially teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding the nominee’s educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2020 (letters postmarked November 10, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).