



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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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

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.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and in 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: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot?

Certainly not! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”

¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

¹⁸Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you

were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 296 Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed,
Death's dread pow'r in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.

2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And hearken to Thy voice!
May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice!
Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word;
But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

3. Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need;
Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my soul doth feed.
Lord, Thy words shall be my light Thro' death's vale and dreary night;
Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heav'n enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heav'nly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

THE SERMON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Theme: The Lord's Call to Serve Him

I. The Grace of the Lord's Call

II. The Desired Response to the Lord's Call

SERMON TEXT: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation.

² And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, ³ and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴ that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" ⁵ So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

⁶ Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." (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 413:5, 6 I Walk in Danger 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.

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 is scheduled to follow the service this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Next Sunday's sermon text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: Annual Voters meeting will follow about 20 minutes after the service. There will **not** be a pot luck meal. There will not be adult Bible class next Sunday.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 17 worship – 15 No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other offerings
Offerings Received	\$ 970.00	
Needed for Year:	\$3,750.00	
Received for Year:	\$3,340.00	

January 2021 Church Cleaning – Ubl

CLC NEWS: Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes (Dowagiac), MI, has received the call to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021.

Special Announcement: Ron and Karen Strike, former members of St. Paul's, (Karen was our last Christian day school teacher, and Ron served selflessly on the Board of Buildings and Grounds,) will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, February 12, 2021.

A SURPRISE card shower is being planned for them. If you would like to send greetings, please address it to:

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c/o Phil Strike
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