



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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3rd Sunday after Easter

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed Your satisfaction with the ransom price He paid, so that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen and Ever-living Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 364:1-5 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary rest.
3. Dear name! The Rock on which I build, My Shield and Hiding Place;
My never-failing Treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace.
4. By Thee my prayers acceptance gain Although with sin defiled.
Satan accuses me in vain, And I am owned a child.
5. Jesus, my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, My Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

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 TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 John 3:1-2

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

(NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a ^[a]hireling, *he who* is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

¹⁷ “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 783 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep, Who Your Father’s flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by You.

2. In Your promise firm we stand; None can take us from Your hand.
Speak! We hear! At Your command, We will follow You.

3. By Your blood our souls were bought; By Your life salvation wrought;
By Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.

4. Father, draw us to Your Son; We with joy will follow on
Till the work of grace is done, There to live with You.

5. We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th’ assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

THE SERMON: Acts 4:23-33

Theme: Trusting the Lord’s Guiding Hand

- I. Trust the Lord to Fulfill His Gracious Good Will
- II. Trust the Efficacy of Prayer for the Holy Spirit
- III. Trust the Lord Going Forward in Life

SERMON TEXT: Acts 4:23-33

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

*‘Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?’*

²⁶ *The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’*

²⁷ “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 428 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 413:5 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.

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. **Adult Bible Class** is scheduled to follow the service. A potluck lunch will follow after Bible class. The **quarterly voters meeting** is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via Zoom beginning at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text:. Adult Bible class is scheduled to follow the service.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 5: MN Delegate Conference at Immanuel in Mankato from 10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

June 24- 27: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 18 worship – 15 Bible class -- 7

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other offerings
Offerings Received	\$935.00	
Needed for Year:	\$20,560.00	
Received for Year:	\$19,790.00	

April Church Cleaning – Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI

The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. ManUp! offers encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

Retirement Gift: Professor John Reim has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 21-22. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Reim Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701