



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 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: Deuteronomy 11: 18-21, 26-28

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰ And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. ...

“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:15-29

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree

that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 373:1, 2, 4, 5 By Grace I'm Saved Grace Free and Boundless

**1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain:
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.**

**2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.**

**4. By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of thine own merit
That Jesus died thy soul to win?**

**Nay, it was grace, and grace alone,
That bro't Him from His heav'nly throne.**

**5. By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
What our whole faith must rest upon,
Is grace alone, grace in His Son.**

THE SERMON: Romans 3: 21-25a, 27-28

Theme: Attaining True Righteousness

- I. The Ever Elusive Righteousness of the Law
- II. The Righteousness that Comes to Us from God

SERMON TEXT: Romans 3:21-25a,27-28

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, ... ²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 371: 1-4 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully thro' these absolved I am
From sin and fear from guilt and shame.**

**3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.**

**4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me – e'en for my soul – was shed.**

BENEDICTION;
C: Amen.

Hymn 50:2 Thanks We Give and Adoration

**2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the Truth may we be found!**

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word via the streaming service. Your offerings may be mailed to St. Paul's Lutheran, 2100 16th St. SW, Austin, MN

CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin is scheduled to end at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. The Convention itself, while in session, is being live streamed. To view, search for "ilcvideos" on www.youtube.com. The Convention schedule is printed in the Convention *Prospectus*, beginning on page 6. The *Prospectus* is available online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21..

Pastor Barthels should arrive back home this evening.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 20 worship – 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,655.00	Kinship – Covid relief \$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$32,125.00	
Received for Year:	\$30,138.00	

June Church Cleaning - Ubl

June church lawn mowing: Valerie Barthels.

(We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

KINSHIP DISASTER RELIEF! Because of the ravages of the COVID – 19 pandemic, a desperate need exists among our Christian brethren around the world. How should we respond? *“And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰ This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.”* (Acts 11:27-30) Why special aid for Jerusalem? Because they suffered severe, persistent persecution along with ravages of famine. The love of Christ opened hearts of Christians throughout Galatian and Asia Minor, and Macedonia, and Greece. And they sent aid to brothers and sisters in Christ, people they had never met, time and again!

Now the suffering of our Christian brethren has been brought to our attention. How shall we respond? Christ loved us and saved us, and has bestowed great gifts upon us both spiritual and material. Shall we close our hearts? God forbid! Our brothers and sisters in Christ in so many countries are suffering great hardship and persecution. We can help and help quickly by supporting **Kinship Disaster Relief**. May we be determined to send relief, and also DO IT at the hands of those we have called to administer relief. Again, please designate **Kinship Disaster Relief** on your gift.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN /DAILY REST SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL. We need to renew our subscriptions this month! Please let pastor know. Please remember to submit your payment of \$14.00 to St. Paul’s. \$15 for Daily Rest. One check is sent from St. Paul’s for the entire group. This is not a benefit from your offerings. IRS regulations forbid any tangible benefits from charitable donations. Please pay for your subscription.

CLC Financial Report - May

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2021
General Fund	0	882,795	956,712	1,005,950	- 73,911
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,251,961	1,196,371	1,263,295	55,590
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	35,634	126,949		110,133
ILC Building Projects	14,542	2,169,861	1,094,046		1,090,357
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	214,337	185,398		112,993
Kinship	86,093	184,723	119,916		150,900
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	2,068,712	478,177		3,504,906
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	137,944	109,939		112,285
Reserve Fund	294,092	4,575	0		298,667
Total	\$2,678,880	\$4,815,786	\$2,114,425		\$5,380,241

General Fund – May offerings: \$75,475 vs disbursements: \$93,875, resulted in a net shortfall for the month of \$18,400, increasing the General Fund deficit to -\$73,917. Offerings to date are short of our CBP estimated revenue by \$123,155, but YTD disbursements are \$49,238 less than estimated expenses. The four Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) appear to be on track to close the fiscal year under budget. And we have been blessed with a Reserve from previous years of the Lord's abundant blessings.

ILC Operations – May revenue: \$91,658 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$116,151, but still maintaining a substantial balance of \$55,590 in this last month of the fiscal year ending June 30. YTD ILC disbursements are \$66,924 less than YTD budgeted expenses.

ILC Building Projects – May offerings: \$1,660 vs disbursements of \$10,847 for the design fees & drawings for the proposed new gym. May earnings (Div/Int) were \$1,463 (YTD \$61,057). The 2021 Convention Prospectus (pp 93-105) contains footprints & renderings of the multi-level facility.

CEF – May revenue: \$21,546 (\$40 offerings, \$21,506 CEF loan payments) vs disbursements: \$15,873 (incl \$12,000 note repayment). The Trustees have funded CEF loans to 2 congregations this fiscal year, totaling \$200,000, and approved CEF building loans for 2 others totaling \$1.58 million.

MDF – May offerings: \$7,540 vs disbursements: \$37,585, which includes \$24,620 for new building construction & church building improvement grants.

SAF – May receipts: \$6,496 (SAF loan payments/gifts) vs disbursed: \$4,659 (May STU loans/grants).

ILC PMPG – Public Ministry Prep Grants: YTD earnings: \$46,483. grants this school year: \$32,400. (Note: Since unrealized capital gains can fluctuate (+ or -) each month, those portfolio gains & balances will be reported periodically & separately from the realized earnings from dividends & interest reported each month.)

Kinship – Sponsors/Offerings: \$7,540 vs disbursements: \$19,790 (Orphans & Sem students).

Investment Accounts Growth since 7/1/20: ILC Bldg Projects: \$79,459 to \$1,108,717. SAF Endowment (PMP, SAF, Scholarship Fund): \$159,818 to \$3,538,434. Investment Pool (CEF, CLC Foundation, IIF, Reserve Fund): \$1,461,796 to \$3,792,314. Growth of these accounts is mainly from unrealized capital gains, earnings (dividends & interest), & revenue from CEF & SAF loan repayments, less disbursements for new loans from the CEF & SAF, and realized earnings for the purposes of each fund. *"Bring ye in all the tithes and offerings... and I shall pour you out a blessing..."*

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees