



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 20 God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend Unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King,
At Thy feet their tributes pay, And Thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to man His blessing give, Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above One in joy and light and love.

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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

And He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.”² Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.³ And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.⁴ For *they are* impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’⁵ As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they *are* a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

(NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-6

Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.² And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, “Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!³ Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.

⁴But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” ⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 21:1-3.6 Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee,

1 Jehovah, let me now adore Thee,
For where is there a God, such, Lord, as Thou?
With songs I fain would come before Thee;
Oh, let Thy Holy Spirit teach me now
To praise Thee in His name thro' whom alone
Our songs can please Thee, through Thy blessed Son!

2 O Father, draw me to my Savior
That Thy dear Son may draw me unto Thee;
Thy Spirit guide my whole behavior
And rule both sense and reason thus in me
That, Lord, Thy peace from me may ne'er depart,
But wake sweet melodies within my heart.

3 Grant that Thy Spirit prompt my praises,
Then shall my singing surely please Thine ear;
Sweet are the sounds the heart then raises,
My prayer in truth and spirit Thou wilt hear.;
Then shall Thy Spirit raise my heart to Thee
To sing Thee psalms of praise in high degree.

6 And what Thy Spirit thus hath taught me
To seek from Thee must needs be such a prayer
As Thou wilt grant, through Him who bought me,
And raised me up to be Thy child and heir.
In Jesus' name I fearless seek Thy face,
And take from Thee, my Father, grace for grace.

THE SERMON: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Theme: The Blessing of Adversity in Serving the Lord

- I. Adversity Reveals our Need of God's Grace
- II. Adversity Reveals Human Weakness and Divine Power

SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

(NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 19:1,3,5,6 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills,--
To God all praise and glory!

3 I cried to Him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank Him, thank our God, with me,--
To God all praise and glory!

5 Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

6 Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well--
To God all praise and glory!

BENEDICTION;
C: Amen.

HYMN 38:4 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, who ever liveth,
To whom the heavenly host All praise and honor giveth.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word of God today. If you joined us through streaming services please remember your offerings may be mailed to St. Paul's Lutheran, 2100 16th St. SW, Austin, MN

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with holy communion at 9:30. Please register your intent to commune by signing the sheet on the mailbox table, or by informing the pastor by text or phone call. Sermon text: Mark 6:7-13

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 4 worship – 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 795.00	
Needed for Year:	\$34,695.00	
Received for Year:	\$30,933.00	

July Church Cleaning - Barthels

July Lawn Mowing: Ubl - main mowing Valerie Barthels -trim mowing
(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? 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.

The CLC Convention met on June 24-27. Much hard work was done for our efforts together in the LORD’s kingdom. A summary of the Convention can be found on the bulletin insert or you may go to tinyurl.com/convchron-21 (see page 6 for the Convention resolution on the “Joint Statement”). The full Convention *Proceedings* will be published later this summer. There were two excellent essays delivered; the first, by Pastor Luke Bernthal, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1. The second, by Michael Schierenbeck, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2. You may see a selection of Convention photos at tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21. Paper copies of these documents are available upon request. We thank the LORD for His blessing on our work in the CLC!

CLC NEWS: Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Faith, Manchester, MO, has accepted the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.