



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know and confess my sin. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me as Your child and heir of everlasting life. Help me defeat temptation in my daily life, and glorify Your name before the world in all my ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

HYMN 27 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul!

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.

4 He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest:
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppress.

6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

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.

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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: Amos 7:10-15

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said: 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive From their own land.' "

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos:

"Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah.

There eat bread, And there prophesy.

¹³ But never again prophesy at Bethel,

For it is the king's sanctuary, And it is the royal residence."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

"I was no prophet, Nor was I a son of a prophet,

But I was a sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore fruit.

¹⁵ Then the LORD took me as I followed the flock,
And the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.' (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹²that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 363 To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

1 To our Redeemer's glorious name Awake the sacred song.
Oh, may His love, immortal flame, Tune ev'ry heart and tongue!

2 His love, what mortal thought can reach, What mortal tongue portray?
Imagination's utmost stretch In wonder dies away.

3 He left His radiant throne on high, Left realms of heav'nly bliss,
And came to earth to bleed and die -- Was ever love like this?

4 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay Our humble thanks to Thee,
May every heart with rapture say, "The Savior died for me!"

5 Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme Fill every heart and tongue
Till strangers love Thy charming name, And join the sacred song!

THE SERMON: Mark 6:7-13

Theme: Jesus Establishes the Gospel Ministry.

- I. The Lord Calls Messengers of the Gospel.
- II. The Lord Provides and Empowers the Gospel Ministry.
- III. The Lord Accomplishes Great Things through the Gospel Ministry.

SERMON TEXT: Mark 6:7-13

And He called the twelve to *Himself*, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ⁸ He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in *their* money belts—⁹ but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. ¹¹ And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” ¹² So they went out and preached that *people* should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 307 Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2 He that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love to be with us now.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

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

TUESDAY: Pastor Study meeting at Immanuel, Mankato beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Pastor will be out of town for a family wedding. Should return Saturday afternoon.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Jeremiah 23:1-6.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 11 worship – 17

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,755.00	Kinship	\$175.00
Needed for Year:	\$35,980.00	Memorial – Lincoln Cole	
Received for Year:	\$30,933.00	Property Imprv. Fund	\$50.00

July Church Cleaning - Barthels

July Lawn Mowing: Ubl - main mowing Valerie Barthels -trim mowing
(We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

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 Mark Tiefel of Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Rev. Luke Willitz has received the call to serve as pastor of Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

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Deborah Ude's, "*Shadows in Sunshine*," now available, is V.4 in the "*Steeple in the Distance*" series. All four of Debi's books are available in printed form directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu, at the CLC Bookstore, or . on Amazon. Running a search on Deborah K. Ude should get you all four books there. Here are the direct links: <https://tinyurl.com/comebytrain>. <https://tinyurl.com/SunshineinShadows>.

<https://tinyurl.com/Shadows-in-Sunshine>. Amazon's Deborah K. Ude author page can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/DeborahUde>

CLC Financial Report - June

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2021
General Fund	0	998,765	1,037,570	1,097,400	- 38,805
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,329,126	1,332,554	1,378,140	- 3,428
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	52,159	129,017		124,590
ILC Building Projects	14,542	2,176,220	1,094,046		1,096,716
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	244,700	196,441		132,313
Kinship	86,093	242,254	146,228		182,119
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	2,132,149	518,635		3,527,885
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	160,138	110,833		133,585
Reserve Fund	294,092	5,067	0		299,159
Total	\$2,678,880	\$5,012,687	\$2,195,200		\$5,496,367

General Fund – June offerings: \$115,970 vs disbursements: \$80,858, resulted in a net gain for June of \$35,112, reducing the closing General Fund deficit to -\$38,805. Offerings at year end fell short of CBP estimated budget revenues by \$98,635, but disbursements at year end were \$59,830 less than estimated expenses. The four Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) did their best to stay under budget & our members did their best to bring their offerings for the budget. But in the end, the Lord has done the best of all, sacrificing His Son to cover our eternal deficit, and also blessing us with a Reserve from previous years of His abundant blessings to cover these material shortfalls! The Trustees will transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to cover these year-end deficits.

ILC Operations – June revenue: \$77,164 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$136,182, but with the May balance of \$55,590 ended the fiscal year with a small deficit.

ILC Building Projects – June offerings were \$770 plus some portfolio capital gains and no disbursements from the Planning Committee. June earnings (Div/Int) were \$5,010 for a fiscal year total of \$66,068. The Committee presented footprints & renderings of the proposed multi-level new gym facility to the recent CLC Convention. The Convention Proceedings will report the resolutions of the delegates for this project and other Convention actions when it is published in August.

CEF – June revenue: \$42,350 (\$42,260 loan payments, \$90 offerings) vs disbursements: \$40,458 (incl \$36,748 note repayments & interest). Over the next several months of the calendar year, the Trustees will be funding new CEF congregational building loans of \$1.58 million.

MDF – June offerings: \$30,363 of several special offerings vs disbursements of \$11,042, which includes the 12th & final \$10,000 building construction grant for the Nepal Bible Institute facility.

SAF – June receipts: \$22,193 from lump sum SAF student loan re-payments & a \$2,370 gift.

Kinship – June Offerings: \$57,531 (\$30k special gift) vs disbursed: \$26,312 Medical & Disaster Aid.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees