



What shall I
render to the **LORD**
for all his
BENEFITS to me?

Psalm 116:12, ESV

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 460 Behold the Sure Foundation-Stone

1 Behold the sure Foundation-stone Which God in Zion lays
To build our heav'nly hopes upon And His eternal praise.

2 Chosen of God, to sinners dear, And saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here, Nor shall they suffer shame.

3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest, Reject it with disdain;
Yet on this Rock the Church shall rest, And envy rage in vain.

4 What though the gates of hell withstood, Yet must this building rise.
'Tis Thy own work, Almighty God, And wondrous in our eyes.

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: Exodus 24:3-11

So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the Lord has said we will do."⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put *it* in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."

⁹Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. And *there* was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity.¹¹ But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.(NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:1-15

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea of Tiberias*. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

¹⁰ Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* ^[b] to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." ¹³ Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 462 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

1 I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

2 I love Thy Church, O God. Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And written on Thy hand.

3 Should I with scoffers join Her altars to abuse?
No! Better far my tongue were dumb, My hand its skill should lose.

4 For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

6 Jesus, Thou Friend Divine, Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe Shall great deliverance bring.

7 Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heaven.

THE SERMON: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Theme: Striving Together as One Body in Christ

I. Having a Walk in Life Worthy of Our Calling

II. Participating in the Building Up of the Church

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ...*

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 439 O God of Mercy, God of Might

1 O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our life to Thee.

2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That fallen man might live thereby,
Oh, hear us; for to Thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

3 Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught,
To feel for those Thy blood hath bo't,
That ev'ry word and deed and tho't
May work a work for Thee.

4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died,
Oh, teach us, whatsoe'er betide,
To love them all in Thee!

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;
May we, when help is needed, there
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love,
Till Thou shalt greet in heaven above
All those who live to Thee.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 283 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age

Shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way;
 In death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
 We keep its teachings pure,
 Throughout all generations.

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 at 9:30. Sermon text: John 6:24-35.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 – MONDAY AUGUST 23: Pastor vacation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: Catechism resumes beginning at 4:00 p.m. to 5:30.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: Fall worship schedule resumes with Sunday school and Bible class following the service.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 25 worship – 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,335.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$38,550.00		
Received for Year:	\$34,938.00		

August Church Cleaning - Hellickson

August Lawn Mowing – Mike Nelson, Valerie Barthels -trim mowing