



And take the
helmet of salvation,
and the sword
of the Spirit,
which is the
word of God.

-Ephesians 6:17

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: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 294 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky--
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from her dear Master, Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

3 It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass That over life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

4 Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old!
Oh, teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face!

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 4:1-2,6-8

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. ...

⁶Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.’

⁷“For what great nation *is there* that has God *so* near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him? ⁸And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. ²Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. ³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

⁶He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.

⁷And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”

When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. ¹⁶If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!” ... ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²²thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

²³All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

(NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 444 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious;
Our God will set you o'er them all. Is Satan strong and fell?
Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield,
And we as conqu'ror's hold the field.

2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasures,
Aye, boldly fight for heav'nly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might.
He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you;
By faith you'll conquer in the fight. Then shame, thou weary soul!
Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run; The combat done,
Thy crown of glory will be won.

3 Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;
The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way.
Then the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking,
With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure, Tho' long we did endure
Scorn and trial. Thou, Son of God,
To Thine abode Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

4 Jesus, all Thy children cherish
And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.
Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven
Whenever fearful is our mood. Thy spirit on us pour
That we may love Thee more-- Hearts o'erflowing;
And then will we Be true to Thee
In death and life eternally.

THE SERMON: Ephesians 6:10-20

Theme: Live Dressed for Battle

- I. Know the Enemy
- II. Put on the Armor of the Gospel.
- III. Pray with Perseverance.

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 6:10-20

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 398 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Thy holy face.

2 Destroy in me the lust of sin;
From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God,
To strive against my flesh and blood.

3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Thy Word.
And naught but what Thou wilt, desire;
With such new life my soul inspire.

4 Grant that I only Thee may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold Thee face to face,
O Light eternal, through Thy grace.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 655 I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus

I pray Thee, dear Lord Jesus, My heart to keep and train
That I Thy holy temple From youth to age remain.
Turn thou my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom's lore;
If I but learn to know Thee, I shall not want for more.

CALENDAR

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

NEXT SUNDAY: **Fall worship schedule resumes!** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. We will be studying the Epistle to the Hebrews in Bible Class this year. Next week we may start our Bible class season with a video on the wonders of creation! Sermon text: Mark 7:31-37

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 29 worship – 13

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1920.00	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$44,975.00		
Received for Year:	\$39,954.00		

September Church Cleaning - Nelson

September Lawn Mowing – Katie Barthels

CLC NEWS: Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

CLC 2021 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS: Complete Proceedings from the 2021 CLC Convention are now available on line. You may find a link on the CLC website, or click on the following link:
<https://clclutheran.org/ourhistory/historical-documents/convention-proceedings>.

You may also use: tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc.

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