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**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 God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, may Your Spirit strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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.

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: Amos 5:6,7,10-15

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live,

Lest He break out like fire *in* the house of Joseph,  
And devour *it*, With no one to quench *it* in Bethel—

<sup>7</sup> You who turn justice to wormwood,  
And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!”

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,  
And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, because you tread down the poor  
And take grain taxes from him,  
Though you have built houses of hewn stone,  
Yet you shall not dwell in them;  
You have planted pleasant vineyards,  
But you shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>12</sup> For I know your manifold transgressions  
And your mighty sins:  
Afflicting the just *and* taking bribes;  
Diverting the poor *from justice* at the gate.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time,  
For it *is* an evil time.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, That you may live;  
So the LORD God of hosts will be with you,  
As you have spoken.

<sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate.  
It may be that the LORD God of hosts  
Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

(NKJV)

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON: : Mark 10:17-27

<sup>17</sup> Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”

<sup>20</sup> And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

<sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **HYMN 408: Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory**

1. Jesus Christ, my Pride and Glory, He, the true and living Light,  
Strengthens me with glorious might. Christ revealed in sacred story,  
Whom I now as Lord confess, Teaches me true holiness.

2. Let me live to praise Thee ever, Jesus, Thou my heart's Delight,  
Thou who leadest me aright. Let me cling to Thee forever,  
All the fleshly lusts deny, and the devil's hosts defy.

3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, that in all I follow Him  
Lest the light of faith grow dim. Let me ever trust Thy merit,  
Let Thy blessing me attend, From all evil me defend.

4. From all pain and imperfection, Gracious Lord, deliver me,  
Heaven's glory let me see. Keep me under Thy direction  
That the grace Thou gavest me I may praise eternally.

**THE SERMON:** Hebrews 3:1-6

Theme: Find Assurance of Salvation In Jesus

I. Two Choices: Moses or Jesus

II. The Superior Choice

III. Assurance Found Only in Christ

SERMON TEXT Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. <sup>3</sup>For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God.

<sup>5</sup>And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*. but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly-- Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee!

BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN 644: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## CALENDAR

**TODAY:** Sunday school and Church Council follow after the service this morning. We begin our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. This is a wonderful epistle encouraging all Christians to remain steadfast in the faith in the midst of an unbelieving society.

**Catechism class follows at 11:30 until 12:30.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Pot Luck dinner at 11:20. Catechism follows at 11:30-12:30. **Voters meeting at 12:30.**

Sermon text: Isaiah 53:10-12.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31: MINNESOTA AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL** – You are invited to attend a Reformation Festival Service at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN on **Sunday, October 31 at 4pm**. A meal after the service will be provided by the Ladies of Berea. Pastors Luke Willitz and John Schnose will be conducting the service. Our service will be streamed live and archived on Berea's YouTube page [www.YouTube.com/c/BereaLutheranChurch](http://www.YouTube.com/c/BereaLutheranChurch).

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 10 worship – 14 Sunday school -4 No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 795.00	Pastor Conference	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$52,685.00		
Received for Year:	\$46,730.00		

October Church Cleaning - Ubl

October Lawn Mowing – Valerie Barthels

**Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2022. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2021 (letters postmarked December 1, 2021) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**FALL MISSION WEBINAR** The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – [marktiefel@hotmail.com](mailto:marktiefel@hotmail.com). The webinar theme is “Mission Myths” and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>

**2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip** – Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa)