

PSALM 96:3

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRESERVICE PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. We confess our sins, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Empowered by Your Holy Spirit, lead us on the path of repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 508: Thou Whose Almighty Word

1 Thou whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard And took their flight, Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring, On Thy redeeming wing, Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to all mankind Let there be light!

3 Spirit of Truth and Love, Life-giving, holy Dove, Speed forth Thy flight; Move on the water's face, Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might! Boundless as ocean's tide, Rolling in fullest pride, Thro' the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

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

<u>THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:</u> Isaiah 66:10-14 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; ¹¹ That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory." ¹² For thus says the LORD: "Beheld Lytill extend pages to her like a river

"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,

And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream.

Then you shall feed;

On her sides shall you be carried,

And be dandled on *her* knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." ¹⁴ When you see *this*, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, And *His* indignation to His enemies. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 6:1-18

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.

⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹ See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! ¹² As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen. (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 502: Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening

1 Saints of God, the dawn is bright'ning, Token of our coming Lord: O'er the earth the field is whit'ning; Louder rings the Master's word: Pray for reapers, Pray for reapers In the harvest of the Lord!

2 Now, O Lord, fulfil Thy pleasure, Breathe upon Thy chosen band, And with Pentecostal measure Send forth reapers o'er our land, Faithful reapers, Faithful reapers, Gath'ring sheaves for Thy right hand.

3 Soon shall end the time of weeping, Soon the reaping time will come, Heav'n and earth together keeping God's eternal Harvest-home. Saints and angels, Saints and angels, Shout the world's great Harvest-home.

<u>THE SERMON</u>: Luke 10:1-20 Theme: "The harvest is plentiful." I. Pray II. Go Your Way III. Rejoice

SERMON TEXT: Luke 10:1-20

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵But whatever house you enter, first say,

'Peace to this house.' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹ And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹² But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶ He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 507: Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

1 Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, Spread the kingdom of the Lord, Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n Life to beings meant for heav'n.

2 Tell them how the Father's will Made the world and keeps it still, How His only Son He gave, Man from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's love, Who forever doth remove By His holy sacrifice All the guilt that on us lies.

4 Tell them of the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us up to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

5 Up! The rip'ning fields ye see, Mighty shall the harvest be; But the reapers still are few, Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of Harvest, let there be Joy and strength to work for Thee Till the nations far and near See Thy light, and learn Thy fear.

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!

<u>PRAYER</u>

BENEDICTION C: Amen.

HYMN 492:1,3: Lord of the Living Harvest

1 Lord of the living harvest That whitens o'er the plain, Where angels soon shall gather Their sheaves of golden grain, Accept these hands to labor, These hearts to trust and love, And deign with them to hasten Thy kingdom from above.

3 Be with them, God the Father; Be with them, God the Son; And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One. Make them Thy faithful servants Thee rightly to adore And fill them with Thy fullness Both now and evermore.

CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: **MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY** Sunday school and a mission presentation and pot luck meal will follow after the service.. **No Catechism class today!** Special thanks to **Pastor Luke Willitz** for bringing us the message from the Word this morning.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving Worship at 9:30. Text: Luke 12:15-21

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: 1Thessalonians 3:9-13.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15</u>: Midweek Advent Services. Soup and Sandwich Suppers begin serving at 6:00 p.m. Advent meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5</u>: Church decorating/Christmas Fellowship follows the service. There will be Sunday school on that day but no Bible class. Pot luck meal and carol singing follow the decorating, and Sunday school.

<u>SUNDAY DECEMBER 19</u>: Sunday school Christmas program in our morning worship service at 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: Christmas Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL</u>: Attendance: November 14 worship – 19 Sunday school - 4

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1030.00	
Needed for Year:	\$59,110.00	
Received for Year:	\$52,485.00	