

You are my
lamp, O Lord.

2 Samuel 22:29



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

HYMN 16: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us; Thou must work all good within us.

3 Glorious Lord, Thyself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Open Thou our ears and heart, Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises, Hear and bless our prayers and praises!

4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;

Before you were born I sanctified you;

I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD!

Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.”

⁷But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’

For you shall go to all to whom I send you,

And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸Do not be afraid of their faces,

For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the

LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,

To root out and to pull down,

To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.” (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12: 27 - 13:13

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?* ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

¹³ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love. (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 293: O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever,
So that when death is drawing nigh, We to His open wounds may fly
And find in them salvation.

2 Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.
Yea, let us die to ev'ry sin, For heav'n create us new within
That fruits of faith may flourish.

3 And when our earthly race is run, Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun Continue till life's ending.
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior's hand
To rest in peace eternal.

THE SERMON: Luke 4:20-32

Theme: Jesus Reveals His Divine Authority through His Teaching

- I. Hearing His Gracious Words
- II. Dismissing Jesus' Authority
- III. Acknowledging Jesus' Authority

SERMON TEXT: Luke 4:20-32

²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." ²² So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

²³ He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.' " ²⁴ Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵ But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region*

of Sidon, to a woman *who was* a widow. ²⁷ And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. ³⁰ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

³¹ Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. ³² And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 415:1-4: Lo, Many Shall Come from the East and the West

1 Lo, many shall come from the East and the West
And sit at the feast of salvation
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,
Obeying the Lord's invitation. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

2 But they who have always resisted His grace
And on their own virtue depended
Shall then be condemned and cast out from His face,
Eternally lost and unfriended. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

3 Oh, may we all hear when our Shepherd doth call
In accents persuasive and tender,
That, while there is time, we make haste one and all
And find Him, our mighty Defender! Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

4 Oh, that we the throng of the ransomed may swell,
To whom He hath granted remission!
God graciously make us in heaven to dwell
And save us from endless perdition. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 45:1: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

1 Now, the hour of worship o'er,
Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,
Let us gladly God adore,
For His Word our praises bringing;
For the rich repast He gave us
Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30.

MONDAY: Pastor Barthels will be in Mankato for a Pastor Study Meeting. He expects to arrive back home early evening.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday School and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30. Sermon text: Isaiah 6:1-8.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2: **Ash Wednesday** Mid-week Lenten services begin.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 30 worship – 15 Sunday school – 0 Bible Class -7

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 930.00	
Needed for Year:	\$6320.00	
Received for Year:	\$9811.13	

February Church Cleaning: Berg