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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:** 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 466: Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation**

1. Christ, Thou art the sure Foundation, Thou the Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;  
Thou Thy Zion's Help forever And her Confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
With Thy wonted loving-kindness Hear Thy servants as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction Shed within these walls alway.

3 Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants What they ask of Thee to gain,  
What they gain from Thee forever With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Thy glory Evermore with Thee to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory, While unending ages run.

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: Genesis 45:3-8<sup>A</sup>, 15

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God . . .

<sup>15</sup> Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. <sup>29</sup> To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes

away your goods do not ask *them* back. <sup>31</sup> And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

<sup>32</sup> “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to *those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. <sup>36</sup> Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (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 464: Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

5 This glorious hope revives Our courage by the way,  
While each in expectation lives And longs to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

**THE SERMON:** 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Theme: God's Forgiving Grace Revealed in Jesus' Resurrection.

I. Resurrection Reality: A Foundational Truth of the Gospel

II. Our Hope of Glory unto Everlasting Salvation

**SERMON TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ...

<sup>16</sup> For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup> Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

<sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (NKJV)

**PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN 307: Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord**

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2 He that His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,  
In this Thy feast of love to be with us now.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

### PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN 313:3: May God Bestow on Us His Grace and Favor

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
To please Him with our behavior  
And live as brethren here in love and union  
Nor repent this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord have mercy!

## CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid meets at 4:00 p.m. Denise Barthels -- hostess.

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: Luke 9:26-38.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2: **Ash Wednesday** Mid-week Lenten services begin. Supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m. Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 13 worship – 14 Sunday school – 0 Bible Class -14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1020.00	
Needed for Year:	\$9184.00	
Received for Year:	\$11,611.13	

February Church Cleaning: Berg

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has declined the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.<> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

CLC Financial Report - January

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Month	Balance 1/31/2022
<b>General Fund</b>	0	603,036	721,571	735,000	- 118,535
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,005,393	855,345	844,200	150,048
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	124,590	353,419	294,122		183,887
ILC Building Projects **	1,096,716	142,416	9,862		1,229,270
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	122,056	76,373		177,996
Kinship	182,119	104,264	99,842		186,541
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	3,527,885	-158,496	1,176,558		2,192,831
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	133,585	54,612	70,519		117,678
CLC Reserve Fund (YTD gains/losses)	300,222	-41,922	0		258,300
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$5,497,430</b>	<b>\$576,349</b>	<b>\$1,727,276</b>		<b>\$4,346,503</b>

**General Fund – January** offerings were \$86,978 **VS** disbursements of \$114,622, a **negative** monthly cash flow of \$27,644, increasing the General Fund indebtedness to -118,535. YTD offerings are \$132,000 short of estimated needs, while YTD disbursements are \$14,500 under estimated expenses for the 7 months of the fiscal year. The General Fund provides the main subsidy (\$1,260,000) for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed & Publication.

**ILC Operations – January** revenue was \$173,152 (\$61,667 subsidy & \$108,872 from 2<sup>nd</sup> semester student revenue) **VS** disbursements of \$119,280 (wages/benefits \$77,344), a positive monthly cash flow of nearly \$53,872.

**IIF – January** revenue: \$220 **VS** \$95,894 disbursed (hail insurance repairs). Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for FY22 YTD are \$2,677.

**ILC Building Projects – January** offerings: \$525 **VS** \$0 disbursements. January earnings (dividends-interest) were \$4,055, while changes in principal (capital) value were positive \$85,258 due to market movements. Realized earnings for FY22 YTD are \$27,905.

**CEF – January** revenue: \$30,019 loan repayments & \$40 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$3,727 admin expenses. Realized earnings of interest & dividends for FY22 YTD are \$56,506.

**MDF – January** offerings \$14,538 (\$48 special) **VS** disbursements of \$14,851, incl \$8,500 for Church Bldg Aid, \$2,235 Africa outreach, \$1215 part time missionaries, and \$1,793 for admin expenses.

**SAF – January** receipts: \$15,683 (SAF loan repayments & \$1,233 special gift) **VS** \$7,626 disbursed for student grants, loans, & scholarships; \$964 admin expenses. SA Endowment realized earnings for FY22 YTD are: SAF: \$33,729; PMP grant: \$41,459; Scholarship Fund: \$2,738.

**Kinship – January:** Received: \$28,728 offerings & sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$17,375 (\$7410, orphans, \$8,690 seminary students).

\*\* Fluctuations up & down in the revenue column above for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund are partially due to gains & losses in their respective portfolio values due to market fluctuations from month to month. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances, which of course also reflect disbursements from the funds. The earnings (interest & dividends) are real, constant, & cumulative each month, as are our other blessings from the Lord!

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees