

ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Ushering this month: Willy and Roman

Prepare for worship: Psalm 51 Hymnal page 134

We Enter God's Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

P: Lord of Might, Lord of Love, we come into your presence today to receive your grace and forgiveness, to hear your holy word, and to give all praise and glory to your holy name. Lord, come to us with your Holy Spirit in your Word today and sanctify us by your truth so that we may stand secure in your grace and not succumb to deceit or temptation, but that we may glorify your name in all that we say and do. In our Saviour's name! Amen.

Opening Hymn: 779 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

1 Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2 Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore.
With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.

3 Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours the merit; To You alone the praise!
Give us a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

4 Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear,
And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere
Till, in Your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,
Heirs of Your free salvation, We praise You evermore.

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Our Confession of Sins:

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: **“Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.”** (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only by Your grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore we pray, Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus’ sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus’ blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves

us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

God Speaks to Us

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:18-25

18 “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
20 The beast of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen.
21 This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.
22 “But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; And you have been weary of Me, O Israel. 23 You have not brought Me the sheep for your burnt offerings, nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices.
I have not caused you to serve with grain offerings, nor wearied you with incense. 24 You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices; But you have burdened Me with your sins, you have wearied Me with your iniquities. 25 “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

Response of Praise: from Psalm 130

P: If You, Lord, should mark iniquities,

C: O Lord, who could stand?

P: But there is forgiveness with You,

C: That You may be feared.

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

C: And in His word I do hope.

P: O Israel, hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is mercy,
C: **And with Him is abundant redemption. Hallelujah!**
Hallelujah!

P: He shall redeem Israel
C: **From all his iniquities. Hallelujah!**

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

18 But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came

down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 757 Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

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1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!

Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

When the Creator Wore Sandals

Sermon text: Mark 2:1-12

“1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, 11 “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Theme:

Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Sins!

Hymn: 321 O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee

1. O faithful God, thanks be to Thee
Who dost forgive iniquity.
Thou grantest help in sin's distress,
And soul and body dost Thou bless.

2. Thy servant now declares to me:
"Thy sins are all forgiven thee.
Depart in peace, but sin no more
And e'er My pardoning grace adore."

3. O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart,
For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart
Through Christ, our Savior's precious blood,
Which for the sake of sinners flowed.

4. Give us Thy Spirit, peace afford
Now and forever, gracious Lord.
Preserve to us till life is spent
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2
We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

P: The Peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

God Gives Himself to Us in the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We especially praise You that You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh and

have revealed Him to the world as our only Savior from sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.


O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 2

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness. **Benediction:**

THANKSGIVING



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 370 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:
1 Timothy 1:15

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Class at 11:20. We will be studying “A Guide to Christian Denominations,” comparing what different churches teach with what the Bible teaches.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

Midweek Bible Study at the parsonage at 1:00

We will continue studying the book of Malachi and what he teaches us about true, God pleasing worship.

Thursday - Pastoral Study Club at 2:00

Catechism at 4:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George Rosenberg at 1:30

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20.

ILC Tour Choir Concerts in Washington

The Tour Choir will be venturing out to Washington state this March for concerts in all of our congregations. Here is a schedule of concerts if anyone would like to make it to one of them.

- Gethsemane in the Spokane Valley will host the Choir for their Sunday morning worship service on March 16 at 9:00 am.
- Trinity in Spokane will host the Choir Sunday afternoon.
- Together they are also planning a community outreach concert on Monday (March 17) at 6:30 in the Center Place Community Building in (Spokane Valley).
- Clarkston will host them for a concert on the 18th.
- Tacoma on Wednesday the 19th.
- Lynnwood on Thursday the 20th.

CLC Call News

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, SD has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Church and School in Mt. View, CA.

Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO.

Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights, MN has **returned** the call to Trinity School, Watertown, SD.

Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School in Mt. View has **received** the call to Trinity School in Watertown, SD.

Ms. Blair Sydow has **received and accepted** the call to continue serving as the full time upper grade teacher at Holy Trinity School in West Columbia, SC.

Mission Prayer List

Pakistan (South Asia) – Pastor G. and the believers in Faisalabad continue to participate in weekly online video classes with Pastor Daub and conduct weekly worship services on the roof of Pastor G's home. The congregation has grown and they need a larger space to meet. Praise and thank the Lord for the growth of this faithful and confessional Lutheran congregation. Ask the Lord to continue to bless these believers in Faisalabad as they grow in their faith and understanding of God's saving word.

Liberia (West Africa) – CLC Board of Missions Chairman Joel Krafft and Missionary Ohlmann had the privilege of visiting Liberia in mid-November. They attended and presented God's word at a four-day pastoral conference and had the opportunity to meet with several independent pastors who have been working with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu and Pastor John Hein over the past couple of years. Pray for God's blessings and provision for spreading the Gospel in Liberia and the developing opportunities among the independent pastors in Liberia and neighboring Guinea. Pray for the Lord's blessings on visitation preparations.

Nigeria (West Africa) – The NCLC has recently met its fundraising goal for a building project they have been planning for more than twenty-five years. Their plans have received approval from the local government, and they began brick-making and foundation work in late October. They hope to complete the project by March. The CLC Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to help with construction costs. The building will include two large classrooms, a study room, a library/computer room, and an office for faculty. With an increase in enrolment and expectations for even larger enrolment next year, this new building is essential. Ask the Lord to bless this project and to provide necessary funding through the offerings of NCLC members and MDF offerings of CLC members. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!

Kenya (East Africa) – The CLC Kinship-supported schools just began a new school year. Pastor Jasper, who recently graduated from Wittenberg Seminary in Tanzania, will begin daily devotions, Bible study, and Catechism instruction with the students at the school in Moi’s Bridge. The Kenya-CLC is currently facing leadership and organizational challenges at St. David’s Kinship School in Etago. Please pray that the Lord grants the necessary wisdom, love, patience, diligence, and clear direction as we seek His blessings upon the upcoming meetings, correspondence, and crucial decisions that need to be made.