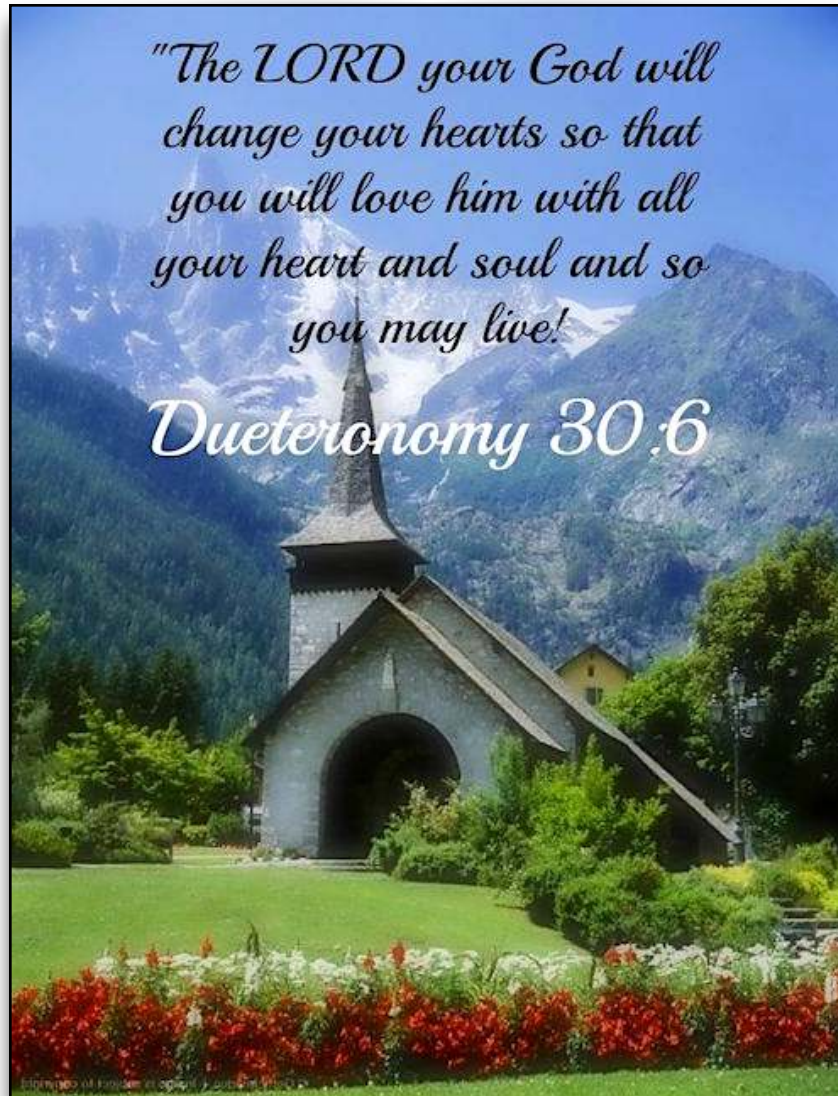


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:1-8 (pew bible, p.545)
- ◆ The Hymns: 904, 705, 573, 924
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 2:6-14, Matthew 5:20-37
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 65

**Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

### ***CHOOSING LIFE WITH GOD***

1. Our need for such a life.
2. The Source of such a life.
3. The blessed results of such of life.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (924)

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**A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 2:6-14

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 65

P Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion:  
C To you our vows will be fulfilled.  
P O you who hear prayer:  
C To you all men will come.  
P When we were overwhelmed by sins:  
C You forgave our transgressions.  
P Blessed are those you choose:  
C And bring near to live in your courts!  
P We are filled with the good things of your house:  
C Of your holy temple.

### Second Lesson – Matthew 5:20-37

20 "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. 25 Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to

the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. 33 Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' 34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

#### **Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (2/16)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	CBP Presentation / Voters' Meeting <i>(rescheduled from last Sunday)</i>
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Kingdom Divided, OT 44)
Sun (2/23)	11:15 am	Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Prophet Elijah, OT 54)

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Ash Wednesday Worship: Feb 26, 7:00 pm

### SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Organist: Suzannah Miller
- Ushers: Larry Reed, Mike Sprengeler
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti

**THE CLC COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN (CBP)** for the new year will be presented in PowerPoint format after the worship service today (downstairs), rescheduled from last Sunday. It will provide information about the projected financial needs for the various phases of the Lord's work in our synod in the coming year. A special voters' meeting will follow for the purpose of setting our 2020 CBP Estimate. This is the amount of offerings we will pledge to contribute as a congregation to the CLC General Fund in the new year. An abbreviated Bible class will follow the meeting.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY STUDENTS AT IMMANUEL** – "It is with grateful hearts to the Lord that we must confess that the large number of gifts that have been received from various congregations and anonymous individuals have made it difficult to properly express our immense gratitude. Your Christian love, support and prayers on our behalf have been truly humbling and a wonderful encouragement for those of us aspiring to the public ministry. Thank you all, and please continue to keep us in your prayers. *John 1:16 For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*"

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 17-22**

**Mon Deuteronomy 30:15-20** This choice faces us every day of our life: a good life OR an evil death. We know that we don't love God as we should or walk in His ways or keep His commandments – and we know the reason why, too. It's that our hearts turn aside to other things, and we aren't listening to God's voice (15-17). Note: God is not saying that our salvation depends on our keeping His commandments, but rather that we will lose out on temporal blessings while we live on planet Earth. Jesus took care of the other.

**Tues Matthew 5:21-37** focuses on human failures to honor God by word and by deed. For example, when a man's infidelity ruins the marriage, the carry-over is ruinous for the wife, too---and collateral damage continues into her future. For another example: "Oh, my God!" is common coinage, but unless you really mean to bring God to your side, you're misusing His holy name. Think it over. Lord, have mercy on us!

**Wed 1 Corinthians 2:6-13** How bad is it with humans? Bad enough to make us blind, deaf, and dumb about God's person and His business (6-9). That's ruinous. Absolutely. So God made it the Holy Spirit's business to open blind eyes, restore hearing, and heal broken hearts – so humans can perceive God, rally to His program, and circulate His good Word.

**Thurs Psalm 119:1-8** The Holy Spirit works on somebody's heart so he catches on that he is *blessed* in a life that honors God and His holy will. *Oh, that my ways were governed by Your Spirit to keep Your directives all the time and on all occasions! (5) Then I would not be ashamed of myself. Better yet, when I learn Your righteous judgments by dwelling on Your Word, then I shall be enabled to keep your statutes. Oh, God, forsake me not!*

**Fri Luke 11:24-28** Apparently demons don't enjoy being in hell, so they find an excuse to hang around on Earth and ruin people's lives by indwelling them. If God were to expel one of them from his human sanctuary, he may wander around, searching for another victim, and maybe even return to his earlier home. Beware, dear reader, lest your refurbished heart become the next victim! How? By addiction to lust, pride, selfishness, etc., etc.

**Sat Acts 8:1-7** Stephen was delivered from the great tribulation, but others were still en route (1). Saul was flailing around because Satan had blinded him to Jesus; Christians fled Judea—not for their own sakes alone, but also for the sake of others (4-5). Then the Holy Spirit blessed Philip's ministrations with success after success; dirty demons lost their control over minds and bodies, and souls were brought back into God's family. Praise the Lord!

## ***CLC SUMMER EVENTS IN 2020***

<b><u>Youth/Family Event</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>For ages</u></b>
<b>CLC Grade School BB Tourney</b> www.clclutheran.net/tourney	March 13-15	Grades 5-8
<b>Girls' Basketball Camp at ILC</b> ross.roehl@ilc.edu	June 11-13	Grades 5-12
<b>CLC Youth Camp @ Pillager, MN *</b> www.facebook.com/clcyouthcamp	June 14-20	Grades 6-12
<b>Girls' Volleyball Camp at ILC</b> joe.lau@ilc.edu	July 19-22	Grades 5-12
<b>Black Hills Family Camp</b> aaronude@gmail.com	July 10-14	All ages
<b>Messiah Family Camp</b> (40 mi. E of Eau Claire) brucenaumann@gmail.com	July 24-26	All ages
<b>Lower Michigan Youth Camp</b> pastor316@redeemerclc.info	July 27-30	Grades 6-12
<b>Pacific Northwest Youth / Family Camp</b> davereim77@gmail.com	August 3-7	Grade 6 & older
<b>Porcupine Mountains Camp Outing</b> gnaoster@gmail.com	August 8-12	Grades 8-12
<b>Christ's Explorers Camp, Gaston, SC</b> <b>ChristExplorersCamp.com</b>	August 13-15	Grades 3-9
<b>Worship in the Woods, Markesan, WI</b> sesoomai@gmail.com	August 14-16	All ages

*\* Youth Camp at Pillager is held every other year (when the ILC camp is not held)*

## ***2020 EVENTS FOR ADULTS***

<b>CLC Women's Retreat (Amery, WI)</b> www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	March 20-22	All women
<b>Arise and Shine Retreat (Pillager, MN)</b> www.ariseandshineretreat.com	June 11-14	"20s & 30s"
<b>CLC Convention</b> at ILC Campus	June 25-28	Delegates & Visitors
<b>CLC Women's Retreat, Chadron, NE</b> www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	Sept. 18-20	All women
<b>CLC Men's Retreat (Wyalusing, WI)</b> www.manup.clclutheran.org	Sept. 24-27	All men
<b>CLC Women's Retreat, Myrtle Beach, SC</b> www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	Nov. 1-3	All women



## CLC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST FEBRUARY 2020

*Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you. 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

- ❖ **D.R. Congo** – On February 23rd and March 1st graduation and ordination services will be held for the men who have completed theological training through the CCLC Holy Trinity Lutheran Bible Institute. These men will serve as pastors and evangelists of the Congregation Confessionnelle Lutheraniene Du Congo (CCLC). **Give thanks** to the Lord for providing for the training these men have received through the support of CLC Project Kinship. **Ask the Lord** to continue to bless their labors that many may be led to repent of their sins and to rejoice with us in the salvation that Jesus won for all people on the cross.
- ❖ **Nepal** – The Himalayan CLC of Nepal has purchased a small piece of land in a rural area west of Kathmandu with the intention of constructing a multi-purpose building that will serve as a home, HCLCN office, Bible Institute, library, and worship facility. The CLC Board of Missions has approved funding assistance for this project through the Mission Development Fund. **Pray** that our Lord will bless this project so that this facility will serve His kingdom for years to come as a place where many will be trained to be faithful preachers and teachers of His saving word! **Pray** also that God will move the hearts of His children here in the U.S. and also in Nepal to support this project with offerings of time, talent, and treasure.
- ❖ **Bangladesh and India Visitation** – Pastor David Reim and Missionary Ohlmann have both returned home safely. Following a successful visit to Bangladesh, Missionary Ohlmann had his Indian visa revoked, was denied entry, and was deported at the airport in Chennai, India. Pastor Reim, who was traveling on a temporary visa, was allowed to enter India and spent three weeks attending the Joint Asia Pastoral Conference and working with the two church bodies that we are in fellowship with. **Thank the Lord** for these opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. **Pray** for the political situation in India that is bringing hardship and persecution to Christians. **Ask the Lord** to protect His children in India and to give them strength and boldness to proclaim His word in the face of persecution. **Petition the Lord**, according to His will, to clear the way for Missionary Ohlmann to get a new visa that will allow him to begin visiting our brothers and sisters in India again. **Pray** for the many, many souls in India who do not yet believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior that they may hear and believe God's saving word.
- ❖ **Tanzania** – Pastor Godson Mshana was recently involved in a motorcycle accident. His leg was injured and will spend the next couple of months at his son's house in Arusha while he goes through rehab. **Pray that the Lord** will grant quick and complete healing so that Pastor Mshana will be able to return to his teaching duties at the Wartburg Lutheran Seminary.
- ❖ **Tanzania** – The second year of classes have begun at the Wartburg Lutheran Seminary of the CLC-Tanzania. Six students from three districts of the CLC-Tanzania are attending classes through CLC Project Kinship sponsors. **Pray** that the Lord will bless these men and their families with everything needed as they spend their time preparing to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word. **Pray** also for the teachers and staff that the Lord will continue to give them the wisdom, strength, and guidance needed for the work they have been given.
- ❖ **Missionary Travels** – Missionary Ohlmann will be leaving for several weeks of travel on Sunday, February 16th. He will spend three weeks in the D.R. Congo, two weeks in Myanmar, and two weeks in Nepal. **Ask the Lord** to grant safe and uneventful travels, good health, wisdom, patience, and love as he attends and preaches at two seminary graduation services, two ordination services, several churches, teaches and encourages several pastors and students, and conducts pastoral training and Gospel outreach seminars.