

# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 43 (pew bible, p.503)
- ◆ The Hymns: 802, 396, 412, \*505 (*\*printed on last page of bulletin*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 89

**Sermon Text – Matthew 4:12-23**

### ***A PATTERN FOR MISSION WORK***

1. The place.
2. The message.
3. The messengers.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (505)

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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 – Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 89

**P** I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever:  
**C** I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.  
**P** I will declare that your love stands firm forever:  
**C** That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.  
**P** The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD:  
**C** Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.  
**P** O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?:  
**C** You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.  
**P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne:  
**C** Love and faithfulness go before you.  
**P** Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you:  
**C** Who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.  
**P** They rejoice in your name all day long:  
**C** They exult in your righteousness.  
**P** Praise be to the LORD forever!:  
**C** Amen and Amen.

### Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### Sermon Text – Matthew 4:12-23

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” 18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today (1/26) | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                            |
|              | 10:45 am | Sunday School (David and Bathsheba, OT 41) |
|              | 10:45 am | Bible Class (Gospel of John, chapter 18)   |
| Sun (2/2)    | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                            |
|              | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Absalom’s Rebellion, OT 42) |
|              | 10:45 am | Bible Class                                |

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- CLC CBP Presentation: Sunday, Feb.9, 10:45 am (*see note below*)
- Elders’ Meeting: Sunday, Feb.16, 8:30 am
- Ash Wednesday Worship: Feb 26, 7:00 pm

### SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

- Organist: Carly Meyer
- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Larry Reed

**IN OUR PRAYER:** Doug Tiefel who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. ++ Ed Scott who returned home last Sunday from the Hallmark Nursing Center last Sunday and is entering hospice care at home. ++ Louise Rutherford who suffered a fall at home recently. She was hospitalized temporarily and is now back home recovering. She is also recuperating from a cold bug. ++ May the Lord tenderly care for His children.

THE CLC COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN (CBP) for the new year will be presented in PowerPoint format after the worship service on Sunday, February 9. 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 the presentation 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's General Fund in the new year.

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS:** Copies of the reports presented at last Sunday's Annual Meeting (by the pastor and treasurer) may be found on the shelf in the entry. Help yourself.

**NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:**

- St. Paul 2020 Calendar
- January 2020 Mission Opportunities Prayer List

**WELCOME FOLDERS:** Our St. Paul welcome folders were recently updated. The folders (containing leaflets with information about our church) are intended for sharing with worship guests and other folks who may be interested in learning more about our church. Feel free to take one home for perusing and sharing.



**SYNOD NEWS:** Recently two CLC pastors made a trip to India to visit our Christian brethren, to proclaim the Gospel, conduct pastoral training sessions, and carry on work among the pastors and leaders in India and the Joint Asia Pastoral Conference (scheduled for this week). The visa of one of our pastors was revoked, and he was denied entrance to India. He ended up being deported back to America. The other was granted entry. He will be working for several weeks among our India brethren. Please keep him in your prayers, asking the Lord to keep him safe and bless his work for Him in our India mission field. ++ You may read the "story" of what happened with immigration in India at this address on the internet: [missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com](http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com)

**ELECTION RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK'S ANNUAL MEETING**

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| President:         | Ed Chiappetti                |
| Vice President:    | Doug Tiefel                  |
| Secretary:         | Mark Hartmeister             |
| Treasurer:         | Wayne Ruegge                 |
| Board of Elders:   | Mike Sprengeler              |
| Board of Trustees: | Mike Sprengeler              |
| Finance Committee: | Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin |

**Also serving on the Church Council:**

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| Board of Elders:   | Ed Chiappetti, Larry Reed    |
| Board of Trustees: | Darrick Peters, Wayne Ruegge |
| Finance Committee: | Wayne Ruegge, Doug Tiefel    |

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 1**

**Mon Isaiah 9:1-4** The northern frontier had been invaded so often that it was called *Galilee of the Gentiles*. Jesus favored that heathenish locale for His ministrations for the good reason that those folks were doomed without His intervention. So, the light of His loving mercy shone on them (2). Praise God, for Jesus has conquered heathen hearts all over the globe, and those hearts rejoice that Messiah has removed their burden of sin. We understand.

**Tues Matthew 4:12-25** presents the itinerary of Jesus up north, where Isaiah knew He would be going (12-17). Was Jesus successful? Yes, for one-by-one men joined His group and left their secular occupations behind. Onward and forward! With these men as His witnesses and co-workers, Jesus healed souls and bodies. That's what people needed, and it made Him popular (23-25).

**Wed 1 Corinthians 1:10-17** The Christian congregation of Corinth proves that enlightenment is an on-going project. For example, members who had been instructed by Apollos favored him; others favored Paul for similar reason; and Peter was favored by others. That attitude was short-changing God, who had sent ALL their shepherds to serve them. [When you have winners, you also have losers—and Christians shouldn't play that game.] Lord, have mercy!

**Thurs Psalm 27** God had enlightened psalmist David to realize he was safe in God's hands (1-3), and he wanted to stay there (4-6). What brought David to that conviction? Evidence. Evidence that God had supported him in the past (7-9), so he had good reason to face the future with the same confidence (10). Dear reader, keep on with your learning (11) and depending (14)!

**Fri Matthew 5:43-48** We keep on being enlightened by the Holy Spirit as we delve into God's Word, and in His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives us some correctives on true religion. Is it a tough assignment for us who understand and appreciate God's love— to have sympathetic, caring love for folks whose souls are riddled with hate for Christians and steaming against Christian influences? It's contrary to human nature, but God has shared His own nature with us, which enables His children to face difficult situations as He has always faced them—with sympathy, with compassion, with love to rescue souls headed for hell. That's godly love, and it's perfect love (48).

**Sat Acts 7:17-36** God knows how to manipulate events and people to fit His plans, but humans are slow learners; it took eighty years to straighten Moses out. Note: Moses had to become a follower before he could become a leader—and when God did send a *ruler and deliverer* to the Jews, that's the man whom the Jews *rejected* (35). Stephen was not bad-mouthing Moses, but defending him (36). Good testimony; good defense. Stay tuned.

# O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

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Rev. 14: 6  
William Williams, 1772, cento, alt.

8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 7.

Guide Me  
George W. Warren, 1884

1 O'er the gloom-y hills of dark-ness, Cheered by no ce-  
2 King-doms wide that sit in dark-ness, Grant them, Lord, the  
3 Fly a-broad, e-ter-nal Gos-pel; Win and con-quer,

les-tial ray, Sun of Right-eous-ness, a-ris-ing,  
glo-rious light; And from east-ern coast to west-ern  
nev-er cease. May Thy last-ing, wide do-min-ions

Bring the bright, the glo-rious day. Let the morn-ing  
May the morn-ing chase the night And re-demp-tion,  
Mul-ti-ply and still in-crease! May Thy scep-ter

Of Thy bless-ed Gos-pel dawn.  
Free-ly pur-chased, win the day!  
Sway th'en-light-ened world a-round! A-men.