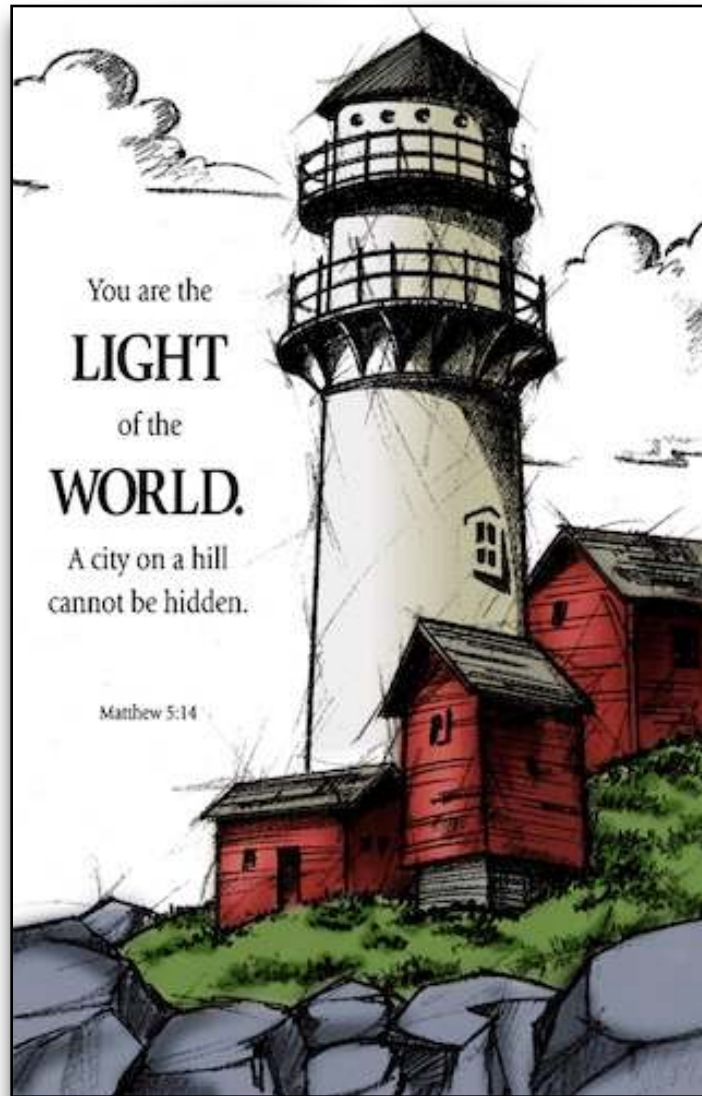


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

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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 36 (pew bible, p.498)
- ◆ The Hymns: 684, 704, 694 (1-4), 691
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 58:5-9a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 111

Sermon Text – Matthew 5:14-16

***DEAR CHRISTIAN,
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN THE WORLD!***

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (691)

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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 58:5-9a

5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6 Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 111

P I will extol the LORD with all my heart:
C In the council of the upright and in the assembly.
P Great are the works of the LORD:
C They are pondered by all who delight in them.
P Glorious and majestic are his deeds:
C And his righteousness endures forever.
P He has caused his wonders to be remembered:
C The LORD is gracious and compassionate.
P The works of his hands are faithful and just:
C All his precepts are trustworthy.
P He provided redemption for his people; He ordained his covenant forever:
C The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.
P All who follow his precepts have good understanding:
C To him belongs eternal praise.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Sermon Text – Matthew 5:14-16

14 You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (2/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Solomon Builds the Temple, OT 43)
	10:45 am	Bible Class (Gospel of John, chapter 19)
Sun (2/16)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Kingdom Divided, OT 44)
	10:45 am	CBP Presentation / Voters' Meeting (<i>see note below</i>)
	11:15 am	Bible Class

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: February 26, 7:00 pm

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Organist: Carly Meyer
- Ushers: Larry Reed, Mike Sprengeler
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti

IN OUR PRAYERS: Fred Newton, who was hospitalized last week at St. Anthony's Medical Center in Lakewood. He suffered several falls at home over the past weeks, and is dealing with a variety of medical ailments. ++ Louise Rutherford, who continues her recovery from a fall she suffered at home. ++ Ed Scott, who is receiving hospice care at home. ++ Doug Tiefel, who continues his recovery from knee replacement surgery. ++ Gene Wamboldt, who is undergoing therapy at PowerBack Rehabilitation Center in Lakewood. He is also suffering from a variety of medical ailments.

*I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2*

THE CLC COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN (CBP) for the new year will be presented in PowerPoint format after the worship service today. 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's General Fund in the new year. An abbreviated Bible Class will follow the voters' meeting.

SYNOD NEWS: "The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at this link: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our web site, www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at plstrike7@aol.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in September!"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
FEBRUARY 10-15

Mon Isaiah 58:5-9a The question is whether you have the kind of religion that pleases you (5) – or the kind of religion that pleases God (6-7). When your religion is joined with God's, your life reflects your Sponsor. In picture language, your life resembles daybreak, you generate healing for sin-sick souls, your reputation precedes you, and God's splendor protects you (8). In point of fact, you and God are attuned to each other (9a). Blessings abound.

Tues Matthew 5:13-20 When your religion matches God's religion, then you function like salt (13), like a bonfire (14), and like a living-room floor lamp (15-16). Jesus had a more difficult job on His hands—to compensate for humanity's failures, and get it done without fudging (17-18). Since you and I are lacking in humble obedience to God's will and fail to keep God's commandments (19), Jesus has supplied our lack; it's more than enough (20).

Wed 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Human limitations are opportunities (1) for God to get His religion across to humans (2). In fact, God loves people enough to by-pass human philosophy, psychology, and linguistics—convincing us to turn to Jesus' righteous self-sacrifice and accept His holy blood to compensate for our unrighteous self-service and our bloody behavior. We rest our souls on Jesus for our eternal salvation; genuinely and totally. Thank You, Jesus!

Thurs Psalm 111 reveals how a child of God responds to God's saving love. "I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, and I will do so publicly (1), for I know He loves me (2-4) along with a host of other mortals (5-6). I depend on God to never change His tactics and/or protocol with us humans, but will stick to the redemption plan that is in Christ Jesus (7-9). I recommend that everyone revere God and live accordingly (10). Praise Jesus, my Lord!"

Fri Matthew 5:20 "We need to understand who is speaking to us here: it is the perfect Savior. Surely, this is His righteousness that He is describing for us and demands of us; this is the life He lived, and He lived it for us! God sent Him to fulfill all righteousness in our stead, as though we had worked it. For God has given the righteousness of His Son to us as our own, that thus we might cover our sins and shortcomings. Thus in Jesus we have the better righteousness—through faith and trust in what He did for us." [From Selected Sermons of E. Schaller; Vol.II]

Sat Acts 7:51-60 Stephen was facing hostile Jews, who were making it clear that they didn't like the way things were going. Stephen picked up on their anger; he shifted gears to spell out the danger they were falling into (51-53), which cut them to the heart. But that was rebellion, not repentance (54). God knew what was coming, so He reassured Stephen of His support (54-56). Seeing heaven opened and Jesus at the door to welcome him home strengthened Stephen to face bodily death; with his last breath he even blessed his murderers. How surpassingly wonderful! Praise the Lord!