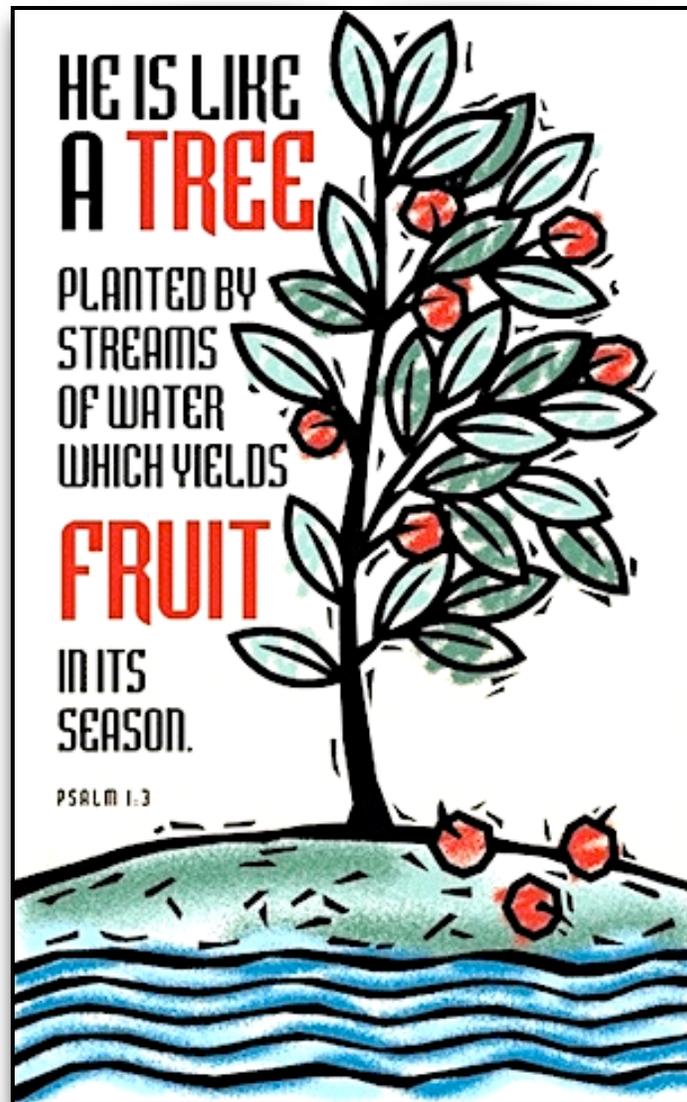


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– 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 1 (pew bible, p.481)
- ◆ The Hymns: 645 (1-4), 783, 922 (1-3), 645 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: John 13:1-17, Colossians 3:15-24
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 100

Sermon Text – Acts 6:1-7

JESUS CALLS LAY WORKERS TO SERVE HIM IN HIS CONGREGATION

1. The need for lay workers.
2. The importance of their work.
3. Qualifications He looks for in them.



- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Installation of Newly-Elected Church Officers
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (645, stanza 5)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Colossians 3:15-24

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. 18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 100

P Make a joyful shout to the LORD:
C All you lands!
P Serve the LORD with gladness:
C Come before His presence with singing.
P Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves:
C We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
P Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:
C Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
P For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting:
C And His truth endures to all generations.

Second Lesson – John 13:1-17

1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. 2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Sermon Text – Acts 6:1-7

1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We're 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.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler; Usher: Bob Rankin

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (1/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service with installation of newly-elected church officers
	10:45 am	Sunday School (John the Baptist, NT 6)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Sun (1/31)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Temptation, NT 7)
	10:45 am	CBP Presentation (<i>see note below</i>)
	11:00 am	Bible Class

CALL NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne. <> The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions extended a call to Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021.

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

NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY: St. Paul 2021 Calendar

EXTENDED CALENDAR: Ash Wednesday Worship: Feb.17, 7:00 pm (first of six midweek services)

THE CLC COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN (CBP) for the new year will be presented after the worship service next Sunday. It will provide information on 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 2021 CBP Estimate. This is the amount of offerings we will plan to contribute as a congregation towards the CLC General Fund in the new year.

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ELECTION RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK'S ANNUAL MEETING

President: Ed Chiappetti
Vice President: Doug Tiefel
Secretary: Mark Hartmeister
Treasurer: Wayne Ruegge
Board of Elders: Ed Chiappetti
Finance Committee: Wayne Ruegge, Doug Tiefel

Also serving as church officers (unexpired terms):

Board of Elders: Mike Sprengeler
Board of Trustees: Mike Sprengeler
Finance Committee: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

RESULTS OF THE MARY/MARTHA MEETING ELECTIONS

President: Lisa Sprengeler
Vice President: Ruth Claeys
Secretary: Jo Blakey
Treasurer: Crystal Ruegge

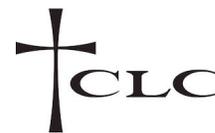
Also serving our congregation among the ladies:

Altar Care/Flowers: Lisa Sprengeler
Communion Ware Set-up: Sharlene Chiappetti
"Sunshine" Cards Secretary: Willa Mae Janssen
"Feeding His Lambs" Cradle Roll Secretary: Julie Whitmer-Wright

May the Good Shepherd bless the labors of love which these servants of the Lord carry out for Him and the welfare of His flock at St. Paul in the coming year.

Lord and Shepherd, in all the many things that need to be done for Your Church, grant to those entrusted with special responsibilities zeal and faithfulness to perform their tasks for the upbuilding of Your Church and the glory of Your saving name; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, ever one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices to be elected at the 2021 CLC Convention:



- CLC President
- CLC Vice-President
- CLC Moderator
- CLC Secretary
- Board of Trustees—Called Servant
- Board of Trustees—Lay Member
- Board of Regents—Called Servant
- Board of Regents—Lay Member
- Board of Missions—Called Servant
- Board of Missions—Lay Member
- Board of Education—Teacher Member
- Board of Education—Lay Member

Member nominations will be received January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Nomination forms, lists of eligible called servants, and submission information are available on the clclutheran.org website. Those candidates nominated this past January through March will be retained on the 2021 ballot. Pastor Paul D. Nolting, Moderator

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*The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.*

*Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.*

THE INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS (2021)

President: Ed Chiappetti*
Vice-president: Doug Tiefel*
Secretary: Mark Hartmeister*
Treasurer: Wayne Ruegge*
Board of Elders: Ed Chiappetti***
Finance Committee: Wayne Ruegge, Doug Tiefel**

** one year term, ** two year term, *** three year term*

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Dear brothers in Christ:

You have been elected, in a regular meeting of this congregation, as office-holders at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. As such, you are to work together with the pastor and other officers of the congregation to build up the Kingdom of God among us.

All of you are to work for the cultivation of peace, harmony, and love among our members. You are to promote the general welfare of the congregation, in order to glorify God and to build up Christ's kingdom at home and abroad. You are to see that the services of God's house are held regularly, and conducted decently and in order; that the Gospel be preached in its purity, according to sound Lutheran doctrine, and that the care of souls is attended to faithfully. You are to see that the necessary provisions are made for the instruction of the young. You are to help the congregation in spreading the Gospel of Christ crucified in our community and beyond, and to administer the temporal affairs of the congregation by keeping its property and grounds in good repair.

Each of you also, as a servant of Christ and an office-holder of the congregation, is to strive to be an example to the congregation of a devout Christian life.

So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I now ask you, in the presence of God and His church: Will you diligently and faithfully perform the duties of your office according the Word of God, the Confessions of our church, and the congregation's Constitution, according to the ability which God gives? If, so then answer *"Yes, with the help of God."*

Since you have made this promise, I now commit to you the exercise of the office to which you have been elected. I encourage you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Church of which He is the head, that you give all diligence to perform you duties with faithfulness. Make the Word of God your guide, and search it daily for

instruction. May God, without whom we can do nothing, richly give you His grace and wisdom, and bless abundantly all your faithful labors.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, You are an ever-present witness of all our promises and vows. We ask You, for Jesus' sake, to send down Your Holy Spirit on these Your servants that they may discharge their duties with diligence, steadfastness, and wisdom. Grant them especially the spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may seek Your power and guidance for the benefit of Your Church. Enable them in all things to set a good example for the congregation, keep them in sincere harmony with their pastor and fellow members, and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, that Your name may be hallowed, Your kingdom enlarged, and Your will done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Go then, dear brothers, with the encouragement of the Apostle Paul as found in 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

At this time we also take this opportunity, in the name of the congregation, to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who during the past year have faithfully served in other areas of Christian service here at St. Paul, including our ladies, and all our behind-the-scenes workers. May the Lord, our God, graciously reward them for their labors of love done for His glory and in the interest of His Church.

Depart in peace.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JANUARY 25-30

Mon Jonah 3:1-4:1 God had spared Jonah for good reason: *Go to Nineveh and preach to it the message that I tell you.* So Jonah trekked overland 400 miles to metro Nineveh and proclaimed its downfall via God's hand—which scared them enough *to believe God, turn from their evil behavior,* and hope that God would relent. God did relent—so that Jonah could assure souls already humbled that God forgave them their sins. That's God's M.O.!

Tues Mark 1:14-20 It was Jesus' M.O. too: exhort the sinner to repent, then deliver the good news that God has a way to save you from disaster. God had prepared Simon and Andrew spiritually and emotionally to leave their secular employment and let Jesus prepare them to carry His message. Same with James and John. When Jesus calls, God promotes repentant hearts to turn their lives around – and the world will never be the same again.

Wed 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Our world is changing, too, in ways we don't understand—so we need to adjust our personal lives to meet the challenges, control our emotions to suit each situation, monitor our financial endeavors, and make use of every opportunity to salvage what can be salvaged from the impending disaster. Lord, have mercy on our generation!

Thurs Psalm 62 David's psalm starts on an island of calmness (1-2) before he attacks the hostiles (3-4). Now, whom does he have "at his back"? *God alone, his Rock and Salvation, his defense and refuge* (5-7) – and not for him alone (8). In balance, human endeavors are a bad dream (9-10), in contrast to being wide awake in God's presence (11-12). Praise the Lord!

Fri Luke 9:57-62 Sometimes converts (raw recruits?) aren't entirely convinced about Jesus and are not yet committed to a new start in life. Perhaps dedication to Jesus will mean giving up comforts (58), or it may mean cutting ties with the dead past (59-60), or even saying goodbye to those we have loved (61-62). We are crossing our own Samaria, too, as we follow Jesus.

Sat Acts 20:17-27 It has happened in our generation, that our overseas missionaries are not permitted to stay close to their dear friends, even though they have *served the Lord Jesus with all humility* as God's messengers (17-21). We trust God to take care of their personal safety (22-24) as they return home (25), and we will bank on the Lord supporting His children by the *whole counsel of God,* which they received from the traveling missionary. Such events are heart-breaking; we take comfort in knowing that we will meet again at Jesus' feet. Lord Jesus, come quickly to our rescue! Amen.