

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

5th Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymn782
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Psalm 112 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)
Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 58:3-9

“Why have we fasted,’ they say, “and You have not seen?
Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?”
‘In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure,
 And exploit all your laborers.
Indeed you fast for strife and debate,
 And to strike with the fist of wickedness.
You will not fast as you do this day, To make your voice heard on high.
Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul?
Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush,
 And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?
Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the LORD?
“Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
 To loose the bonds of wickedness,
 To undo the heavy burdens,
 To let the oppressed go free,
 And that you break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
 And not hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
 Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
 The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

You shall cry, and He will say, “Here I am.”

‘If you take away the yoke from your midst,

The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Epistle Lesson-1 Corinthians 2:1-16

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the

house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Hymn.....578

Sermon

Text: Matthew 5:13-20

Theme: Those who are blessed are...

I. Light and Salt in this dull dark world

II. Who bear witness to the One who came to fulfill the every word and promise for us

III. So that our righteousness would permit our entering into the kingdom of heaven

Canticle.....941

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There still is sausage available for sale. It is in the deep freeze in the kitchen. All bulk sausage is \$4.00 per package. All rope sausage is priced on the package. Also there are some bags of cooked sausage in the freezer and the price is on the bag. Take what you want and give the money to Leon Wendte or Larry Wachtel. You can just put the money/check in an envelope and put it in Leon’s or Larry’s mailbox.

Immanuel, Altamont, Lutheran Church Youth Group is hosting a benefit spaghetti meal to be served from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Parish Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 25th. It is offered for free-will donation. 100% of proceeds benefit the Altamont Ministerial Alliance Community Assistance Fund.

The Bible calls us to “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to give to God what is God’s” and to “submit to authorities.” But what is Caesar’s and

what is God's? How and when do we submit to authorities? Join us on Saturday, March 7 at the Central Illinois District LLL Annual Meeting at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL featuring Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) will provide instruction and inspiration in how we can exercise our temporal liberties in service to God's eternal liberty, the Gospel of Jesus so that all might hear and believe. Also learn about LHM resources for you and your congregation. Free will offering will be taken to support LCRL ministry efforts. Day care will be provided. Registration fee is \$15.00 which include refreshments and a catered lunch. Register today – check your church mailbox for registration information to mail to or call Deloris Blessman, annual meeting registrar. For more information you can contact Norbert Soltwedel, CID LLL District President by phone at (217)868-2833 or by email soltk@frontiernet.net. Registration is due by March 2, 2020.

Ladies Aid is collecting CPH children's books, eg, Archbooks for a mission project for the children of our congregation. Please put any donations into the box in the coatroom labeled "book drive." Any questions contact Lydia Holste.

A Church Security seminar is being sponsored by the Men's Club on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 PM. Dan Strauch, a certified instructor, will lead a 2 hour program entitled **Critical Violent Incident**. If you are interested in attending talk to a men's club member or Gary Wachtel so that we can have enough resources and refreshments.

Prayers-Shirley Wachtel, as she as she recovers from surgery Monday; Ralph Stuckemeyer; Karen Vollmer, as she continues treatment for cancer; Allan Soltwedel, who is recovering from surgery; For Rev Herbert Mueller, former 1st Vice President of the LCMS, who is being treated for a brain tumor;

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Adult Instruction 1:00 PM

Adult Instruction 3 PM

Ezekiel 19-21

Monday:

Ezekiel 22-24

Tuesday: Pastor's Circuit Meeting 9:30 AM

Ladies Aid 7 PM

Ezekiel 25-27

Wednesday: Bible Class 10 AM

Catechism 5:45 PM

LYF 7 PM

Ezekiel 28-30

Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM

Ezekiel 31-33

Friday:

Ezekiel 34-36

Saturday: Catechism 9 AM

Ezekiel 37-39

Those participating-

Pastor-Rev. David Speers

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