

# **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point**

## **6th Sunday after Epiphany February 16, 2020**

**Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!**

**Prayer before the Service-**O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequences of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated in this service. If you are a Communicant member of a Missouri Synod congregation and wish to partake of the sacrament, please fill out a Communion Registration Card and give it to the usher who invites you to the Lord's Table. If you are not an LC-MS member but wish to commune, please speak with the pastor or the head usher before coming to the Sacrament.

**Opening Hymn .....782**  
**Order of Service-Divine Service IV.....pg 203**  
**Psalm 119:1-8 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

### **Old Testament Lesson-Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

## **Epistle Lesson-1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

## **Gospel Lesson-Matthew 5:21-37**

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

"Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced

commits adultery.

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

**Hymn.....565**

**Sermon**

**Text: Matthew 5:21-37**

**Theme: So that your heart may find the Love of Life**

**I. Jesus’ words make clear that we can’t find love in our attempts to keep the law**

**II. But Christ in His love for us, speak the truth to us about where love is to be found**

**III. So that our hearts may find and rest in Christ and His Love which lives in and through us**

**Prayers**

**Communion Liturgy.....pg 208**

**Communion Hymns.....610, 611, 645**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn.....704**

**LYF will be serving dinner** on Ash Wednesday from 5:30-7 PM, before service. Come out for dinner! LFY will also be serving at Culvers on March 8th from 5-7 PM.

**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.

**You are invited to the 18th Annual Grilled Pork Dinner** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, on Sunday, March 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Prices are: Pork Loin Dinner: \$10; Porkburger Dinner: \$6; Hot Dog Meal \$5; Children ages 4 and under eat FREE. Meal includes: whole pork loin, pork burger or hot dog; baked beans /green beans; baked potato/chips; coleslaw; applesauce; pie/dessert; dinner roll; drinks. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with friends!

**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; for the family of Ralph Stuckemeyer who was called to his eternal rest this past week; Karen Vollmer, as she continues treatment for cancer;

**This Week at St Paul**

Sunday: Visitation for Ralph Stuckemeyer	1 PM	
Funeral for Ralph Stuckemeyer	2 PM	
Adult Instruction	6 PM	Ezekiel 40-41
Monday: ALIS BOD	7 PM	Ezekiel 42-43
Tuesday:		Ezekiel 44-45
Wednesday: Bible Class	10 AM	
Catechism	5:45 PM; LYF 7 PM	
Elder’s Meeting	8:15 PM	Ezekiel 46-48
Thursday: Greek Study	10 AM	Daniel 1-3
Friday:		Daniel 4-6
Saturday: Catechism	9 AM	Daniel 7-9

**Those participating-**

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