



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point**  
**Lenten Midweek Service February 21, 2018**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

**Prayer before Service**-O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church, that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn .....420**

**Order of Vespers.....pg 229**

**Psalm 145 (Responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

**Old Testament Lesson-Jeremiah 23:9-31**

My heart within me is broken Because of the prophets;  
All my bones shake.

I am like a drunken man, And like a man whom wine has  
overcome, Because of the LORD, And because of His holy words.  
For the land is full of adulterers; For because of a curse the land mourns.

The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up.  
Their course of life is evil, And their might is not right.

“For both prophet and priest are profane;  
Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness,” says the  
LORD.

“Therefore their way shall be to them Like slippery ways;  
In the darkness they shall be driven on And fall in them;  
For I will bring disaster on them,  
The year of their punishment,” says the LORD.

“And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria:  
They prophesied by Baal And caused My people Israel to  
err.

Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem:  
They commit adultery and walk in lies;  
They also strengthen the hands of evildoers,  
So that no one turns back from his wickedness.  
All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like  
Gomorrah.

“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets:  
‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,  
And make them drink the water of gall;  
For from the prophets of Jerusalem  
Profaneness has gone out into all the land.’ ”

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.  
They make you worthless;  
They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the  
LORD.

They continually say to those who despise Me,

“The LORD has said, ‘You shall have peace’ ”;

And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own  
heart, they say, “No evil shall come upon you.” ”

For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD,  
And has perceived and heard His word?  
Who has marked His word and heard it?

Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—  
A violent whirlwind!  
It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His  
heart.

In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.

I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in My counsel,

And had caused My people to hear My words,

Then they would have turned them from their evil way  
And from the evil of their doings.

“Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar  
off?

Can anyone hide himself in secret places,

So I shall not see him?” says the LORD;

“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

“I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’  
How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies?

Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart,  
who try to make My people forget My name by their  
dreams which everyone tells his neighbor,  
as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.

“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream;  
And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully.  
What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD.

“Is not My word like a fire?” says the LORD,  
“And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

“Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” says the LORD,  
“who steal My words every one from his neighbor.

Behold, I am against the prophets,” says the LORD,  
“who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’”

### **Epistle Lesson-Romans 2:12-24**

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you

steal? You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.

### **Gospel Lesson-John 17:1-25**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me

into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

**Sermon Hymn.....766 vs 1-2, 9**

**Sermon**

**Text: Mark 1**

**Theme: Hallowed be Thy Name**

**Canticle.....934**

**Offering**

**Prayers**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn.....436**

**Lenten Services** continue with services, on February 21st, at 7 PM with Holy Communion. The theme is “The Lord’s Prayer in the Lord’s Passion”

Lenten Midweek, February 21, Hallowed be Thy Name

Lenten Midweek, February 28, Thy Kingdom Come

Lenten Midweek, March 7, Thy Will be Done

Lenten Midweek, March 14, Give Us this day our daily

bread

Lenten Midweek, March 21, Forgive us our trespasses as

we forgive those who trespass against us

Maunday Thursday, March 29, Lead us not into temptation

Good Friday, March 30, But deliver us from evil

Easter Sunday, April 1, For Thine is the Kingdom, and the

Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!

**ALIS PTL dinner auction** is February 24th. Tickets are \$25. Social hour begins at 5, dinner is at 6 and the auction begins at 7. Please have tickets and items, or at least a description of the item to school no later than 6pm Thursday February 15th. Thanks for your passed support and we look forward to seeing you there. Any questions call Jo Ellen Tappendorf 618-267-6661

**150th Anniversary Committee** will be meeting, February 25, at Ron and Deb Ohnesorge's. Please mark your calendar.

**Former Lutheran Hour speaker Reverend Gregory Seltz and Congressman John Shimkus** will team up to discuss "The Two Kingdoms and the role of a Christian in the Political Process" at the upcoming Lutheran Layman's League Annual Meeting Mar 17. St John's Congregation of Champaign will host the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. More details and registration information will be forthcoming. Please put the date on your church and personal calendars. Reverend Seltz is now Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) in Washington DC and Shimkus was a Lutheran School teacher before going into Congress.

**Bethesda Lutheran Communities** helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 13 states through a variety of programs. To learn more about the programs and to support them go to [www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org](http://www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org).

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**, Altamont is hosting their Annual Pork Dinner on Sunday, March 4th. Serving 11-1:30 PM

**Immanuel Augsburg Ladies Aid** will be hosting their Soup Luncheon March 4, after service until 1 PM. Free will donation

**Prayers-**For Keith Meier who is undergoing treatment for cancer; For Cheryl Burks who is recovering from back surgery this week; for Chrisha Hammer who recovering from surgery this week;

Those serving

Preacher-Rev David Speers

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Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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Luther on Galatians 5:9. A little yeast leavens the whole lump.

Hence this passage must also be considered carefully in opposition to the argument by which they accuse us of offending against love and thus doing great harm to the churches. We are surely prepared to observe peace and love with all men, provided that they leave the doctrine of faith perfect and sound for us. If we cannot obtain this, it is useless for them to

demand love from us. A curse on a love that is observed at the expense of the doctrine of faith, to which everything must yield—love, an apostle, an angel from heaven, etc.! Therefore when they minimize this issue in such a dishonest way, they give ample evidence of how highly they regard the majesty of the Word. If they believed that it is the Word of God, they would not play around with it this way. No, they would treat it with the utmost respect; they would put their faith in it without any disputing or doubting; and they would know that one Word of God is all and that all are one, that one doctrine is all doctrines and all are one, so that when one is lost all are eventually lost, because they belong together and are held together by a common bond.

Therefore let us leave the praise of harmony and of Christian love to them. We, on the other hand, praise faith and the majesty of the Word. Love can sometimes be neglected without danger, but the Word and faith cannot.

Luther, M. (1999). Luther's works, vol. 27: Lectures on Galatians, 1535, Chapters 5-6; 1519, Chapters 1-6. (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, & H. T. Lehmann, Eds.) (Vol. 27, p. 38). Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

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