



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Opening Hymn.....728

Psalm 67 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.

Blessed is the man who does this,

And the son of man who lays hold on it;

Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,

And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

Do not let the son of the foreigner

Who has joined himself to the LORD

Speak, saying, “The LORD has utterly separated me from His people”;

Nor let the eunuch say, “Here I am, a dry tree.”
 For thus says the LORD: “To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths,
 And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,
 Even to them I will give in My house
 And within My walls a place and a name
 Better than that of sons and daughters;
 I will give them an everlasting name
 That shall not be cut off.
 “Also the sons of the foreigner
 Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,
 And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—
 Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,
 And holds fast My covenant—
 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
 And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
 Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 Will be accepted on My altar;
 For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”
 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,
 “Yet I will gather to him
 Others besides those who are gathered to him.”

Epistle Lesson-Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and

cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Sermon Hymn779

Sermon

Text: Matthew 15

Theme: A Woman of Great Faith tested by the Lord

I. Her child was demon-possessed

II. The Lord was passing through her neighborhood

III. She clung to the Lord, the Word become flesh

Offering

Prayers

Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymns.....615, 613, 617, 620

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....920

Pastor Speers would like to visit with confirmands and their family to discuss the coming year. Please check your calendars for a good time to meet and get in touch with pastor to schedule the visit by early September.

Pastor Speers has started a Sunday morning bible class on 1 John. This lovely letter from the Apostle John, teaches us about Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness, Love and Hate, and many other beautiful concepts and gifts from God. Plan to take some time to study with us these precious Words of God for His Church.

The Wednesday morning bible study has finished with Deuteronomy, and is taking a short break. We will be taking up Joshua starting on September 6th at 10 AM. Plan to join us as we walk with God, as He brings His promises to pass.

Stewardship matters-We finally received confirmation of the new brokerage account for the general treasury. It will maintain a zero balance but we can now receive contributions of stock, mutual funds, etc. in kind and then liquidate them and place the cash in the general treasury. If anyone has investments that have appreciated and want to take advantage of this kind of

deduction, this is a great way to take advantage of this type of contribution.

Hog Roast for Norlyn at St John Lutheran Church, Dieterich, Illinois on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 4-7 PM. Please see the rest of the details on the bulletin board. Proceeds to benefit local Fort Wayne Seminary Student, Norlyn Bartens, to defray some of his costs of attending seminary

Prayers-For Miriam Kort, great granddaughter of Helen Klitzing, who underwent another surgery this week; For Katey Scholes who is undergoing radiation treatment this week; For Alex Beccue who has been arrested and incarcerated; For Bethlehem/Zion as they begin the process of calling another pastor. For St Peter Lutheran Church, St Peter, Illinois, as they have called Pastor Ryan Meyer, of Zion Lutheran Church, Tobias, Nebraska. For those going back to college; for those in the military, we remember Bryce Kopplin and Kyle Beccue; For good weather.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday:	Judges 4-6
Monday: ALIS BOD 7:30 PM	Judges 7-9
Tuesday:	Judges 10-12
Wednesday:	Judges 13-15
Thursday: Pastor at LCC 2 PM	Judges 16-18
Friday:	Judges 19-22
Saturday:	Judges 23-25

Those participating-

Preacher-Pastor David Speers

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Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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- Is. 49:1 “Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.
- Is. 49:2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword;
In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me,
And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.”
- Is. 49:3 “And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel,
In whom I will be glorified.’
- Is. 49:6 Indeed He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles,
That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”
- Is. 49:8 ¶ Thus says the LORD:
“In an acceptable time I have heard You,
And in the **day of salvation I have helped You**;
I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people,
To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;

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