



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

8th Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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.

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Opening Hymn.....651

Psalm 125 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Deuteronomy 7:6-9

“For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

“Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Epistle Lesson-Romans 8:28-39

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 13:44-52

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

Sermon Hymn713

Sermon

Text: Matthew 13

Theme: The Lord comes looking for what is precious to Him

I. How easy it is to miss the point of the parables

II. But, like all of Scripture, Christ is at the center

III. And finally, as He works to gather us, we become those servants that Lord uses to look for what is precious

Offering

Prayers

Communion Liturgy.....pg 160

Communion Hymns.....621, 619, 645

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....737

Pastor Speers is asking those members who agreed to look over the material on mission to let him know what days, in the next three weeks, if any, would work to meet and begin these discussions.

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.

The Voters passed a motion, requested by a member, that there be a brief pause at the end of service for a post service prayer, and ask the congregation to be respectful of others prior to service. Please avoid using cell phones during service, again, as a matter of respect for others.

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.

Thanks to all who helped to set up, serve, and provide food for the Vera Klitzing funeral!

Prayers-For Dave Ragan and his family, as he is recovering from surgery on an aneurysm; For Kelsey Kort, granddaughter of Helen Klitzing, who has given birth to Miriam, on July 16, weighing 1 lb. 5 oz. Kelsey has three other children at home; For Pat Roeske, who has been placed on hospice care. For Bethel/Zion who just called Pastor Jonathan Boehne of Trinity Lutheran Church in El Paso, Illinois to be their pastor. For St Peter Lutheran Church, St Peter, Illinois, as they prepare to call a pastor in August. For Salem Lutheran Church, who just called Pastor Michael Feldmann of Grace Lutheran Church of Wayne, Nebraska. For good weather. For ALIS as it prepares for the new school year.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Deuteronomy 1-3

Deuteronomy 4-6

Deuteronomy 7-9

Deuteronomy 10-12

Deuteronomy 13-15

Deuteronomy 16-18

Deuteronomy 19-21

Those participating-

Liturgist-David Speers

Organist-Faith Wendte

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