



# St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

## Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

**Prayer before the Service**-O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**The Order of Matins.....pg 219**  
**Opening Hymn.....659**  
**Psalm 91 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)**

### Old Testament Lesson-Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded;  
You are stronger than I, and have prevailed.  
I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me.  
For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!"  
Because the word of the LORD was made to me  
A reproach and a derision daily.  
Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him,  
Nor speak anymore in His name."  
But His word was in my heart like a burning fire  
Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back,

And I could not.  
For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!"  
"Report," they say, "and we will report it!"  
All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying,  
"Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him,  
And we will take our revenge on him."  
But the LORD is with me as a mighty, awesome One.  
Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail.  
They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper.  
Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten.  
But, O LORD of hosts, You who test the righteous,  
And see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them;  
For I have pleaded my cause before You.  
Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD!  
For He has delivered the life of the poor  
From the hand of evildoers.

### **Epistle Lesson-Romans 6:12-23**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Gospel Lesson-Matthew 10:5, 21-33**

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.

“Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

“Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

**Sermon Hymn .....713**

### **Sermon**

**Text: Matthew 10**

**Theme: What Mission looks like**

**I. For some reason, we have forgotten, oft-repeated words of Jesus**

**II. You will be in a battle, even with your closest relatives**

**III. Endurance**

**Canticle.....913**

### **Offering**

### **Prayers**

### **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn.....666**

**Pastor Speers is seeking members** who would like to take some time to read through and discuss some of the material from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, both National and District, on challenges facing Lutheran churches in particular and all

Christian churches in the west. Something that has come to the attention of many is that there has been a decrease in the number of young people, ages 17-36, involved in church life throughout the US. (They have recently been designated Nones. Pastor Speers attended a Doxology conference about this group 1-2 years ago). The number has grown from a longstanding average of 15% missing from the churches they attended, to an average of 35% today, in the US. As of right now we have 4 individuals who have indicated interest. Please talk to Pastor Speers (618-367-2697 or 618-483-6993) if you are interested, as we prepare to meet and begin discussing these matters.

**Please return** your baby bottles for the Family Life center as soon as possible.

**Faith Lutheran Ice Cream Social**-Sunday, July 9, 2017 from 4 PM to 7:30

PM. Menu: Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ and Hot Dogs, Pie, Cake and Drink. Free will offering.

**The Ladies Aid** would like to thank all for their help in serving the Dale Wachtel funeral dinner!

**The Kolb Family** will be coming to visit on Sunday, July 16. Pastor Kolb will be preaching and leading bible class, talking about their experiences over the last two years.

**ALIS Registration** will be held on Wednesday, July 19 from 10AM-6PM.

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**Prayers**-For Kirk Tappendorf, recovering from surgery; for Pastor Josh Frazier and his fiance Anna who are being married this coming Saturday; For Pastor's William Emrick and Clayton Vail, who are retiring from the ministry this coming week; For Bethlehem/Zion and St Peter, St Peter, who are working through the call process.

### **This Week at St Paul**

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM

Genesis 49-50

Monday:

Exodus 1-3

Tuesday:

Exodus 4-6

Wednesday: Bible Study 10 AM

Exodus 7-9

Thursday:

Exodus 10-12

Friday:

Exodus 13-15

Saturday:

Exodus 16-18

**Those participating-**

**Pastor**-David Speers

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**Organist**-Lucille Klitzing

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“The National Study of Youth and Religion reveals a theological fault line running underneath American churches: an adherence to a do-good, feel-good spirituality that has little to do with the Triune God of Christian tradition and even less to do with loving Jesus Christ enough to follow him into the world.”

Dean, Kenda Creasy (2010-06-12). Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church (p. 4). Oxford University Press. Kindle Edition.