

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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Pre-Service Devotion	Psalm 29 (pew bible, p.494)
Order of Morning Worship	Tan hymnal, p.12
The Hymns	873, 413, 414, 537
Scripture Lessons	2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Psalm of the Day	From Psalm 148

Sermon Text – Mark 9:2-9

LET ME SEE YOUR FACE, LORD

1. Your shining face, radiating the beauty of Your holiness.
2. Your tender face, beaming with Your forgiving love.
3. Your eternal face, my guarantee of never-ending life.

Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
Benediction & Closing Hymn, 537

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 148

P Praise the LORD from the heavens:

C Praise him in the heights above.

P Praise him, all his angels:

C Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

P Praise him, sun and moon:

C Praise him, all you shining stars.

P Praise the LORD from the earth:

C Lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding.

P You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:

C Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

P Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth:

C Young men and maidens, old men and children.

P Let them praise the name of the LORD:

C For his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Sermon Text – Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (2/11)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Raising of Lazarus, NT 22)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Wed (2/14)	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Sunday (2/18)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Palm Sunday, NT 23)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Wed. Lenten services: February 21,28, March 7,14,21, 7:00 pm
- CBP Presentation Sunday, Feb.25, 10:45 am (*see note below*)
- Mission Project: Sunday, Feb.25, 11:15 am (*see note below*)
- Colorado Springs Worship Service: Sunday, Feb.25, 2:30 pm

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES: Sunday, February 25; March 11 & 25 (8:30 am)

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE IN FEBRUARY

- Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion assistant: Wayne Ruegge

OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE begins this Ash Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm. Here is the full schedule with themes, sermon texts, and speakers:

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS WHO ENDURED THE CROSS

	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Feb 14	He is our SOURCE	Hebrews 5:7-9	T. Schuetze
Feb 21	He is our ACCESS	Hebrews 10:19-20	C. Seybt
Feb 28	He is our ENDURANCE	Hebrews 13:12	J. Klatt
Mar 7	He is our SECURITY	Hebrews 6:19-20	T. Schuetze
Mar 14	He is our REST	Hebrews 4:8	C. Seybt
Mar 21	He is our COURAGE	Hebrews 12:21-24	J. Klatt

AVAILABLE ON THE SHELF IN THE CHURCH ENTRY: COPIES OF ...

- Devotional: “The Lord Has Made Us a Family”
- St. Paul 2017 Annual Report
- Pastor’s 2017 Visitations/Ministrations Report

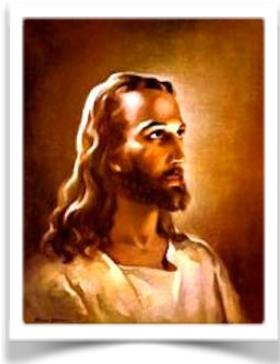
THE CLC COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN (CBP) for the new fiscal year will be presented in PowerPoint format following the service on Sunday, Feb 25. It will supply information about the various phases of the Lord’s work in our synod in the coming year.

- Note: At the Annual Meeting the voters resolved to set our St. Paul CBP estimate at \$7,250 for 2018. It is important for St. Paul members to bear in mind that only offerings that you specially designate for the CBP (top right side of the St. Paul offering envelope) will be used for this purpose.

MISSION PROJECT: At the ladies’ annual meeting our ladies resolved to spearhead a project at St. Paul for our overseas missions in cooperation with sister CLC churches. The project involves making cross necklaces to be given to Missionary Todd Ohlmann for distributing next summer among people who live in our overseas missions. The goal for the number of necklaces to be made collectively by all our CLC churches is 6000. The date for the necklace-making project at St. Paul is Sunday, Feb 25, at 11:15 am (right after the CBP presentation). All are invited to participate.

2018 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: St. Paul is conducting a survey of all members now through the end of February. It is important that you participate so that we can update our records and contact information and receive your input. Surveys will be distributed to all members present at today's service. Completed surveys may be mailed back to the church or given to Pastor Schuetze. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

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One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Psalm 27:4-8.

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SYNOD NEWS

- **Mission News:** Missionary Ohlmann left for India this week where he will meet Missionary Peter Evensen and leaders from our affiliate church bodies in India, Nepal and Myanmar for the Joint Asia Pastoral Conference. Pastor Tim Daub from our sister congregation in Hecla, South Dakota, will also be joining them. Following the conference, Missionary Ohlmann will visit some of the districts in the BELC, visit the CLCI, and then journey to Myanmar where he will meet up with Missionary Koenig for a visit our brethren in the CLC-Myanmar, and the National Lutheran Church of Myanmar. Before returning home he will stop in Nepal to visit our brethren there and participate in the graduation of the first class of students from the Himalayan Bible Institute of Nepal. Please keep Missionaries Ohlmann, Evensen and Koenig in your prayers over these coming weeks, as well as our brethren overseas. You can read more about Missionary Ohlmann's travels and work at his blog here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.nl. †
- **The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat**, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held April 20-22, 2018, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year's theme is: *"That Your Joy may be Full!"* Our Joy is Full ...
 - When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with God
 - When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with each other
 - Even in the midst of tribulation
 - When we show joy in our service
 - When we rejoice in Jesus
 - With the certainty of eternity

Registration is open 2/1/18 - 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net.

- **Black Hills Family Bible Camp:** Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will be many outdoor activities such as hiking, swimming, caving, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores, etc. The dates are Friday evening July 13 through Tuesday morning July 17. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS FEBRUARY 12-17

Mon Ezekiel 12:21-28 The Jewish proverb (22) accused God of delaying the game—which sounds familiar. Figuring they had played the game correctly, they were waiting for God to make His move—or forfeit the game. The time had come to delay no more. When the fullness of God's time arrived (Gal.4:4), God trumped the opposition with a single, direct, and decisive move.

Tues Luke 9:28-36 previews Jesus' eminence. Just look at His radiant face and His pure robe; look at His two visitors, two of the greatest men who ever lived, and listen to the subject under discussion. God is speaking! How human of Peter to want to construct a shrine of brick and mortar! Human hearts are God's shrine, and He lets us assist in up-building hearts unto eternal life.

Wed Joel 2:12-14 On Ash Wednesday some folks will dab their foreheads with a smudge of ashes, and we understand the custom. We also understand the customs of Valentine's Day, and we cope with the coincidence on this calendar date. It's not human love that captivates us, but God's love for lost sinners, and *we turn to the Lord with all our heart, as we rend our hearts in repentance and return to the Lord, our God*. We depend on His loving heart *to relent and leave a blessing behind Him* – today, as always.

Thurs 2 Corinthians 4:1-10 Times change, and so do disciples; *therefore, since we have this ministry, and as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart*. We get past our past (2) and cope with this world's unbelief (3-4) to preach *Christ Jesus as our Lord. God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. So we keep going (7-9), for we are companions of Jesus (10). Praise the Lord!

Fri Matthew 17:1-9 gives a re-run. WHY did Jesus take those three fellows along? Because eyewitnesses are valuable in open court, and they could bear witness to Jesus' divinity—obvious on the face of it. His Transfiguration was a milestone in His mission; others would soon be coming, and they would be successfully passed, too. WHY did Jesus direct them to keep quiet about this event until after Easter? Because they needed the corroboration of Easter and the Holy Spirit's gift of courageous conviction—before they testified.

Sat 2 Peter 3:1-9 Peter could testify with conviction, for he had seen the Transfiguration of Jesus, he had seen Jesus after His resurrection, and he had received the Holy Spirit. That made him ready *to stir up their pure minds (by way of reminder), that they might remind themselves* that God's promises always come true. No matter that scoffers will spoof, "Where is the promise/evidence of His [second] coming? Everything is just coasting along as it always has." Our answer: "You don't seem to remember that God dissolved the world once before in the Deluge—so He can destroy the world whenever He wants to. Next time, however, He will do a more thorough job by firing up the world's atomic structure." Will we survive? Yes, just as surely as Jesus survived, He has the power to usher us safely through death and the world's destruction. We thank You, our dear Lord Jesus! Amen.

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ILHS Parents' Association/After Banquet Committee
c/o Immanuel Lutheran High School/College
501 Grover Road,
Eau Claire, WI 54701

February 2018

Dear Congregations of the CLC:

Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School are currently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held May 5, 2018. The ILHS Banquet is held at a local restaurant with the After Banquet Party immediately afterwards in the high school gymnasium. The After Banquet Party is held to provide a fun, safe place for the students to enjoy this special evening honoring the Senior class. The gym is decorated in a prom-type setting with games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment provided at no cost to the students.

We do rely on donations from school parents, church members, and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes, but if you are able to donate a prize that would be greatly appreciated. Even homemade items or care packages are a great gift idea. Monetary donations are also appreciated and may be sent to:

ILC After Banquet Committee
c/o Immanuel Lutheran College
501 Grover Road
Eau Claire, WI 54701

While this is a fun evening for the students, if your group has limited funds, please continue your support of CLC efforts in your own congregation and overseas. Please contact me if you have any questions: Joanna Gamble, 651-253-3050, joannagamble@hotmail.com

Thank You!

ILHS Parents' Association/After Banquet Committee

Disclaimer from Immanuel Lutheran High School: The Immanuel Lutheran Parents' Association is an organization of parents whose children attend ILHS. This organization is independent of Immanuel Lutheran High School and functions under its own set of guidelines. Immanuel Lutheran High School is very appreciative of the efforts that are put forth by the association. The After Banquet Party, which they organize and operate, has been a wonderful blessing to our students. Signed: Steven Sippert, President, Immanuel Lutheran College.