

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mission Festival – October 4, 2015

The Opening Prayer by the Pastor

The Opening Hymn – 508 (Red Hymnal)

"Thou Whose Almighty Word"

The Order of Service – Supplement page 12ff. (Brown Hymnal)

The Scripture Lessons: (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

The First Lesson: (Hebrews 10:19-25) This section of God's Word is often presented as God's *command* to go to church. While God is certainly entitled to issue commands to his children, that is not what he chose to do here. Through the inspired writer of this Letter he simply points out the privileges and access to God that are now ours through faith in Jesus Christ. He therefore draws us to his side by pointing out the eternal benefits that are offered in his house through the hearing of his Word.

Psalm 66 (Supplement page 37) (Brown Hymnal)

The Second Lesson: (John 20:19-21) We make the Word of God less than it was intended to be every time we hear it as spoken to someone else, someone other than us, personally. All Scripture is intended to be personally applied. So also when Jesus shows his disciples his hands and his feet, he is showing us. When he says that he is sending them, he is sending us.

The Confession of Faith -

The Apostolic Creed – page 15 (Brown Hymnal)

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 772 (Brown Hymnal)

"On Galilee's High Mountain"

The Sermon – Text: Matthew 28:19 (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

"Mission Work Does Not Belong in Your To-Do List"

The Offertory – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Post-Sermon Hymn - 770 (Red Hymnal)

"I Hear the Savior Calling"

The Offering

The Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn -505 (Red Hymnal)

"O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness"

Silent Prayer

Welcome! - We warmly welcome any visitors who might be with us this morning and invite you to join us every Sunday at this time. St. Paul is a congregation in fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) – a conservative Lutheran synod with churches and missions throughout the United States, as well as Canada, India, and Africa. We are glad you are here. Thank you for letting us share the Word of God with you. Please record your visit in our Guest Book, and come again!

Attendance - Last Sunday (46) Average (52)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today	-9:00 a.m.	– Sunday School and Bible Class
	-10:00 a.m.	– Mission Festival Service
	-11:30 a.m.	– Fellowship Meal
Monday	-10:00 a.m.	– Study Conference in Pierre
Wednesday	-6:00 p.m.	– Confirmation Class
	-7:00 p.m.	– Midweek Bible Study
Next Sunday	-9:00 a.m.	– Sunday School and Bible Class
	-10:00 a.m.	– Sunday Worship w/communion
	-11:15 a.m.	– Coffee/Fellowship Time

CLC News – Pastor Peter Evensen is considering the call to serve as a full-time resident missionary in India.

Mission Festival – This morning we celebrate our annual Mission Festival. Our guest speaker is Pastor Del Maas of Mapleton, ND. Please also join us for a fellowship meal following the service.

Insert – Mission work was always intended to be a shared venture, which takes many forms – some more obvious than others. One less obvious element of mission work is tending to the nuts and bolts of synod work. To that end over the next few months we will hear from several men who have attended our biannual synod conventions in Eau Claire, together with a description of their experience. The goal, of course, is to encourage greater participation on the part of our laymen.

Joint Reformation Service Choir – Those interested in participating in the Dakota Area Joint Reformation Service choir on November 1 in Bowdle please see the Pastor.

2016 Mission Helper Trip to India – The Summer 2016 Mission Helper Trip is scheduled to do work in India. Details, contact information, and an online application can be found at: <http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2016-india>.

Voters' Meeting Notes – Travis Hill was accepted into voting membership. YTD offerings currently meet budgeted needs. Several policies were adopted and are available from Sec. Mark Johnson. Our organ is in need of extensive repair or replacement. Further study will be presented to the Voters for action at a later date.

(Pre-service Meditation) ^{ESV} **Psalm 48:1-14** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. ³ Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress. ⁴ For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together. ⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight. ⁶ Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor. ⁷ By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish. ⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. Selah ⁹ We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. ¹⁰ As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. ¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments! ¹² Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, ¹³ consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴ that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

^{ESV} **Hebrews 10:19-25** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

^{ESV} **John 20:19-21** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

^{ESV} **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.