



Making Friends for Eternity”

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TODAY’S WORSHIP - It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what he commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him. That he should consider it glorious to call sinners, is that not an amazing thing? That he should attach such power to his Word that we answer the call, is that not a wonder that lasts an eternity for each of us?

Today, we celebrate a Life Sunday to counter the pervasive sins that have come from a belief in evolution and human ethical standards which state that you can do whatever you feel is right. The result for our society has been abortion, physician assisted suicide, infanticide, sexual immorality, mercy killing, and much more. May we hear the Word and live our lives to honor our God.

Welcome to our Guests—

We’re glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

The liturgy and hymns will be shown on the large screen in the front of the church and the readings are printed in the bulletin.

Today, we will use **The Service of the Word**

Today’s hymns: # **582, 382, 499 and 507**

Today we will sing **Psalm 67** in unison

The restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

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BELLS AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word on page 38

TODAY'S HYMNS: #582, 382, 499 and 507

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 67, pg 91

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



+ GOD'S WORD +

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL

TODAY (Jan 17) **WORSHIP & Sun School** 8:00 am
TODAY (Jan 17) Voter's Meeting following worship service
TODAY (Jan 17) Teen's/20's Bible Study..... 7:15 pm
TUES (Jan 19) Valley West pastors circuit meeting-Ellington.....10:00 am
THURS (Jan 21) **WORSHIP (HC)** 6:30 pm
NEXT SUN (Jan 24) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sun. School** 8:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Jan 18** Brooklyn Gordee, Denise Wichman **Jan 21** – Brian Schuelke

VOTER'S MEETING – will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 immediately after the 8AM service.

JANUARY 17 - Today we are celebrating a Life Sunday at both churches. The Life Sunday commemorates the legalization of abortion in our country because of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. Life Sunday is used to inform people of the sanctity and importance God places on each life. Subjects involved in Life Sundays include more than just abortion. It may also include subjects like chastity, care of disabled as well as the elderly, euthanasia, medical ethics, end of life decisions, quality of life and much more. There will be no special presentation this year due to the concerns about COVID-19.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - The congregation will practice social distancing (six foot spacing between family groupings). The only pews to be used are the ones marked with the blue tape (every other pew). Masks should be worn during the singing of hymns and when unable to keep six feet from others (entering and leaving the church).

8 A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 67, pg. 91 (Sing in Unison)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.” Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV)

SING VERSE OF THE DAY RESPONSE (pg 40/or on screen)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the

town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” ⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY #382 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on:* 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“Who Says, ‘You’ve Got the Right?’”

1. Who sets the moral standards for us?
2. What are we supposed to do?

After the Sermon - The Apostle’s Creed

OFFERINGS - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORDS PRAYER

HYMN: #499 “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

PRAYER & BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #507 “Lord of Our Growing Years”

God's Word for This Week

How is Jesus revealed to the sinful people of this world? Not by threats. God is serious about his "Do's" and "Don'ts," but he does not force people to be Christians. Instead, Jesus is revealed to blind sinners by the call of the gospel, God's word of forgiveness. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin, then calls out "Jesus died for you" in God's Word and sacraments. He changes unbelievers into believers who want to live for God.

First Lesson – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Who did Samuel think was calling him?

Samuel thought Eli was calling him.

Who was really calling Samuel?

The Lord was calling Samuel.

What model attitude does Samuel display for Christians?

Samuel displays a humble willingness to hear the Word of the Lord. Today, too—only through the gospel does the Holy Spirit awaken and strengthen faith.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

True or false: Christ has freed us from the law.

True. The law is no longer the determining factor for our conduct as Christians. Christians are motivated by the gospel to love God and love one another.

How were some Corinthians abusing their freedom from the law?

Some Corinthians were abusing their Christian freedom to justify sins of the flesh, including sexual immorality.

Why do Christians honor God with their bodies?

Christians do not belong to themselves; Christ has bought us by shedding his blood, rising again, and calling us to faith in him. We no longer live to please ourselves, but him. Our motivation for living Christian lives comes from the gospel, not the law.

Gospel – John 1:43-51

What did Philip do when Jesus commanded: "Follow me?"

Not only did Philip follow Jesus, but he went and told his friend Nathanael also.

How did Nathanael react to Philip's news?

Nathanael could not believe that the Savior would come from such an insignificant place as Nazareth.

When Nathanael met Jesus, how did he react?

After Nathanael met Jesus, he trusted wholeheartedly that Jesus was the Messiah, the Chosen One.

What now unites heaven and earth like a stairway?

Something more amazing than the stairway Jacob once saw in a dream (Genesis 28) now unites heaven and earth. Jesus is the mediator between God and all sinners. He opens heaven to all believers. Trust only in him.