

St. Paul's Plymouth

October 7th, 2018 – Trinity 19

Morning Praise

Welcome!



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal*, pages 10-11.

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Our broadcast this morning is sponsored with several smaller gifts from various faithful listeners, out of thankfulness to the Lord for the blessings of our broadcast ministry.

Focus for Our Worship

The general theme of the season of Holy Trinity is "Life in the Church of the Triune God." The general theme after the Festival of the Holy Trinity for Sundays 19-23 is "The Opposition to the Christian Life: the Devil, the Flesh, and the World." Specifically, on this Sunday of the Paralytic, the focus will be on "Resisting the Flesh which is led by the Devil."

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(Christian Worship – page 45)

OPENING HYMN “Delay Not! Delay Not” (CW 337)

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

M Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND HOLY ABSOLUTION

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

M The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: Let us worship Him.

COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv-ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al-so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak-er. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O almighty and most merciful God, because of Your bountiful goodness, we ask that You protect us from the world's evil, and that, being ready in body and soul, we may cheerfully accomplish that which is in accordance to Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 20:1-18

The Lord exposes and condemns the sinfulness of the flesh in all men, including even those whom He has made His people by giving them faith in the saving work of the Messiah.

And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

¹⁸When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 143, found on page 118 in the front portion of the hymnal.

SECOND LESSON – Ephesians 4:22-28

The Apostle Paul summons us to follow the will of the new man – who now abides in us by faith in Christ – and so to resist all the deceitful desires of the “old self” – the sinful flesh still within us – and the lies of his master, the devil.

²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Romans 7:18,19

M Alleluia. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 9:1-8

Sermon Text

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ²Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

³At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”

⁴Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?

⁶But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” Then he said to the paralytic, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” ⁷And the man got up and went home. ⁸When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Blest Are They



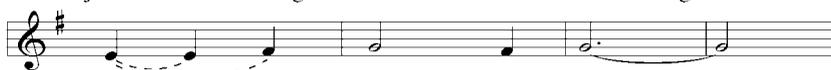
1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy;
 4 Blest are they who seek peace;
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate



Theirs is the king - dom of God.
 They shall in - her - it the earth.
 Mer - cy shall be theirs.
 They are the chil - dren of God.
 All be - cause of me. Re -



Blest are they, full of sor - row;
 Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst;
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;
 Blest are they who suf - fer in faith; the
 joyce and be glad. Yours is the king - dom;



They shall be con - soled.
 They shall have their fill.
 They shall see God!
 glo - ry of God is theirs.
 Shine for all to see.



Re - joyce and be glad!



Bless - ed are you; ho - ly are you. Re -



joyce and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God.



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SERMON – Matthew 9:1-8 “EASIER SAID THAN DONE”

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,
Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of
pro-phets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo-cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of

glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa-ther. When you became man to
 set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the
 sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 We believe that you will come to be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of
 your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er-last-ing.

OFFERING

LORD HAVE MERCY

M In the morning, O Lord, I call to You; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

A Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (CW 537)

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

M Let us praise the Lord.



BLESSING

M The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (CW 382)



NOTES AND NEWS

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This Week, By God's Grace (October 7th – October 14th)

Today	Elders' Meeting	7:30am
	Sunday School, Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
Mon.-Wed.	Teachers' Conference – NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday	Faculty Meeting	9:00am
	PSI Class	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	LES Catechism	8:30am
	Gr. 3-4 Ag Safety Field Trip at Tri County	
	Home VB Games vs. York (A & B Teams)	4:15/5:00pm
	District Mission Board Meeting – Sarpy County	6:30pm
Friday	Junior Choir	3:50-4:20pm
	Wedding Rehearsal	5:30pm
Saturday	Scheele-Hoffmann Wedding	3:30pm
Sunday	Sunday School, Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship with Communion (Junior Choir Sings)	10:00am
	(Greeters: Tim & Sue Likens)	
	(Childcare: Sue Likens, Elaine Burger)	
	NELHS International Food Tasting	12:30-1:30pm
	NELHS Silent Auction/Kiddie Carnival	1:30-3:30pm
NELHS Fall Concert/Supper	4:00pm	
NELHS Association Meeting	5:00pm	

Our Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday – Brandi Shepler

Friday – Neal Freese, M/M Brad Schwab, M/M Randy Schmidt

Saturday – Brett Scheiding, M/M Dallas Christ

NELHS Fall Auction – It's time again to consider donations for the Fall Auction at NELHS. We're trying to finish paying off the dorm roof, so we want this to be a great auction. Please consider giving a donation. We would like donations as soon as possible so they can be entered and everyone can preview them on the website. The more publicity, the more we can raise to help support the great work NELHS is doing.



New, unique items seem to do the best, including home baked goods. The Auction is Oct. 14, along with a kiddie carnival, unique lunch made by our international students, fall concert, and much more. Join us for the day and bring your friends!!

Hospital Update

- † Evelyn and Emery, infant twin daughters of Andrew and Erica Wiedel, were released from the NICU in Lincoln and are now at home.
- † Barry Jung was hospitalized at Beatrice Community Hospital from Sunday night through Wednesday.



Box Tops – Box Tops for Education need to be submitted soon. Please have them to the school or church office by Sunday, October 28th. Thank you!

Call News – Pastor Josh Hillmann has received a call to serve the dual parish of Zion, Bonesteel, SD and St. Paul, Naper, NE. We ask the Lord to bless Pastor Hillmann's deliberations over the next several weeks.

Fall Church Cleaning – The annual fall cleaning (cleaning those areas that are not done on a weekly basis) of our church building is coming up (**October 24-27**). All those whose last names begin with the letters **S-Z** are asked to come and clean this fall. Please note that we have changed the alphabetical break down so that the numbers in each group are more evenly divided. We will go with last names beginning with **A-R** for spring cleaning and **S-Z** for fall cleaning.



Joint Reformation Service – There will be a joint Reformation service with local WELS congregations on Sunday, October 28th at 4PM. The service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Seward, NE. The full address is: 746 Pinewood Ave, Seward, NE 68434.

Joint Reformation Service Choir – If you would like to be part of singing in the joint Reformation choir (compiled of singers from all area WELS churches), they will be singing a song called “Only Through Faith.” If you are interested in the music or would like assistance learning the music, please speak with Cari Schroeder.

Changing Community, Unchanging Grace

Change.

There is a large billboard on Interstate 15 that says, “Change is good. Especially when it’s in your pocket.” In the midst of one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, I suppose they would know a bit about change.

In the short time we have lived in Lehi, Utah, very little has remained the same. City planners can barely keep up with the booming needs and extreme growing pains of Lehi. New construction is so common, nobody bothers to wonder what the new buildings are anymore. And in the midst of all the change and chaos, God has called a few of his faithful servants to start Good News Lutheran Church.

We are a small group that occupies a small space in the middle of a predominately LDS (Latter-Day Saints) community. In many ways we are praying for our quickly-changing community to be a vehicle through which God grows this new mission. Each day we are reminded of constant change, all of which is completely out of our control. In the midst of all the change around us, we change and try new ways to let people know about us and the good news of peace and forgiveness. There are the sidewalk signs, Internet advertising, door-hangers, and activities with the nearby schools. And yes, there are days when we wonder, “How will our church ever thrive in such an area?”

Less than a month ago we had our first official worship service. We now meet every Sunday for regular worship services and Bible study. Every week at 9 a.m., we are reminded not of change, but of our Constant. Our Eternal. We offer our thanks and praise to the One who is steadfast and *unchanging*. We are given Jesus and his unwavering plan for each of us: eternal life through Him. While everything else around us rages with the questions and doubts that come with worldly shifts and plans, we know Jesus remains the same. This is the message we all need.

Yes, we are most certainly a small group, in a small space, in a big, fast-changing city. It seems at times like we will never be noticed in our community, and we will surely get lost in the crowd. However, our constant prayer is the Light who shines brighter than any mountain sun, the one who is our Rock, will soon be the constant, solid foundation our community needs.

Please join us in prayer as we give thanks to our gracious God for the group of faithful saints he has given us at Good News Lutheran, Lehi. Thank our loving Savior along with us for His patience, love, and unchanging grace!

Written by: Rev. Dan Heiderich, Good News Lutheran Church, Lehi, Utah.

**NELHS Homecoming Weekend
40th Anniversary Update
October 19-20, 2018**

Friday, October 19, 2018

- Tailgate food available for purchase at the concession stand area and football field.
- 40th Anniversary Alumni shirts available for purchase! (proceeds to go towards roof repair bill...feel free to "Round up for the Roof" if so moved.)
- Football game at 7pm - taking on Osceola/High Plains
 - Parents' Night for football and cheerleaders
 - Alumni Choir singing national anthem - email Steve at sspringborn@nelhs.org for more info or to tell him you're joining
 - Former Homecoming Kings and Queens have been contacted.
- Social time at Hunters' Lounge after the game for those who can make it.

Saturday, October 20, 2018 (alumni and others welcome!)

(Time will be determined by the Husker football game - we'll have the game projected! If early or noon game, social time will begin an hour or so before kickoff, if an evening game starting after 5pm - social time will begin by 4:30pm) - South Gym of NELHS

(not required, but if you're coming on Saturday, let me know ASAP for set-up purposes: sbremer@nelhs.org)

Tailgate Food

- We'll have a main dish available and beverages.
- Asking Alumni to bring any tailgate foods: dessert, snacks, chips, your own preferred beverage, any other food items you want to bring!
- We'll have some "games" of sorts, like Husker Cornhole, etc.
- We're keeping it simple so alumni can visit. Ahead of time or at homecoming, share any ideas for some future gatherings - we could do something on Feb 1st - Grandparents' Day and BB/Cheerleading Parents' Day. Also, Alumni are invited to come to the school play April 12th or 14th - if there are ideas, something could also be done together on Saturday April 13th...leaving this date available if there is interest in gathering together.

We're having a great school year - it will be even better with all the alumni who are able to gather at Homecoming on October 19th!

...have I mentioned lately how privileged and honored I am being back in Waco?!

Skip (sbremer@nelhs.org)

Thank you for your continued support of NELHS!

In Christ,
Steven (Skip) Bremer '83

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If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger after the service or anytime during the week! (call/text 402-239-4509; email pastorberger@gmail.com) If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, Pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (call/text 402-433-5349; email danner@stpaulsplymouth.org) He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

In an ever-changing world, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to build Christ's kingdom in people's hearts with the un-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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