

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In our confessional Lutheran Church, which upholds that God's word is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, we believe in the Divine Call. When a congregation calls a pastor, teacher, vicar or lay minister, etc., we believe that God controls the process; God is calling that individual through His believers. Paul reminds us, "*He (Jesus) himself the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving. In order to build up the body of Christ*" (Ephesians 4:11, EVH™).

At other times in biblical history, we see how the Lord took a more "direct" approach in calling individuals to service in His Church. Today, God directly speaks to us in His word. But He calls individuals into various forms of ministry to serve as His spokespeople through His believers. The goal of any spokesperson for God is to faithfully proclaim God's word in all its truth and purity and thereby glorify God. When faithfully doing so, any Christian can have the confidence and joy that as we speak God's word, the Holy Spirit is working to bring people to faith and God's goal of heaven.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 109, *Matins*.

Hymns: 486, 289 (1-5), 432, 592

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 16:6-10. Luke assures how the word of salvation spreads as God directs His missionaries to preach the gospel in Macedonia.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 8. God the Father placed Jesus, as ruler, over all things. We praise Him as such accordingly (*Supplement*).

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-17, 20. Although Jesus ascended into heaven, He does not leave us on our own. He continues to send the Holy Spirit and to offer salvation full and free through the proclaiming of His word. We eagerly await Jesus' second and final coming, when He will take us to Himself in heaven. So, we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you." Alleluia. (John 14:18, EHV)

Gospel: John 17:20-26. In this portion of His high priestly prayer, Jesus prays that His Church might continue to know and believe His message of love in the gospel and through that message enjoy unity and eternal life.

Sermon Text: John 17:20-26

Theme - "Jesus Prays For Us"

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Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- First lesson: How was Paul's Divine Call "different" than today's Divine Calling process?
- First lesson: What's the difference between a "mediate" call and an "immediate" call?
- First lesson: Who alone—and even despite seemingly human interference and sin—of the call process and ministry of the church?
- Epistle: How do we understand Jesus' words, "My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done," in view of what Paul stated in Ephesians 2:8-10?
- Epistle: According to Matthew 25:34-40, what do the good works of Christians demonstrate publicly? (Matthew 5:16)
- Gospel: One of Jesus' offices is He is our Great High Priest. What "priestly" function does John record Jesus' carrying out here?
- Gospel: What are the main thoughts of Jesus' prayer?

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class and Sunday school at 8:00 a.m.

+ Please bring your children to our Savior's word...to Sunday school at 8:00 a.m.

+ Confirmation class: 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church on ?

THANKS to the Johnsons for putting up trim in church and attaching the bulletin board to the wall, and to Tim Wirgau for leveling the gravel in the church's driveway/parking lot!

Acts 16:6-10 – They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, because they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in the province of Asia. When they went as far as Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. A vision appeared to Paul during the night. A Macedonian man was standing there, urging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately made plans to proceed to Macedonia, because we concluded that God had called us to preach the good news to them. (EHV™)

Revelation 22:12-17, 20 – Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and so that they may enter through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, that is, the sorcerers, the adulterers, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears this say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift. The one who testifies

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about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (EHV™)

John 17:20-26 – “I am praying not only for them, but also for those who

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believe in me through their message. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the world’s foundation. Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them, and that I may be in them.
(EHV™)

*Our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine are in need of our support. First and foremost, they need our prayers to God for peace, protection and security. There is also a very great need for humanitarian assistance as the war continues to destroy lives and property. The ELS Board for Christian Service has established the Ukraine Crisis fund to aid our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church and the Gift of Life program as well as other Ukrainians in need. To contribute to this fund, go to els.org/donate. Please use one of the “Other” options and enter “Ukraine Crisis Fund.” Or, checks may be sent to ELS Ukraine Crisis Fund, 6 Browns Ct., Mankato, MN 56001. Jesus bless us all with His saving grace!