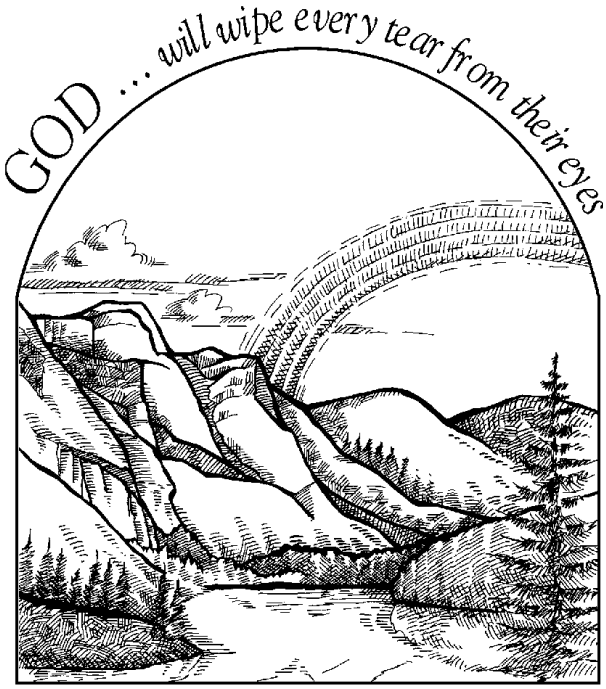
May 5, 2013 5th Sunday after Easter



There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

Revelation 21:4

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that we may be invigorated to live to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (237:1)

HYMNS: 246; 477; 613; 377:10

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 14:8-18
Paul and Barnabas encountered a man lame from birth, who believed their teaching concerning Jesus. As a testimony to the power of Christ they healed the man. When the people of Lystra began to praise them, they were quick to give all glory to God, and seize the opportunity to call for a turning away from idols and a worship of the one true God who has made all things. We praise God that He has called us out of the darkness of unbelief to His glorious light.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29
When we faithfully keep God's Word, God dwells among us. Because of the promise of the Holy Spirit given to the Apostles we can be confident that all that they have written is indeed a faithful expression of His holy will for us and our salvation. Jesus assures us of His peace, which He secured for us by His death and resurrection. We have a true peace given to us by God, a glorious peace WITH God! This is not the world's "wish" for peace. This is the perfect peace and harmony the child of God possesses, which is ours and forever because Jesus has gone to the Father.

THE SERMON: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Theme: The Heavenly Home Christ Has Prepared for Us
I. Its Glory -- The very Glory of God!
II. Its Walls and Gates -- The Complete Church
III. Its Foundation -- The Twelve Apostles

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school, and Bible Class follow the service.

MONDAY: Pastor has meeting with Minnesota Pastors at Berea in Inver Grove Heights.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism in Lake Mills at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: **Spring clean up day** at church both inside and outside. Start time is 9:00a.m. Check out the lists for inside cleaning and outside maintenance and clean up. Individuals may volunteer for specific jobs even if they are not able to attend on Saturday. Rain date is May 18.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Rochester service at 5:00 p.m. Sermon text: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23.

May 17: Immanuel College Spring Concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire beginning at 7:30 p.m.

May 18: Commencement exercises at Immanuel College in Eau Claire, in the College field house beginning at 10:00a.m.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 11-13: General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire.

Sunday June 16: **Delegate Conference** in Mankato starting at 3:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

-Organist: Denise Barthels
-Ushers: Lincoln Cole, Joe Ubl, Arnie Ottjes, Lance Groth
-Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:
Attendance: April 28 worship - 39 Bible Class - 12 Sunday school - 4

Weekly Offerings Needed:	$1,045.00		
Offerings Received	827.00		
Needed for Year:	17,765.00		
Received for Year:	17,153.00		

Ladies' Aid Thanks: The Ladies' Aid thanks all who gave gifts for new spring silk floral arrangements for the altar.

Web Site: Please check out our restored congregation website. Starting this week the bulletin and sermon will be on the site each week: http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/