



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 6, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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<http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com>

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www.ilc.edu/home.htm

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: 212; 213; 216; 221:1,2

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

In the opening chapter of Acts, Luke starts where he ended his gospel, with Jesus ascension. Jesus connected His ascension with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission of our redemption was complete, now it was time for the Spirit's mission of sanctification to come to the foreground. And so we are witnesses of Christ to the world until the end of the age. We are reminded by the angels' message that Jesus shall return visibly at the last day. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:16-23

In Christ's ascension God reveals the greatness of His power toward us who believe. God used His mighty power to raise Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His right hand, placing Jesus above all power on earth or in heaven, now and forever. Jesus is head over all things for the good of His Church which is intimately connected to Christ, the church being His body, the fullness of Him who fills all things with His presence.

THE SERMON: Luke 24:44-53

Theme: Ascension Blessings

- I. The Scriptures Were Fulfilled
- II. Our Salvation Has Been Secured
- III. Jesus' Ascension Blessing – A joyful Faith

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school, and Bible Class will follow the service. A brief special voters' meeting for the purpose of handling a bid for repairing the church's electrical panel will follow after the service. Please gather quickly after the service at the front of the nave. A Private baptism follows Bible class this morning. The Hellickson family will be borrowing the fellowship hall after the baptism.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy communion at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and church council follow the service. Rochester service at 5:00 p.m. Sermon text: Genesis 11:1-9.

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 10:00 a.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: Egtvedt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 28 worship – 25 Bible Class - 11

Sunday school - 4

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1,045.00	Memorial: Darlene Cole - Prop Imprv.	25.00
Offerings Received	982.00	Property Imprv. Fund	100.00
Needed for Year:	18,810.00		
Received for Year:	18,135.00		

CLC NEWS: Pastor Norman Greve of Eagle Lake, Minnesota has the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LAWN MOWING: A sign-up sheet is on the Mailbox table. Right now all months are open, May – October,

SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL: It is that time of year again. Subscription renewal is made by signing the sheet on the mail box table the annual group subscription rate is \$15.00. Make checks payable to St. Paul's. (Pastor Barthels has been writing for the Lutheran Spokesman for about the last twenty years. So subscribe to the Spokesman and read what you're paying me to write.)

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/>