



*“But you shall
receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be my witnesses...”*
-Acts 1:8

St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. Sins are evident in our lives day after day. We confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Guided by Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 739; 236; 226; 313:3

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 21-21

With the fulfillment of Jesus' promise- the coming of the Holy Spirit – the Apostles were blessed with a gift to speak in many languages. They were not just babbling or drunk as some suggested. They were speaking in languages known and understood by their audience, and they were proclaiming the “wonderful works of God” by which we all are saved.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:26-27

In this promise given by Jesus just hours before His Passion, He refers to the Holy Spirit as the Helper, whom Jesus would send, who proceeds also from the Father (as we confess in the Nicene Creed this morning). The Spirit would bring the truth to and through the Apostles, and so testify of Jesus! Now we are the witnesses, His speaking to others of His grace in redemption, trusting the Spirit power to bless our words of testimony.

THE SERMON: Genesis 11:1-9

Theme: Babbling: Its Cause and Cure

- I. Its Cause: Found in the Sinful Heart of Man
- II. Its Cure: Found in the Mercy and Grace

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school, and Church Council will follow the service. No Adult Bible Class today.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible Class enter summer recess. Rochester service at 5:00 p.m. Sermon text: Romans 5:1-5.

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: May 12 worship – 38 No Bible Class (voters meeting)
Sunday school - 5

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1,045.00		
Offerings Received	918.00		
Needed for Year:	19,855.00		
Received for Year:	19,053.00		

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Roehl as declined the call to serve as foreign missionary to India. Mr. Stephen Sydow has declined the call to teach In Immanuel High School in Mankato.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAWN MOWING: A sign-up sheet is on the Mailbox table. Several months are still open.

SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL: It is that time of year again. Subscription renewal in 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.

WORKDAY SUCCESS! On Saturday May 11, eleven people turned out and a lot of cleaning and a number of maintenance jobs were completed by 1:00 p.m. when the last volunteers left. A big THANKS to those who helped make the day a success!

There are a number of jobs left to be done. If you would be willing to volunteer talk to Mandy Larson, regarding cleaning, and see Luke regarding church maintenance jobs.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Water leaking into the **church electrical panel** has damaged the panel so that it needs to be repaired. The voters accepted a bid from Fox Electric to complete this project. However the **\$4950.00** it will cost will deplete most of the finds from the **Property Improvement Fund**. The voters have initiated a special offering to help defray the cost of this major repair. Your gift may be made to **Property Improvement Fund**.

St. Paul's Web Site: Please check out our restored congregation website. The bulletin and sermon will be on the site each week: <http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/>