



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 a.m.

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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 (344)

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 110

This psalm prophesies of the ascension of our Lord. It tells us of how Jesus was to be received to power, glory and majesty at God's right hand until the end of time. Jesus rules, even though we see the Lord's enemies all about us. We gladly serve Him in this world as His glorious will is done. And He continues to serve us as our High Priest forever, making intercession for us before the throne of God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:50-53

Luke reports in his gospel how Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany, and there ascended into heaven. Even as He ascended Jesus raised His hands, blessing them. His ascension continues to be a blessing for us all. We are assured that we shall go where He has gone. This was His mission and His ascension assures us of mission success. Also even as His visible presence was removed from us, His promise to be with us everywhere was made possible.

THE SERMON: John 14:1-6

Theme: Jesus' Ascension Grants Us Great Assurance of Faith

- I. He Prepares a Place for Us
- II. Jesus Announces the Hope of Our Ascension
- III. Jesus Reveals the Way to Heaven

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and bible class are in summer recess. Minnesota Delegate Conference in Sleepy Eye, MN at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class this week at 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: Pastor Barthels will be leaving for Hales Corners, WI where He is scheduled to serve as their guest speaker for education Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Seminarian Rob Sauers is scheduled to conduct the service in Pastor's absence. Sermon text: James 1:22-27

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 16-19: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI

June 22: MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY: Foreign Missionary Ed Starkey will serve as our guest speaker.

June 19-22 Arise and Shine retreat for men and women in their 20s and 30s. More information at AriseAndShineRetreat.com or contact Pastor Luke Bernthal lbernthal@live.com.

June 22-28: Camp Koyquin in Pillager, MN

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Norm Schwartz, Randy Berg, Luke Berg

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 25 Worship –17

Request for Volunteer(s): The Ladies Aid is (still) seeking a volunteer(s) for the Card Committee. If you may be interested, please contact President Deb Berg for details on what this may involve.

CLC NEWS: Missionary Koenig Retirement Gift –Missionary Koenig's many years of service as foreign missionary will be recognized at this summer's CLC convention. This will include a cash gift from the CLC

constituency. Checks should be made out to the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC), and may be put in the regular offering. Please write "David Koenig Retirement Gift" on the memo line; or mail your check, before June 9, to ILC Business Office, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

BRANCHES NEWSLETTER: The Ladies Aid subscribes to the CLC women's newsletter called "The Branches". It is available for members to borrow and to take home for a week to read.

Please examine this sample and consider if you would like to support this extension of our CLC fellowship with a subscription. See the flyer on the narthex table.

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