



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRAYER: PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me. Help me to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p 15

HYMNS: 196; 371; 754; 313:2

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 2:1-5

In these letters to the churches Jesus warns against weaknesses that creep into the church. In this letter to the church in Ephesus Jesus commends the congregation for their faithfulness in love and teaching, and in opposing that which is evil. However, Jesus is concerned that they have lost their first love! Their zeal for the Lord and His gospel has declined, and this endangers the very presence of the gospel in their midst. May we also take stock of state of our love! Have other things replaced its preeminence in our hearts? May the joy of Jesus' resurrection renew our zeal for the gospel of a crucified and yet risen and ever living Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-14

Jesus showed Himself alive to the disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Even as He revealed Himself to them He also revealed the continuing presence of His power among them. May we also know the power of our Risen Lord in our hearts and in our lives

THE SERMON: Isaiah 61:10-11

Theme: Our Easter Adornment: Spiritual Fashion Designed
by the Lord

I. The Robes of Righteousness

April 19, 2015

2nd Sunday after Easter

II. The Assurance of Production

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class will follow after the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class scheduled to follow the service. A pot luck lunch is scheduled to follow Bible Class at 11:30 a.m. The Quarterly Voters' meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. Text: Isaiah 61:10-11.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9: Spring cleanup at church from 9:00a.m. to noon.

June 14: Delegate Conference in Eagle Lake, MN.

June 18-21: Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat (See announcement below.)

June 21-27 & July 19-25: ILC Youth Camp in Eau Claire WI.
youthcamp.clclutheran.net

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Melvin Eichstadt, Ken Nickson,
Arnie Ottjes

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 12 Worship 17 Sunday School -0 No Bible Class
Offerings report for April 5 & 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,504.00	Memorial for:
Needed for Year:	\$16,944.00	Jacob and Martha Tuinder
Received for Year:	\$14,051.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$25.00

MEMBER DIRECTORY: A new member directory is about to be published. We need everyone to check that their information is accurate and correct. Please make any corrections necessary, and then initial by your name so we know you have checked it. If you have cell phone besides your land line please be sure that number is also correct, and indicate if you do NOT text, since text alert are sent out on occasion. Also include your email address so we can reach members. This information will be disseminated to the members of St. Paul's and Divine Word only. However if there is an email or cell number, etc. you wish to keep private from publication in the directory, please indicate that on the list. The Pastor would still appreciate having this information included for his use. **Deadline date is Today, April 19, 2015.**

Church Lawn Mowing: Volunteers may sign the sheet on the mail box table.

CLC NEWS: Seminary Graduate Rob Sauers has been assigned the call to Bethel Lutheran church of Morris, MN, and he has accepted that call.

Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat – Grace Lutheran Church of Valentine, NE is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat in Pillager, MN, **June 18–21** (Thurs. - Sun.). **The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome.** The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 5th, 2015), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11). This year's theme is "RECHARGE!" The theme is based on the "rest" that Jesus promises us in Matthew 11:28-30 and the "rest" God instructs us to take in Exodus 20:8 (The Third Commandment – "Remember the Sabbath Day..."). If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! You can find more information and register on our web site: **www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com**. For more info, please contact Alana (Ahrens) Cardinal (402) 322-9064 alanaahrens@yahoo.com or Pastor Luke Bernthal (402) 389-2147 lbernthl@live.com.