



**"Take heed that
no one leads
you astray."**

Mark 13:5

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: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 436; 783; 368; 51

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16

The Lord promises to search for His scattered sheep wherever they are scattered. While this was a comfort for the Jews in the Babylonian captivity, it is also an expression of God's grace for us today. He gathers us into His fold and cares for us: feeding us upon the good pastures of His Word, and binding up our spirits with His forgiving grace.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-18

Jesus is the Shepherd of the sheep. He approaches us just as prophesied by the Lord. The door is opened to Him and we hear the voice of our shepherd and follow Him where He leads us. Jesus has come that we may have life, and that we may have it more abundantly. He gives us eternal life. He is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep. He laid down His life for the sheep and He took His life back again. He knows His sheep and gathers us together into one flock, even as there is one Shepherd.

THE SERMON: Ezekiel 34:23-31

Theme: The Good Shepherd Brings Security to His Flock

- I. The Security Found in the Covenant of Peace
- II. Our Security in a Dangerous World
- III. Secure in our Relationship with God

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class will follow after 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.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aide at 7:00 p.m. Donna is scheduled to serve.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class scheduled to follow the service. Text: Isaiah 61:10-11.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

June 7: 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

July 28 – August 2: Youth Conference sponsored by Immanuel, Mankato. This is for young people of College and High School age. It will be held in Como, CO. Brochure available on resource table in narthex.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 19 Worship - 32 Sunday School - 0 Bible Class - 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,027.00	
Needed for Year:	\$18,086.00	
Received for Year:	\$15,078.00	

Memorial for: Robert Acklund - \$30.00 Property Imprv. Fund. Winifred Hanson \$30.00 Property Improv. Fund.

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

CLC NEWS:

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 lbernthal@live.com.

Earthquake in Nepal. Information received from our brother in Christ, Rajan Bhitrakoti, (brother of foreign exchange seminary student Raju Bhitrakoti who is currently in the U.S. at Immanuel) The local congregation in the Kathmandu valley had just finished worship service when the Earthquake hit. Raju's family and all of the members of the local congregation are safe. The church building has some cracks in the walls...but it sounds like their home was spared from damage. The HCLC-Nepal has several rural congregations that are west and northwest of Kathmandu. They have yet to receive any reports from those congregations because there is so much damage to the communications infrastructure.

Sampling of Rajan Bhitrakoti's Facebook posts:

We are safe till now by the grace of God. Got poor Internet access finally. Still no power in the city. Many houses destroyed. Dead bodies laying around with lots of casualties. Please pray for Nepal. P.S. Got the earthquake shock while writing this post.

More than 60+ small punch of earthquake till now. It feels like....every time it's shaking. More than 1550 dead in Kathmandu (will increase significantly). Government has declared state in emergency. Medical facilities are limited which might increase more pain among victims. No flights in country. No power throughout Nepal. People can't sleep and are in streets and in open ground as they can't step inside home. Situation is still out of control in state of chaos. This night will be the longest night ever. Will come with more updates as I get something more.

Your prayers for the people of Nepal will be much appreciated!