

*"The earth produces
of itself, first the blade,
then the ear, then the
full grain in the ear."*

Mark 4:28



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your Holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

HYMNS: 296; 753; 49; 52

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4

God called Abram to leave his people, that he might be separated from the false gods who can save no one. God called Abram so that his descendent could be a blessing for all nations of the earth. In faith Abram obeyed the Word of the Lord.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

Fellowship around the Word the Lord and the sacraments was blessed by the Lord. The early New Testament Church was blessed with signs and wonders. The early church was blessed with unity of faith that showed in their love and care for one another. The early Church was blessed with continued growth as the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved.

THE SACRAMANT of HOLY BAPTISM: On this day Austin Ball, the infant son of Andy and Korin Ball, born on April 2, 2015, will be born again of water and the Holy Spirit of this blessed sacrament of Holy Baptism. Dana and Trent Peterson and Jamey and Mindy Schmit are serving as witnesses.

THE SERMON: Mark 4:26-29

Theme: The Growth of the Kingdom of God

- I. The Sowing of the Right Seed
- II. The Wonder of Growth Appears

June 7, 2015

2nd Sunday Pentecost

III. The Harvest Goal Attained

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are in summer recess. Delegate Conference in Eagle Lake, MN beginning at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Genesis 15:1-6.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 16-18: CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI.

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

June 24, July 1, 8, 15: We have scheduled our Vacation Bible School on these four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. VBS is for all children from four years of age through 8th grade. Visitors are welcome but should register ahead so we have adequate supplies.

June 28-29: Board of Regents meeting in Fridley.

July 28 – August 2: YOUTH CONFERENCE '15 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. **The deadline to apply for scholarships** to fund Youth Conference is tomorrow (**June 1st**). There is scholarship money available to significantly reduce the cost. Applying for a scholarship is not hard--details are on the website. See scholarship details and other conference info at www.youthconference.info

August 10-16: Pastor on vacation.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Melvin Eichstadt, Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 31 Worship 24

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,020.00	Nepal disaster relief \$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$24,948.00	
Received for Year:	\$20,222.00	

SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTIONS. Subscription renewal time has arrived again. Please indicate your intention to renew on the sheet on the mailbox table in the narthex. **The \$15 Subscription payment should be made to St. Paul.** Please make this separate from your regular offering.

An update on earthquake relief in Nepal: The CLC Board of Missions has been in regular contact with Pastor Raju since his return to Nepal. He has recently finished a visitation of the HCLCN congregations, and will give a formal report soon. To this point they have provided immediate aid and housing to our HCLCN members who have suffered loss. The next step will be to build temporary buildings to protect the members during the monsoon season which is now upon them. Once that is over they will begin the work of rebuilding permanent structures. Please continue to keep our brethren in your prayers, as well as the people of Nepal as a whole. This tragedy is an opportunity for our fellow believers to share the hope that is in them with their unbelieving neighbors. May the Lord bless their witness to them! Offerings are still being received for earthquake relief –envelopes should be marked “**MDF – Nepal Earthquake.**” Online donations can also be made at this link: www.lutheranmissions.org/earthquake.

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. You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com.