

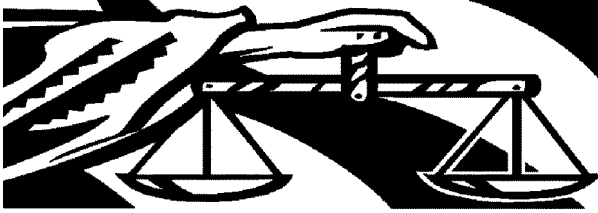


**What does the Lord require of you**



**but to do justice...  
love kindness,  
& to walk humbly  
with your God?**

**M i c a h 6 : 8**

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**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, 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. I know and confess my sin. I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. 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: 18; 391; 315:1-6; 315:15

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:20-33

In this account of Abraham persisting in prayer for his neighbor, we do not see a child of God praying in his own self-interest, but for the mercy of God upon others. In this we see how the heart of Christ lives within the child of God. We also should pray earnestly and with persistence for the lost sinners of this world that they might be spared from the wrath to come, and come to repentance and righteousness through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE EPSITILE LESSON: Acts 8:26-38

God cares for sinners of all nations, and uses His children here on earth as His agents of grace by bringing the gospel to others in Word and Sacrament. What a blessing came to the Ethiopian that day as the Lord arranged his encounter with Philip! What a blessed life Philip enjoyed: the Lord used him to serve others with the gospel. These are the blessings that come to us as we live the heart of Christ, both knowing His peace for ourselves and His purpose of grace and mercy toward our fellow man.

THE SERMON: Matthew 5:1-6

Theme: Living in a Blessed Spiritual State

I. Blessed with a Poor Spirit

June 21, 2015

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost

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II. Blessed to Possess Righteousness

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the most tremendous spiritual tranquilizer there is. It brings us spiritual tranquility despite our sins, and lets us face our Maker peacefully. Unfortunately, some people are already so tranquil they are practically spiritually asleep, as 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 says. The church is not doing people a favor if it serves communion to anyone who wants it, anymore than a doctor would be by handing out Valium to anyone who asked for it. Used incorrectly, Valium may put you to sleep - permanently! So may communion put one to sleep spiritually- if used improperly. That is one reason our church practices "close communion," Taking care that those who participate in the Lord's Supper are properly prepared to do so.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:30 p.m. (We are planning additional VBS sessions for Wednesdays July 1, 8, & 15.)

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Sermon text: Matthew 5:7-12.

## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Go to [www.youthconference.info](http://www.youthconference.info) to sign-up today! (and for more information).

August 10-16: Pastor on vacation.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 14 Worship 34

This report includes offerings from 6/7 & 6/14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1,731.00	Nepal disaster relief \$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$27,232.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$1200.00
Received for Year:	\$21,933.00	<b>Memorial:</b> Lincoln Cole
		Prop Imprv. Fund \$1000.00

**SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.** Please remember to remit your subscription fee. **The \$15 Subscription payment should be made to St. Paul.** Please make this separate from your regular offering.

Congregation News: Caidyn Kruse returned home Thursday from Minneapolis Children's Hospital and is recovering from surgery. Kevin Kruse continues to recover at home. Jim Bennett's surgery was successful and he is doing well, continuing to recover in hospital. We give thanks to God for His merciful kindness!