



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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www.ilc.edu/home.htm

PRAYER: Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from His sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and power and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.15

HYMNS: 23; 528:1-3,11,12,15; 305:1-4; 309

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob had done a terrible sin in deceiving his father Isaac so that he might obtain the better blessing of the first born. What he learned in the dream that night was that the Lord is the one who blesses, and His blessings come according to grace. In spite of Jacob's sin the Lord bestowed on Jacob the birthright of the Savior coming from Jacob's descendants. God makes the connection between us according to His grace, through faith in our Savior. We too should be moved to comprehend the presence of the Lord in our lives and His faithfulness as our God that we should serve Him all our days.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-46

Nothing is as precious as the kingdom of God. It is a great and wondrous treasure for which we should be willing to sacrifice any and all earthly goods that we might possess it.

THE SERMON: Acts 16:21-33

Theme: How the Spirit Shapes Christian Character

- I. Joy-filled faith in Affliction
- II. Love Your Enemies
- III. Spirit Blessed Results

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Sermon text: Mark 8:34-38.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 10-16: Pastor on vacation. Pastor-emeritus Daniel Fleischer has agreed to cover the service in Pastor Barthels' absence.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 12 Worship - 19

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 767.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$500.00
Needed for Year:	\$33,118.00		
Received for Year:	\$24,182.00		

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Michael Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI. He was serving as pastor of Faith eight years ago until he started battling leukemia, and underwent a bone marrow blood stem cell transplant at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. While he has been working a mail delivery job for US postal service, and has also served a congregation in Appleton, Wisconsin on a part-time basis, this is his return to the full-time pastoral ministry

Mission Helper teams: Three teams of CLC members are currently visiting countries in Africa teaching and preaching the Word. Young people are teaching children in Bible school pastors are training pastors and the Word of the Lord Grows! You will be able to follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2015clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/>

Immanuel Clothing: CLC member Andy Buck has put together a short-term ordering opportunity for Immanuel clothing. While the CLC Bookhouse has a few items available in Eau Claire, the Regents have asked Andy to provide people throughout the CLC an opportunity to order items online. This quality apparel can be worn to promote the school with which our Lord has richly blessed us. A lot of different choices are available such as shirts, shorts, jackets, hats, etc. These items are available for ordering until July 31 with an option to ship or pick up in Eau Claire. Go to: www.cv-sports.com/Promotions.aspx, find the "Immanuel Lutheran" line, and click on "Go." Contact Andy for questions (andy.buck@cv-sports.com/715.836.6840).