



**“The time is fulfilled,  
and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent, and believe in the gospel.”**

Mark 1:15

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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: 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: 16; 250; 37; 50:2

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 32:1-9

We join Moses in singing the praises of our God. He is the almighty. All His ways are truth and justice and righteousness. We, on the other hand, have corrupted ourselves with sin. How foolish we are to deal in this way with the one who bought us so that we might be His own. Remember the mercies of the Lord and His faithfulness for many generations! He has directed the affairs of this world for the good of His people. He regards us as His inheritance, the treasure He looks forward to receiving.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 7:54-59

Jesus had promised to send out His messengers of the gospel, and also prophesied that they would be mistreated and even killed by the people of Israel, by the people of this world. So we see with Stephen. The Jewish council was outraged that Stephen would point out their sin and hypocrisy, and that he would be granted a vision of Jesus' heavenly glory. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him, while Saul (Paul) watched approvingly. Stephen entrusted his soul to Jesus.

THE SERMON: Matthew 23:34-39

Theme: Jesus Laments Lost Souls

- I. He Laments the Rejection of His Messengers
- II. He Laments the rejection of His gracious Invitation
- III. He Laments the Missing of His Gracious Presence

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Pastor Barthels is on vacation this week. In case of emergency he can be reached on his cell phone. He will be available at home next Sunday evening. Pastor emeritus Dan Fleischer has agreed to take the service in Pastor Barthels absence.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Sermon text: Ephesians 4:30-5:2. (August communion and council meeting will be moved to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13: Church Picnic Sunday

September 20: Sunday school begins

September 27: Adult Bible class begins

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt

Cleaning: Larson

Church Mowing for August: Katie Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 2 Worship - 23

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 848.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$36,544.00	Memorial: Prop. Imprv Fund
Received for Year:	\$26,973.00	Jacob & Martha Tuinder \$25.00

**CLC NEWS:** ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF): Recently it was reported that the SAF has nearly a \$7,000 negative balance. This is the Fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work. In our day where faithfulness to God's Word is a dear treasure, our current students can be greatly helped as the Immanuel experience is a springboard to their faith journey. Those former students who have received help from the SAF in the past might consider how current students could also use assistance.