



**Grow in the grace and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...  
2 Peter 3:18**

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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to hear Your Word that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in Jesus Christ. Grant we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

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

HYMNS: 351; 394; 398; 377:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Daniel 5:17-30

By the miraculous handwriting on the wall God revealed His superior glory and majesty and dominion to an arrogant King Belshazzar. That very night the Persian army overthrew the great Babylonian Empire and Belshazzar lost his life. Let us humble ourselves before the mighty hand of God, and trust that He will exalt us in due time.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 7:14-17

Jesus revealed His glory in His teaching in the temple courts. Others however challenged Him because Jesus had not attended the proper schools. They thought He was assuming authority He did not possess. Jesus' teaching made it clear that His authority came from God.

THE SERMON: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Theme: Don't Neglect Your Own Salvation

- I. God has given Us All Things Pertaining to Life and Godliness
- II. Give all Diligence to Build on this Foundation
- III. Be More Diligent To Make Your Calling and Election Sure

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION OFFICERS

In the regular fall quarterly meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church the following have been elected to serve the congregation. Today they willingly give their pledge to serve the Lord and this congregation as the Lord gives them strength. Randy Berg - Chairman; Norman Schwartz – Vice chairman; Joe Ubl – Secretary; Ken Nickson – Treasurer; Luke Berg – Chairman Board of Building and Grounds; Leon Hellickson, Joe Ubl, Melvin Eichstadt – elders.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service. A Pot luck meal will follow after Bible class. The annual voter's meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: Matthew 17:1-9

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

February 10: Ash Wednesday. Midweek Lenten meditations begin.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Nelson

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 24 Worship – 21; No Bible class Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 891.00	
Needed for Year:	\$ 4,568.00	
Received for Year:	\$ 2,857.00	

**Organist gratuity:** During the past year several individuals have stepped forward to serve us by enhancing our worship with their musical abilities. They receive no compensation from the congregation for their hours of practice and serving us in this way. For the next three weeks a designated basket will be placed in the narthex for us to gather a gratuity to express our appreciation for their dedicated service.

**Called to heaven:** Martin Strike, the son of Ron and Karen Strike, was called to be with the Lord earlier this past week. The funeral is set for Saturday, February 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN. Visitation is a 12:30 with the victory service scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Notes of condolence may be sent to Ron and Karen Strike / 418 Harrison St. / Round Lake, MN 56167.

**CLC NEWS:** The Rev. Vance Fossum, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC, has announced his intention to retire from the full-time public ministry as of July 3, 2016. The congregation has called the Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace

Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD.

**Nominations for ILC Professor:** Nominations for ILC Professor: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year: **Dwight (Frank) Gantt, Paul Naumann, David Reim, Peter Reim, Michael Roehl, David Schaller, Stephen Sydow, Paul Teifel II, Matthew Ude, and Mark Weis.** The individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary), and also in other theological disciplines. Other assignments will be determined upon mutual agreement in accordance with need and corresponding ability. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: [cryan@page1printers.com](mailto:cryan@page1printers.com).

**Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: **Jeffrey Schierenbeck, Steven Sippert, Paul Sullivan, and John Ude.** The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2018. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: [cryan@page1printers.com](mailto:cryan@page1printers.com).

### **Hymn 248:1-3 Father of Glory, to Thy Name**

Father of glory, to Thy name  
Immortal praise we give  
Who dost an act of grace proclaim  
And bid us rebels live.

Immortal honor to the Son,  
Who makes Thine anger cease;  
Our lives He ransomed with His own  
And died to make our peace

To Thine almighty Spirit be  
Immortal glory giv'n,  
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee  
And train us up for heav'n.