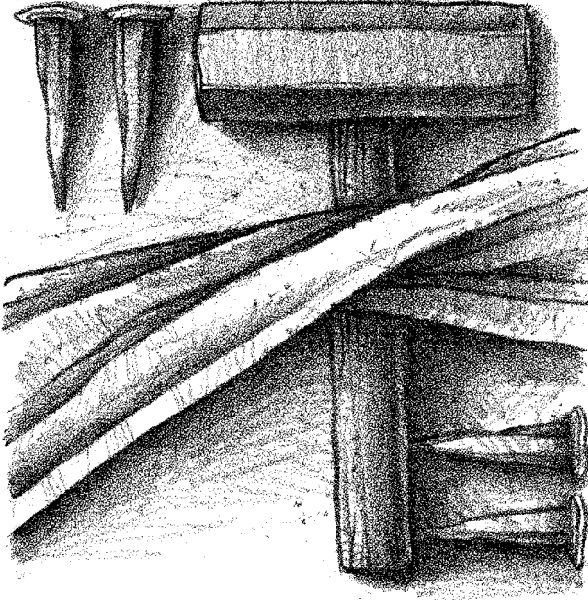


He was wounded for our transgressions.



He was bruised for our iniquities.

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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.

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HYMNS: 360; 723; 163:1-4; 313:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:4-6

The substitutionary nature of Jesus' sufferings are spelled out for us in brutally clear language in Isaiah's prophecy. Let us always be mindful of the depth of love that is evident in Jesus' passion as He endured the punishment we deserved so that by His stripes we might be healed.

THE PASSION LESSON: In the Upper Room III

In this portion of the record of events occurring during the Last Passover Supper, we learn of how Jesus tried to prepare the disciples for the events of His passion. He warned Peter of his coming denial. We too must be prepared for the trials that will come our way in life because we follow Jesus. Let us learn humility, heeding Jesus' warnings, and understanding that it is not our strength that will overcome them but the Lord's, which comes to us in the gospel.

THE SERMON: Mark 14:61-62

Theme: Jesus Said, "I AM!"

- I. When Silence Speaks Volumes
- II. Jesus Confessed Himself to be the Great I AM
- III. Awaiting the Final Public Display of this Truth

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here, please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

### CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and church council will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Lenten meditation. Soup and sandwich supper begins at 6:00 p.m. (The signup sheet for volunteers for meal preparation can be found on the narthex table.) Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year's meditations is: Object Lessons from the Lord's Passion. Our third meditation is entitled: The Thorns and the Whip: A Lesson on Endurance. Text: Hebrews 12:1-4.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. We are also having a Lenten series for our Sunday sermons. This series is entitled "And Jesus said!" The third meditation will be on "My kingdom is not of this world." Sermon text: John 18:36.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Ubl

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 14 Worship – 29; Bible class 11 Sunday school – 6  
February 17 Wednesday Lenten service - 17

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$1,155.00 | Other Offerings: |         |
| Offerings Received      | \$1,415.00 | ILC Student Aid  | \$25.00 |
| Needed for Year:        | \$8,148.00 |                  |         |
| Received for Year:      | \$6,157.00 |                  |         |

**Organist gratuity:** During the past year three different individuals served 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. Today and next Sunday a designated basket will be placed in the narthex for us to gather a gratuity to express our appreciation for their dedicated service.

**CLC NEWS:** Pastor Paul Naumann of Tacoma Washington has received the call to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. Professor Steven Sippert has received the call to serve another a two year term as President of Immanuel Lutheran College. Pastor Neal Radichel has declined the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC. Pastor Fossum has announced his impending retirement.

**Midwest Woman's Retreat** - Immanuel Mankato is again hosting its annual **Woman's Retreat on April 8-10, 2016 in Winona, MN.** The **deadline to register** and reserve a room is March 8, 2016. This year's theme is: "Hush, My dearest child, do not worry!" A poster with retreat information can be found on the bulletin board. You can also find out more information and register for the retreat online: [www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net](http://www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net). If you have any questions please speak to your pastor.