



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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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 155; 172:1-4; 143; 172:8

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:10-12

Isaiah's prophecy reveals how Jesus' soul was made the offering for sin. The Lord bruised Him and put Jesus to grief. He would see His seed, His descendants, not physical, but spiritual. We are the children of God through Jesus' atoning sacrifice. "The many" are justified by His sacrifice. So Jesus was numbered with the transgressors. God made Him the sin-bearer. Ultimately, because of His sacrifice, He makes intercession for us before the throne of God.

THE PASSION LESSON: Jesus' Trial before the Sanhedrin

In the middle of the night the Sanhedrin met in an illegal session. Many false witnesses were called to accuse Jesus of many sins, but there was no consistent testimony against Him. Finally the High Priest challenged Jesus concerning His true identity as the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus boldly confessed the truth, that He was the I AM! The council condemned Him for blasphemy. They met again in quick session when morning came to make it appear to be legal to condemn Jesus, who is the Christ, the Son of God.

THE SERMON: Matthew 27:45

Theme: My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

I. What Does it Mean to be Forsaken by God?

March 6, 2016

4th Sunday in Lent

II. What Is The Cause of this Judgment?

III. Why Jesus?

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service. The Ladies Aid will have short business meeting between service and Bible class.

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 fifth meditation is entitled: *The Pen and Ink: A Lesson on Justice*. Text: Colossians 2:13-14.

NEXT SUNDAY: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins. Move clocks ahead one hour, or you will miss church! (Worship at 7:30 at Spring Valley.) 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 fifth meditation will be on "The Son of Man shall be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" Sermon text: Matthew 12:40.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 28 Worship – 28; Sunday school – 4
March 2 Wednesday Lenten service – 22

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1,194.00	Missions	\$25.00
Needed for Year:	\$10,395.00	Memorial: Robert Folsom	
Received for Year:	\$8,162.00	ILC Student Aid	\$20.00

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights (Detroit area) MI. <> Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Teacher Sara Pfeiffer, St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, to serve as Principal and Teacher at its school. <> Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX.

PFEIFFER RETIREMENT - At Immanuel's graduation service on May 21, one of your former pastors, Professor John Pfeiffer, will be retiring from the full-time ministry after 49 years of service. In anticipation of that, the Pfeiffer children would like to collect stories and memories from his previous congregations about his time in your midst. Correspondence can be sent to Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer via email: revpfei@gmail.com or through postal mail to: **The Pfeiffers / 4724 N. Wall St / Spokane, WA 99205**

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. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor.

HYMN 242

"Father of heav'n, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning love extend.

"Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend,
To us Thy saving grace extend.

"Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend
To us Thy quick'ning pow'r extend.

"Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious God-head, Three in One,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend."