



“... the Son of Man
must be handed over to sinners,
and be crucified ...”

-Luke 24:7

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.

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

HYMNS: 155; 167; 175; 151:1,7

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 9:16-28

For God's covenant of salvation to be fulfilled it was necessary that the One who prepared this will and testament should die. God reveals through the Old Testament sacrifices that the shedding of blood was necessary for purification from sin and its stain. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Jesus' sacrifice was a far better sacrifice, so that repeated sacrifices for sin are no longer necessary. Jesus has put away sin with His sacrifice. He offered Himself once for all people, for all sin, for all time.

THE PASSION LESSON: Jesus Trial before Herod and Pilate

Neither Herod nor Pilate found any guilt in Jesus. Pilate hoped the Jews would chose Jesus for the Passover pardon, but Barabbas, a murderer, was set free while Jesus was condemned. Pilate had Jesus scourged, and then Pilate appealed to the people for mercy, but they cried, "Crucify, Crucify!" They finally declared they wanted Jesus put to death for saying that He was the Son of God. And there is the truth that saves us. The Son of God had to die for our transgressions.

THE SERMON: Matthew 12:40

Theme: He Was Crucified, Dead, and Buried

I. Jesus Died for our Sins

March 13, 2016

5th Sunday in Lent

II. Jesus Went to the Grave with Hope

III. He Shows Us the Path of Life

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class 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 sixth meditation is entitled: *The Water and the Towel: A Lesson on Cleansing*. Text: Ezekiel 36:25.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship Holy Communion at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church Council following the service. We are also having a Lenten series for our Sunday sermons. This series is entitled "And Jesus said!" The sixth meditation will be on "Now Is the Son of Man Glorified" Sermon text: John 13:31-32.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

March 25 – Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

March 27 – Easter Festival Service at 9:30 a.m.

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 6 Worship – 35; Sunday school – 8 Bible Class - 12
March 9 Wednesday Lenten service – 21

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1,186.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$11,550.00	Prop Imprv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$9,348.00	

CLC NEWS: Pastor Paul Naumann of Ascension Lutheran Church Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to become professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI.

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 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.