



"...if these were silent,
the very stones would cry out."

Luke 19:40

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, 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. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me as Your child and heir of everlasting life. 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: 160; 725; 162; 313:2

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

This prophecy fulfilled by Jesus gives us cause for rejoicing as much as the people of Jesus' day. Possessing the right understanding of Jesus' reign we appreciate that this lowly Man came with great power to bring us salvation. Jesus alone was able to bring us peace with God and establish His rule that extends to the ends of the earth.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:28-40

Jesus' authority is evidenced from the very beginning of this event when His word was enough to grant Him use of the donkey and her colt. Immediately the people that were present were led to honor Jesus as He rode this colt of a donkey, as they spread their clothes on the road before Jesus and praised Him as He made His way from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. When the Pharisees objected, Jesus made it clear that it was God's will that He be praised.

THE SERMON: John 13:31-32

Theme: The Son of Man Is Glorified

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

- I. Jesus Is Glorified in His Passion.
- II. God Is Glorified In Jesus Suffering and Death.
- III. We Glorify our God and Savior Because Jesus Died for Us.

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. 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.

THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday meditation with Holy Communion begins at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year's meditations is: Our Maundy Thursday meditation is entitled: *The Bread and the Wine: A Lesson on Communion with Christ*. Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.

FRIDAY: Good Friday meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. Our Good Friday meditation is entitled: *The Nails and the Cross: A Lesson on Redemption* Text 1 Peter 1:18-19.

NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER festival worship at 9:30. We conclude our Object Lesson series with *The Seal and the Stone: A Lesson on Resurrection Hope!* Sermon text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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 13 Worship – 18; Sunday school – 2 Bible Class - 8
March 16 Wednesday Lenten service – 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1,061.00	
Needed for Year:	\$12,705.00	
Received for Year:	\$10,409.00	

CLC NEWS: 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. 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.

KINSHIP! New Student Sponsorships Available. Our CLC Board of Missions has recently shared the exciting news of the establishment of the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) in Nepal for the training of Lutheran pastors—both those who aspire to the ministry, and those who are already serving established congregations but require further training before ordination. The HBI will hold classes and provide room and board for ten students for one week every month. During the rest of the month they will receive on-the-job training in our HCLCN churches. The cost to support an HBI student through Project KINSHIP is \$40 per month, which goes to provide books, meals and transportation. If you would like to sponsor a student, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Rev. David Fuerstenau at (907) 225-2842, or e-mail djfuerstenau@kpnunet.net.