



“I am the
resurrection
and the life.”

-John 11:25

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 thank and praise You for the grace You have revealed in Jesus' resurrection. Grant us the peace that comes through the justification you have announced to all the world through Jesus' resurrection, and instill the hope of our own resurrection to eternal life through faith in Jesus as our ever-living Lord. We praise and bless You through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Redeemer God. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (187)

HYMNS: 210; 206; 196; 207:2

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob was facing a crises in his life. Esau, the brother whom he had wronged, was coming toward Jacob's family with a band of armed men. That night Jacob wrestled with the Lord, who appeared in a human form. Jacob held on tight and would not let go unless the Lord blessed him. With Jesus as our risen and ever- living Lord, we too can take hold of Jesus with faith filled prayer. We can hold unto Jesus in our every need, and not let go until He blesses us.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:15-24

When Peter had denied the Lord he had denied his faith. He was left spiritually damaged by his great sin. When a risen Jesus appeared at the Sea of Galilee He cleared the matter once and for all and restored Peter to his calling as an apostle. So Jesus restores our souls again and again with the assurance of His love and forgiveness.

THE SERMON: 1 Peter 1:22-25

Theme: Jesus' Resurrection and the Enduring Word.

- I. The Seed of the Spirit which purifies Your Soul
- II. The Word Endures Beyond the Glory of Man
- III. The Word by which the Gospel Was preached to You.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible will follow the service.

MONDAY-TUESDAY: Pastor Barthels will be in Eau Claire for meetings of the Board of Regents.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church Council following the service (council meeting is one week early this month.) Sermon text:

SUNDAY APRIL 24: Quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled to follow after Bible class a pot luck lunch.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday May 1: Pastor Barthels will be out of town attending a seminar.

June 5th Minnesota delegate conference is scheduled to begin at 3:00p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato.

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: Preston Johnson, Melvin Eichstadt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes

Cleaning: Helicksoin

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 27 Easter Worship – 42;

Offering report for March 24, 25, 27

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1,105.00	ILC Student Aid	\$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$15,015.00		
Received for Year:	\$12,747.00		

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, as associate pastor. <> The Rev. Matthew Ude, missionary to India, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma WA.

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@kpunet.net.

Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat –Please make plans to join us for a four-day retreat in Pillager, MN, June 16-19 (Thurs. - Sun.). Singles, couples, and families in their 20s & 30s are welcome. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11) (if registered by June 5th, 2016). This year's theme is "WORK." We'll be looking at God's WORK and the WORK He has given us to do, and how He WORKS through that in our lives. Our theme is based on Ephesians 2:8-10. You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please contact our new director Josh Ohlmann (314)-874-9184 joshohlmann@swbell.net. or Pastor Luke Bernthal (402) 389-2147 lbernthal@live.com.