



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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www.ilc.edu/home.htm

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 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 364; 356; 362:1,4 409:4

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:23-31

Ezekiel prophesies of the result of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus is established as the One who guides and directs us in life. He keeps us safe from the dangers surrounding us in this world. He establishes a covenant of peace between us and the Lord our God. He cares for us as for His flock. He reminds us that we are merely human, but He is our God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 2:1-5

In the seven letters to the churches Jesus would encourage us in the faith. In this letter Jesus commends the congregation for opposing evil, and for opposing false apostles, those who would corrupt the true teachings of Scripture. However, the lesson we all need to recall is that we not leave our first love. Our zeal for the gospel can easily diminish as we get caught up in the cares and pursuits of this temporal life. It is all too easy for us to take Jesus and our salvation for granted. Let us repent, and pray the Spirit grant us a renewed appreciation of our Savior's grace in our lives.

THE SERMON: John 21:1-14

Theme: Recognizing the Presence of Our Living Savior
in Our Lives.

- I. Living Our Lives.
- II. Jesus Makes His Presence Known.
- III. Knowing It is the Lord.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council will follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. 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: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 3 Worship – 21; Sunday School – 1 Bible Class - 9

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$829.00	
Needed for Year:	\$16,170.00	
Received for Year:	\$13,576.00	

CLC NEWS: Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac WI. <> Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL. <> The CLC Call Committee on Graduates has extended the call of the newly-named Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie MN, to Joseph Naumann, and the call of Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma WA, to Benjamin Libby.

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**

Retirement Gift: Professor John Pfeiffer has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1967, he served in the pastoral ministry until November 1994 when he began his service at Immanuel. Prof. Pfeiffer's time at Immanuel includes 21 years of teaching as a professor and 15 years of administration as ILC President. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 20-21, 2016. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Pfeiffer as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 21). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Pfeiffer Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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.