

May 1, 2016

5th Sunday after Easter

For the mountains may depart and
the hills be removed, but my steadfast love
shall not depart from you...

-Isaiah 54:10



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

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

HYMNS: 537; 340; 399:1-4; 800

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 54:7-13

While the Lord does allow trials to enter our lives, He remains faithful. His kindness is everlasting. The covenant of His peace shall not be removed from us. The storms of life may come upon us, but the Lord shall fill our lives with blessings as precious as gemstones. God is faithful and His blessing is there for our children and grandchildren. They shall be taught by the Lord. Their peace shall be great.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 3: 14-22

As the author of this letter to Laodicea Jesus presents Himself as the one who is faithful and true. What He sees in this congregation of Christians is a growing ambivalence to the gospel. They were neither hot nor cold in their faith and life. That can come upon us all. We start to forget how spiritually bankrupt we would be without the Lord. We need to get the spiritual necessities of life from Jesus. We need to be zealous about Jesus and the salvation that comes to us through Him alone. We need to repent. He is standing at the door and knocking. Hear His voice and have Him as an active participant in your life that we may be with Him in heaven.

THE SERMON: John 14:13-21

Theme: The Faithfulness of Our Living Lord

- I. Empowering Our Prayers
- II. Promising a Powerful Helper for Life
- III. Granting Us Assurance of Everlasting Life

CALENDAR

TODAY: Our thanks to Joe Ubl and Leon Hellickson for conducting the service this morning. Sunday school will follow the service. No Bible class in Pastor Barthels' absence. The Barthels are attending a seminar in Chicago about GVHD, **G**raft **V**ersus **H**ost **D**isease.

NEXT SUNDAY: Ascension Sunday -- Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. Sermon text: Ephesians 1:15-23.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 14: **Corrected date!** Spring Cleanup day at St. Paul's beginning at 9:00, hoping to finish by about noon. May 21 rain date.

Wednesdays June 15, 22, 29. VBS from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sunday June 5th Minnesota delegate conference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.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: Teresa Glocke

Ushers: Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Phil Egtvedt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 17 Worship –20; Sunday School – 1 Bible Class -- 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 541.00	
Needed for Year:	\$19,635.00	
Received for Year:	\$15,934.00	

Pastoral Acts: James Bennett was received into communicant membership in a private service with the Pastor and the St. Paul's elders on Wednesday, April 27. We welcome Jim to the congregation with the prayer that this will be a mutual blessing for Jim and the rest of the congregation.

CLC NEWS: Seminary Graduate Benjamin Libby has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma WA. <> Seminary Graduate Joseph Naumann has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran, Eden Prairie MN. <> Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called graduate Andrew Roehl to teach in lower grades to replace Naomi Oster who resigned her call.

Myanmar Earthquake -- Please include prayers for our brothers and sisters of the Zomi Lutheran Church of Myanmar (ZLCM). A 6.9 magnitude earthquake recently hit the western regions of Myanmar where several ZLCM congregations are located. Pastor Kham reported that among the congregations of the ZLCM, three members were killed, seven were hospitalized, and five homes were severely damaged. Some of the remaining funds from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund be sent from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund to the ZLCM, so no special offering will be needed at this time. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the ZLCM as they struggle to recover; continue to pray for members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession in Nepal as they work to rebuild, and give thanks and praise to the Lord for compassionate and willing hearts that are led by our Savior's love to help our fellow Christians in times of need.

Caring for God's Servants: The Immanuel Professorage Committee is looking for volunteer help immediately before or after the CLC Convention, or anytime in June and early July convenient for you. Projects include: installing new windows & siding, installing new carpeting/vinyl, installing a new kitchen, painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. If you are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/tiefels@hotmail.com).

RETIREMENT GIFT: John Pfeiffer served as the pastor here at St. Paul's from 1984 until November of 1994 when the Pfeiffers moved to Eau Claire. We have a card we will be sending directly from us with our own acknowledgment of John's retirement, and the blessing his ministry was to St. Paul's. A basket will be set out for those who wish to contribute to a gift from St. Paul's.

Those who prefer to contribute to the **synodical** gift may send their check to Immanuel College in Eau Claire. and indicate: "Prof. Pfeiffer Retirement" on the memo line Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.