



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.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, calling me to be 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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 232; 224; 226; 313:3

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

Jesus' words of promise concerning the Holy Spirit's coming were fulfilled with great power. The Apostles endued with power from on high proclaimed the wonderful works of God in the different languages of Jewish visitors in Jerusalem. May we also be blessed with the Spirit's gifts that we might boldly glorify our Savior God before the world.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 7:37-39

Jesus alone is able to quench one's spiritual thirst. Believing in Jesus we become a source of this living water for others as it flows from our hearts. This is the gift which the Holy Spirit brings to all who believe, and which we celebrate on this Pentecost Sunday.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 44:1-6

Theme: The Pouring Out of the Spirit of our God

- I. God's Grace on His Chosen People
- II. The Spirit's Life Giving Power
- III. Spirit Led Professions of Faith

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY: Pastor Barthels will be attending study club at Berea in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

FIRDAY - SATURDAY: Pastor Barthels will be attending the commencement exercises at Immanuel College in Eau Claire. He plans to return home Saturday evening.

NEXT SUNDAY: Trinity Sunday - Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. Sermon text: 1 Cor. 12:4-13.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 8 Worship – 43; Sunday School – 7 Bible Class - 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1043.00	Prop Imprv. Fund	50.00
Needed for Year:	\$21,945.00		
Received for Year:	\$18,074.00		

Call decision: Pastor Barthels has declined the call to serve as pastor of Rock of Ages Lutheran Church of the greater Grand Rapids, MI area.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. David Pfeiffer, pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL, has accepted the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called graduate Joseph Naumann as associate pastor.

ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF): Currently the SAF has an unexpected negative balance due to very low investment earnings this year. We are anticipating a negative \$15,000 balance at the end of this academic year, unless offerings to the SAF help resolve this. The SAF is the fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work.

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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.