

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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Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, as we meditate upon the sufferings and death of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may learn of Your love and forgiveness offered to us in His Name, and follow where our Savior leads through the sufferings of this present life to the glories which He has prepared for us in heaven. Empower us by Your Spirit to glorify Jesus in all our ways. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 390; 159; 165; 401

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 84:1-5) My eyes are ever toward the Lord, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net. ⁴One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Hosea 5:15-6:3

The Lord declared that He would withdraw His blessing from the people of Judah because of their failure to repent. The response recorded by the Prophet reflects the sinner's need to sincerely repent, trusting the Lord's grace of forgiveness and reconciliation.

THE PASSION HISTORY: Trial Before Caiaphas

Caiaphas brought many false witnesses before the Sanhedrin accusing Jesus of many sins. When Jesus was charged with the evil other men do, He did not answer, not even to protest His innocence. He bore the accusation and the guilt of our sins. However Jesus did confess the truth that He is the Son of the living God, and for that truth He was condemned as being worthy of death.

<u>THE SERMON</u>: Matthew 20:17-28 Theme: Knowing the Mind of Christ I. Jesus Mindful of His Mission of Salvation II. The Corrupted Mind of Man III. A Spirit Reset for Our Minds

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Midweek Lenten meditations continue. Supper at 6:00; meditations at 7:00. The theme for this year's meditations is "The Blood of Jesus." Wednesday's sermon text: Romans 3:25-26. Theme: "Blood that Bought a Church."

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. *Sermon text: Ezekiel 37:1-14*.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>April 9th</u>: April Church Council meets one week early.

April 13th: Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

April 14: Good Friday worship at 7:00 p.m.

April 16th : Easter Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m.

<u>April 23rd</u>: Quarterly voters' meeting at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Organist:</u> Denise Barthels <u>Ushers:</u> Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg, Leon Hellickson <u>Cleaning:</u> Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: Attendance: March 19 worship – 19, Sunday school – 0 Wednesday March 22 worship - 13

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1207.00	ILC Building Fund	\$25.00
Needed for Year:	\$14,484.00		
Received for Year:	\$11,469.00		

Memorials: Samantha Barthels - ILC Student Aid - \$25.00.

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: The Rev. David Schaller, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes MI, has the call to be interim pastor at Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. > Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL, has called Pastor David Schaller as its pastor elect. > Sherman Carstensen, Markesan WI, has accepted the call to teach and help with the administration of the school at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. > The congregation has also called the Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, to serve as pastor with the Rev. Joe Naumann. > Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, has called Ann Sprengeler of Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, to teach K-8 at its school. > Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has returned the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye MN.

<u>PASTORAL ACTS</u>: The funeral service for Samantha Barthels was conducted on Monday, March 13th. Pastor David Schierenbeck of our sister congregation Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights officiated. Mrs. Cathy Augustine, served as organist, and Ms. Terry Schierenbeck both also of Berea Inver Grove Heights, and the Pastor Paul Nolting of Immanuel our sister congregation in Mankato, MN served as soloists.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE: The Barthels family wishes to extend to all the members of St. Paul's their deep sense of gratitude for your help, kind support, and most of all your prayers for us during this difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.