



He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter ...

Isaiah 53:7

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, 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: 155; 358; 151; 151:7

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 116:1-4, 8, 15)

¹ I love the Lord, because He has heard
My voice *and* my supplications.

² **Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.**

³ The pains of death surrounded me,
**And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.**

⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!”

⁸ For You have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of His saints.
Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:11-19

By grace, through the hearing of the Word, the Spirit of God dwells within our hearts. He who raised up Jesus Who died for us, shall bring life to our mortal bodies. This life begins within us even now, according to the Spirit who dwells within us. We have hope even in suffering. The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that awaits us.

THE PASSION HISTORY: Trial Before Herod, Return to Pilate
Pilate thought he could pass off a troublesome case to his rival, Herod. Herod was pleased to see Jesus, but with his soldiers only made a mockery of the Christ, and returned Jesus to Pilate. When Pilate presented the people with a choice between Jesus and a ruthless criminal named Barabbas, the people chose Barabbas to be set free and Jesus to be crucified.

THE SERMON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Theme: God Makes Dry Bones Live!

- I. Nothing but Dry Bones
- II. The Revitalizing Power of the Holy Spirit
- III. The Saving Will God

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Lenten meditations continue. Supper at 6:00 (Pizza Week!); meditation at 7:00. The theme for this year's meditations is "*The Blood of Jesus.*" Wednesday's sermon text: Hebrews 9:14. Theme: "*Blood that Purges from Dead Works.*"

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Church Council follow the service. (Please note the council meets a week early this month!) *Sermon text: Ezekiel 37:1-14.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

April 23rd: Quarterly voters' meeting at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 26 worship – 14, Sunday school – 0 Bible Class 12
Wednesday March 29 worship - 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$795.00	Missions \$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$15,691.00	
Received for Year:	\$12,364.00	

CLC NEWS: Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Claire Abbas to serve as a second full-time teacher in its elementary school. <> Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, as teacher and principal for its new school.

News from India: On March 29, 2017, twenty-one men graduated from the Martin Luther Bible School in Nagalapurum, AP, India and were ordained as pastors in the BELC (Berea Ev. Lutheran Church). You can read more about it and see photos here: <http://evensen.lutheranmissions.org/2017/03/30/the-lord-has-sen...into-his-harvest/>

Join in praising God for bringing in these workers and praying for God’s blessing as they begin to serve congregations in southern India.

Arise and Shine 20’s - 30’s Retreat – Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat in **Pillager, MN, June 15–18 (Thurs. - Sun.)**. The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 1st, 2017), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities. This year’s theme is “Jars of Clay”. based on the 2 Corinthians 4:7 *“But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.”* The cost is **\$140.00 per adult** (ages 12 and up), **\$100 per child** (ages 0-11) Find more information or register on our web site:

[www. AriseAndShineRetreat.com](http://www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com). For more info, please contact :Sam Rodebaugh (414) 534-7279 sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com -or- Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 joshohlmann@swbell.net.