



**“Hosanna
in the
highest!”**
-Mark 11:10

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 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 160; 725; 162; 161:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 118:26, Psalm 24:7-10)

Lift up your heads, O you gates!

And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who *is* this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty,

The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Lift up, you everlasting doors!

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,

He *is* the King of glory.

Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet not only speaks of how Jesus would make His triumphant entry into Jerusalem in a humble manner, he also instructs us in our cause for finding joy and rejoicing in our Palm Sunday observance. Our great King Jesus Christ destroyed the weapons of war that have been used against us. He speaks peace to the nations. His dominion is to the ends of the earth.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

Zechariah's prophecy is fulfilled. Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a lowly donkey. And yet the Spirit moves the people along the way and those who are already in Jerusalem to offer the praise that is due this mighty Deliverer. They cry out their Hosannas. They praise and bless the name of the Son of David, for so Jesus was and ever shall be the that Promised Son of David who came into this world to be our Savior and deliver us from the evil foe, from sin, and death. So on this Palm Sunday we add our voices, and sing our Hosannas!

THE SERMON: Philippians 2:5-11

Theme: Informing our Palm Sunday Observance

- I. Knowing the Humble Mind of Our King
- II. Comprehending the Height of His Glory
- III. Maintaining our Highest Praise

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow the service.

THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday meditation with Holy Communion at 7:00. The theme for this year's meditations is "*The Blood of Jesus.*" Thursday's sermon text: Mark 14:22-26. Theme: "*Blood of the Sacrament.*"

FRIDAY: Good Friday meditation at 7:00 p.m. Friday's sermon text: 1 John 1:7-9. Theme: *Blood that Cleanses from All Sin.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. No Sunday school Bible Class. *Sermon text: Matthew 28:1-10.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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: April 2 worship – 20, Sunday school – 1 Bible Class – 9
Wednesday April 5 worship – 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$925.00	ILC Student Aid Fund \$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$16,898.00	Memorials: Samantha Barthels
Received for Year:	\$13,289.00	St.Paul's Memorial Fund \$75.00
		ILC Building fund \$15.00

CLC NEWS: Professor Emeritus Gordon Radtke was called to His eternal rest on Thursday April 6. Prof. Radtke served Immanuel Lutheran College for many years as a professor and also as one of its presidents. Following his retirement from the college he served as pastor of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI. The victory service for Prof. Radtke will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 9, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire. Visitation will be begin one hour prior, and a luncheon will follow the service.

Correspondence may be addressed to: The Gordon Radtke Family, 1105 Rainetta Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701. *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. 'Yes,' says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."* (Revelation 14:13)

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/>

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.