



***B***lessed are  
*those who have not  
seen and yet believe.”*  
*John 20:29*

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**St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> 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, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed Your satisfaction with the ransom price He paid, so that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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HYMNS: 210; 190; 188; 189

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 105:1-5, 8, Psalm 24:7-10)

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word,  
that you may grow thereby,

**If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name;

**Make known His deeds among the peoples!**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;

**Talk of all His wondrous works!**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in His holy name;

**Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!**

<sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and His strength;

**Seek His face evermore!**

<sup>5</sup> Remember His marvelous works which He has done,

**His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,**

He remembers His covenant forever,

**The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

We have a living hope because of Jesus' resurrection. We look forward to an inheritance that is undefiled and will not fade away with the passing of time. During this life we endure many trials, and often grief. However with Jesus' resurrection we find cause for rejoicing even in life's most difficult days.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples on Easter evening and announced “Peace!” As our Risen Savior Jesus brings us the peace of sins forgiven, a peace which we are to share with one another by assuring one another of that forgiveness that comes to us in a Crucified and Risen Savior. We are especially blessed by the Holy Spirit to have this faith since we have not seen and yet believe. Praise our gracious God!

**THE SERMON:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Theme: The Christian’s Hope of Resurrection

- I. Christ, Our Crucified Savior, Could not be Held by Death
- II. In Jesus’ Resurrection the Scriptures Were Fulfilled
- III. We Are Given the Assurance of Resurrection

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service. A pot luck meal is scheduled to follow the Bible Class. The Quarterly voters’ meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class. *Sermon text: 1 Peter 1:17-21.*

**FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday, May 20:** Spring Cleanup day from 9:00-noon.

**Sunday, June 4:** Minnesota Delegate Conference Faith, New Ulm, MN.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Organist:** Denise Barthels

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

**Cleaning:** Nelson

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:**

Attendance: April 16 worship – 31,

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1,114.00	ILC Student Aid Fund	\$75.00
Needed for Year:	\$19,312.00	Missions	\$25.00
Received for Year:	\$15,796.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00

**CLC NEWS:** Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX, to serve as pastor.

**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](mailto:sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com) -or- Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 [joshohlmann@swbell.net](mailto:joshohlmann@swbell.net).

**DEVOTIONAL BOOK** -- Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran Church (CLC), Cape Coral, Florida, has published an excellent new devotional book, "*One Thing Needful: For All the Distractions, Stresses and Worries of Life.*" It is available for \$3.99 as an e-book on Amazon, and can be read on any computer, tablet or cell phone with the free Kindle Reader. If you go to Amazon.com and search "Weis" and "Needful," you will easily find the book.