



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: Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 537; 409; 310; 313:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 89:1,15-18)

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound!

They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.

¹⁶ In Your name they rejoice all day long,

And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

¹⁷ For You *are* the glory of their strength,

And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸ For our shield *belongs* to the Lord,

And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1B-11

Is the forgiving grace of God to be seen as a license to sin? May we sin more because there is grace to forgive? We should never think of the gospel in that way. Rather realizing the wonder of grace that frees us from sin's guilt and power we should live by the power of the Spirit, live for righteousness, live to Christ's glory.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:34-42

Living to the glory of Christ will bring adversity into our lives. The people around us, people who are close to us, even dear to us may not like what we say about life and salvation. This is the cross that we take up and carry, not seeking to preserve something in this life at the loss of our eternal life. However let us realize that when others reject us, it is actually Jesus they are rejecting. When the others accept our testimony, it is Jesus whom they are receiving. Live to Christ knowing that He knows all we do in His name.

THE SERMON: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Theme: True Evangelical Preaching

- I. Standing up for the Truth against Error
- II. Identifying the Dangers of False Teaching
- III. Preaching Repentance for Peace through Christ

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. *Sermon text: Romans 7:15-25A.*

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

July Cleaning – Barthels

July Lawn Mowing: Joe Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 9 worship – 21

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$970.00	Memorials: Debi Ude:
Needed for Year:	\$33,796.00	ILC Student Aid \$30.00
Received for Year:	\$26,608.00	Lincoln Cole
		Prop. Improv. Fund \$50.00

CLC NEWS: Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called Teacher Katie Naumann to teach grades 3-4. <> Teacher Ross Kok of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ.

CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal – *Seventeen CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal assisting Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti, other pastors and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). These seventeen individuals have been divided into four teams for their three weeks of proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 1,500 children in Himalayan villages where HCLCN congregations are located. Pastoral training classes are also being taught among the pastors and Himalayan Bible Institute students of the HCLCN. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: <http://2017clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.*

North Hall Update and Cleaning: The boys dormitory at the Immanuel campus, North Hall, is being updated this summer. Parts of the solar heating system had to be removed in order to install a more efficient natural gas boiler system. New windows are also being installed. The project is progressing as planned. Because of this project occurring over summer, there will be a small window of opportunity to clean it appropriately prior to the opening of the school year. Those willing to help with cleaning during the first two weeks of August are encouraged to contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze ([715-456-7194](tel:715-456-7194)/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

Partners in Ministry Program: The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who will be contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and would then need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by August 15. Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, [715-836-6622](tel:715-836-6622)/jimsandeen@gmail.com.