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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: 10:45 a.m.

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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.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, Today I come to You confessing my sin, trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I 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:** 361; 763; 307; 409:1

**THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT:** (Psalm 147:1-6 NKJV)

Praise the Lord! For *it is* good to sing praises to our God;

**For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.**

<sup>2</sup>The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

**He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted

**And binds up their wounds.**

<sup>4</sup>He counts the number of the stars;

**He calls them all by name.**

<sup>5</sup>Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power;

**His understanding *is* infinite.**

<sup>6</sup>The Lord lifts up the humble;

**He casts the wicked down to the ground.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The people of Israel accused the Lord of being unfair and bringing a judgment upon them which they didn't deserve. The Lord made it clear children would not die for the sins of their fathers, neither would fathers die for the sins of their children. "The soul that sins shall die." The Lord pleaded with Israel to repent. He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. And so yet today the gospel goes forth calling sinners to life and salvation.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mathew 21:28-32

The obedience of faith is not a matter of saying the right words, but putting faith into action. In Jesus' parable the son who repented and obeyed was the one who did the will of his father. So also we who have been disobedient need to repent and believe the gospel. Sinners, like us, shall enter into the kingdom of Gods by the righteousness of faith.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS: We joyfully receive the Stearns family into membership: Brian and his wife Michelle and their sons Kwentin and Ian are being received into communicant membership. We also receive their daughters, Eliza, Victoria, and Orianna as pre-communicants.

THE SERMON: Philippians 2:1-11

**Theme:** Knowing the Mind of Christ.

- I. The Incomprehensible Mind of Christ
- II. Let this Mind Be in You which Was also in Christ Jesus

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The first time Martin Luther celebrated the Lord's Supper, he trembled so greatly at the thought of holding the literal body and blood of Christ with his own hands, and receiving it into his own body, that he fled from the altar in terror. While we do not recommend that you do so, we do think that Luther was correct to receive it so thoughtfully, and only after much preparation. If you are a guest today and have never communed with us before, please talk with the pastor to find out how you can properly prepare for the sacrament.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and church council follow the service.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 21:33-43.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 29: **Quarterly Voters' meeting** beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 8 Worship - 25 Sunday school - 3, Bible Class - 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1051.00	Missions	\$70.00
Needed for Year:	\$49,487.00		
Received for Year:	\$39,323.00		

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Joe Ubl

October Cleaning – Ubl

October Lawn Mowing: volunteer?

CLC NEWS: Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2018. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2017 (letters postmarked December 1, 2017) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: [danschierenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:danschierenbeck@gmail.com).

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GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

*(concerning Humility)*

“In the world inequality of persons, ranks, and gifts must remain; but this does not make us unequal before our Lord God. For since nothing can stand before Him except grace, no one can possibly boast and strut in His presence ... All of us should learn this and cling to His grace and mercy ... What we have, we have from Him alone; and of ourselves we have nothing but sin. Therefore no one should become overbearing, but everyone should humble himself and fear. For if there is good, it is the gift of our Lord God. He should boast of it, not you. But you should use it with thanksgiving and in the fear of God; for He cannot tolerate any strutting, any boasting, or bragging.” (What Luther Says; Vol II #2091, Concordia Publishing House)