



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Lead us to confess our Savior's name before the world that sinners may know the path to life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 160; 162; 725; 161:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 118:14-16,25-26 NKJV)

¹⁴ The Lord *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation
Is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

²⁵ Save now, I pray, O Lord;
O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

²⁹ Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever. (NKJV)

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:7-12

Jesus enters Jerusalem to suffer and die. By the end of the week He will be that Lamb led to the slaughter. For the transgressions of God's people Jesus would be stricken. And so the Lord God declares of His Son, "My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities." For that reason Jesus, that righteous Servant, would receive His portion with the great. Jesus would be exalted. He is our glorious, victorious Redeemer King. While He died with the wicked, being numbered with the transgressors, He would be buried with the rich, in honor.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-10

The Lord Jesus makes His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, demonstrating both His power to save and His humility. The people cheer Him on with the verses of the great Hallel (Psalm 118) that refer to the coming Messiah, “Hosanna,” (which means “Save now, we pray”) and “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” “Hosanna in the highest!” Jesus comes to Jerusalem to bring us salvation

THE SERMON: Hebrews 12:18-24

Theme: Looking to Jesus Who Endured the Cross; Our Courage.

- I. The Terror of Approaching God through Sinai
- II. The Assurance of Approaching God through Zion

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow after the service.

TUESDAY: Spring break. No Catechism class this week.

THURSDAY: **Maundy Thursday** worship with Holy Communion at 7:00. Text: *John 13:1-17*. Theme “*The Redeemer of the World Humbled.*”

FRIDAY, MARCH 30: **Good Friday** worship at 7:00. Text John 19:31-42. Theme: The Redeemer of the World Buried

NEXT SUNDAY: **Easter Festival** worship beginning at 9:30.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 18 Worship - 19 Sunday school 1; No Bible Class
March 21 – Lenten meditation- 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1702.00	
Needed for Year:	\$13,431.00	
Received for Year:	\$12,172.00	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Andy Ball, Leon Hellickson

March Cleaning – Barthels **April Cleaning:** Hellickson

CLC ANNOUNCEMENT: Nominations for CLC offices at this summer’s Convention – There is a new process which will be used for nominating CLC officers and board members this summer. Any voter from a CLC

congregation may submit one or more nominations, with a deadline of **March 31**. Voters may submit nominations online at the CLC website, www.clclutheran.org (look for the link on the right-hand column marked “2018 CLC Officer Nominations.”) There are also printed copies of nomination forms, with instructions, available on the table in the narthex.

CLC YOUTH CAMP: Registration for CLC Youth Camp @ Pillager, MN will be opening on Sunday, March 25th, at 3:00 PM Central Time. Register online at youthcamp.clclutheran.net. This camp is open to all children entering grades 6-12. More details can be found on the website.

CLC LADIES RETREAT: April 20- 22 in Winona. Sponsored by Immanuel congregation of Mankato. **Registration deadline is March 30**. Register online at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex.

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Messianic Prophecies

Psalm 41:9

“Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
Who ate my bread,
Has lifted up *his* heel against me.”

Psalm 22: 16-18

¹⁶For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;

¹⁷I can count all My bones.

They look *and* stare at Me.

¹⁸They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots. (NKJV)