



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, Wed., 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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www.ilc.edu/home.htm

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, our Risen and Ever-living Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 363; 207; 754; 313:1

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 30:1,3-5 NKJV)

¹ I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up,
And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

³ O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave;
You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

⁵ For His anger *is but for* a moment,
His favor *is for* life;

Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy *comes* in the morning. (NKJV)

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 4:8-12

Following the healing of the lame man the Jewish council had Peter and John taken into custody, and the following day challenged them concerning their authority to heal this man. Peter's answer establishes the power of Jesus as our Risen Savior, and presents this Stone, Jesus, which the buildings rejected as the chief cornerstone and only way to salvation.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 36-49

Once again we read of Jesus' appearance to the disciples on Easter evening, this time as recorded by Luke. Jesus came with the assurance of peace. He demonstrated He was truly risen from the dead, inviting the disciples to handle Him, and also ate with them. He assured them that the Scriptures were fulfilled in Him that we might believe. He left them with the promise of the Father regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit.

THE SERMON: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Theme: Basking in the Light of Christ, Our Risen Savior

- I. Knowing Jesus is the Word of Life
- II. Walking in the Light of Life
- III. Living with Jesus' Word of Forgiveness

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the most tremendous spiritual tranquilizer there is. It brings us spiritual tranquility despite our sins, and lets us face our Maker peacefully. Unfortunately, some people are already so tranquil they are practically spiritually asleep, as 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 says. The church is not doing people a favor if it serves communion to anyone who wants it, anymore than a doctor would be by handing out Valium to anyone who asked for it. Used incorrectly, Valium may put you to sleep - permanently! So may communion put one to sleep spiritually- if used improperly. That is one reason our church practices "close communion," Taking care that those who participate in the Lord's Supper are properly prepared to do so.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and church council follow after the service.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Donna Cole – hostess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with beginning at 9:30. *Text: John 10:11-18.* Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. A pot luck lunch is scheduled to follow after Bible class with the Quarterly voters meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, June 9: Delegate Conference in Fridley, 10:a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

June 21-24: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 8 Worship - 30 Sunday school - 2 Bible Class – 8

(This financial report reflects offerings from 3/29-4/08)

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 2,907.00	Missions	\$45.00
Needed for Year:	\$15,873.00	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$100.00

Received for Year:	\$15,079.00
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SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

April Cleaning: Hellickson

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.

Arise and Shine (20's & 30's Retreat) June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's, please plan on joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to our website:

www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh - sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com - (414)534-7279 | Josh Ohlmann - joshohlmann@swbell.net - (314)874-9184 | Kym Stelter - kjstelter@gmail.com - (507) 327-2076.

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Psalm 8:3-6 (NKJV)

³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

⁴What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man (Jesus) that You visit him?

⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all *things* under his feet."