

**I will fear no evil,
for you are
with
me....**

Psalm 23:4



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: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 2; 783; 426; 51

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 23 John 10:14,15b NKJV)

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me to lie down in green pastures;**

He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*,

and am known by My own.

and I lay down My life for the sheep.

(NKJV)

Glory be to the Father...

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:23-33

Rather than being discouraged by the threats of evil men let us comprehend the victory of God over evil. Pray that the Spirit would grant us boldness to speak His Word. This prayer will be granted as the Spirit of God fills our hearts even as the apostles testified to the resurrection of Jesus with great power!

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-2

The love God has bestowed on us is love beyond comprehension! Jesus died for us that we might be called children of God, that we might be glorified together with Him in heaven when we shall see Him in His glory.

THE SERMON: John 10:11-18

Theme: The Good Shepherd Gives His Life for the Sheep:

- I. Because He Cares for His Sheep.
- II. Because He Thereby Unites His Flock.
- III. Because He Conquers Death for His Flock.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow after the service. A pot luck lunch is scheduled to follow after Bible class with the quarterly voters meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with beginning at 9:30. *Text: Acts 8:26-40.* Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

SATURDAY, MAY 12: Spring Cleanup day from 9:00a.m. to noon!

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 15 Worship - 10 Sunday school - 2 No Bible Class –
April 22: Worship - 22 (No Sunday school - teacher illness)

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,221.00 | Other Offerings: |
| Offerings Received | \$ 1,512.00 | |
| Needed for Year: | \$17,094.00 | |
| Received for Year: | \$16,591.00 | |

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

April Cleaning: Hellickson May Cleaning to be done on Spring clean up day.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERES: A signup sheet can be found on the “mailbox” table in the narthex. Sign up while your favorite month is available.

SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS: It is time for us to renew our subscriptions for the Lutheran Spokesman . Because the Spokesman is in good financial order with the increase of subscriptions in recent years it is possible to offer renewal and new subscriptions at special rates. Until June 30 **renewals are offered at \$10** for the year and **new subscriptions will be only \$5.00**. This would be an excellent opportunity to present a gift subscription to someone you know. If you are not currently a subscriber take a sample home from the church 's copies, and see the quality of the magazine for yourself. It's a wonderful testimony to the truth in a format that is easy to share!

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 119:9-11 (NKJV)

⁹How can a young man cleanse his way?

By taking heed according to Your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I have sought You;

Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

¹¹Your word I have hidden in my heart,

That I might not sin against You."