



**“As the branch cannot
bear fruit by itself,
unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you,
unless you abide in me.”**

John 15:4

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 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 411:1-5; 384; 360; 283

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 145:1-4,9,18,21 NKJV)

I will extol You, my God, O King;

And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless You,

And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

³Great *is* the Lord, and greatly **to be praised**;

And His greatness *is* unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall praise Your works to another,

And shall declare Your mighty acts.

The Lord *is* gracious and full of compassion,

Slow to anger and great in mercy.

⁹The Lord *is* good to all,

And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

¹⁸The Lord *is* near to all who call upon Him,

To all who call upon Him in truth.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,

And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever. (NKJV)

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:18-24

Jesus looks for fruit in our lives, fruit that flows from love. As we believe in Jesus and the forgiveness we have through faith in His name, we also will love one another, and keep His commandments.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. We draw life and strength from Him. Apart from Him we cannot bear fruit. Apart from Jesus we shrivel up and die. If we bear no fruit we will be pruned out, and cast into the fire.

THE SERMON: Acts 8:26-40

Theme: God's Grace Revealed in the Gaza Strip

- I. Revealed through the Word
- II. Shared by a Believer.
- III. Blessed by the Holy Spirit.

CALENDAR

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

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15.

SATURDAY: **Spring Cleanup day.** We start at 9:00 a.m. and work until noon. There will be cleaning and sprucing up projects both inside and out. This is the only cleaning scheduled for church for May! "Many hands make light work!"

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

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 29 Worship -18 Sunday school - 0 Bible Class – 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 840.00	
Needed for Year:	\$18,315.00	
Received for Year:	\$17,431.00	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon 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.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES from St. Paul's: See announcements from Caidyn Kruse and Teah Kesler on the bulletin board. Our congratulations and best wishes to both of these young ladies.

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!

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. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." As disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." To register, go to 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, Questions, please contact: 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

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;

⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths."