

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRAYER</u> Heavenly Father, most holy God, 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 create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and peace. Lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners everywhere may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 16; 485; 482; 283

<u>THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT</u>: (Ps. 132:13-16, Psalm 34:8 NKJV) ¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion; **He has desired** *it* **for His dwelling place**: ¹⁴ "This *is* My resting place forever; **Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.** ¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provision; **I will satisfy her poor with bread.** ¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation, **And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.** ^{Ps. 34:8} "Oh, taste and see that the Lord *is* good **Blessed** *is* **the man** *who* **trusts in Him**!; *Glory be to the Father...*

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was some type of physical adversity which Paul was convinced hindered his ability to serve the Lord, and yet the Lord said "no" to Paul's continued prayer to remove this infirmity. While granting his petition may have made Paul stronger, it would not have made the gospel more powerful to save. God's strength is made perfect (or complete) in our weakness.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-6

In spite of the power and authority of Jesus' message, the people that knew Jesus in His youth and knew Jesus' family objected to Jesus teaching them, and then rejected Jesus as Messiah and Lord. They were not about to be instructed by someone who was no better than they were! It is far too easy for any of us to allow our sinful flesh and our pride to throw barriers before the truth of God's Word, and the grace of the gospel.

<u>THE SERMON</u>: Ezekiel 2:1-5 **Theme**: Learning from the Prophet's Call I. Empowered by the Spirit II. Sent By God to Proclaim His Word III. Prepared for a Varied Response

CALENDAR

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30. Please register your intent to commune on the sheet of the table in the narthex. Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 1 Worship – 16

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 796.00	Kinship	\$25.00
Needed for Year:	\$29,303.00		
Received for Year:	\$26,485.00		

SERVING TODAY

<u>Organist:</u> Denise Barthels <u>Ushers:</u> Ken Nickson. Arnie Ottjes Joe Ubl <u>July Cleaning</u> - Ubl. <u>July Lawn mowing</u> – Katie Barthels

CLC NEWS: **CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa** -- On Monday, July 9th Twenty-Three CLC Mission Helpers will meet at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI for a meal provided by the congregation and a send off devotion by Pastor Eichstadt. They will then travel together to the O'Hare airport in Chicago for an evening flight that will take them from Chicago to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. From Dubai they will divide into three teams and fly to their final destinations of Nairobi, Kenya, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and Lusaka, Zambia. They will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Christ alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-East Africa. You can follow the trip at: <u>https://2018clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/</u>.

Final Reminder - Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to serve and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Since the mailing deadline has passed, nominations are to be received by email no later than midnight July 15, 2018, to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck (danschierenbeck@gmail.com).