

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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<u>PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion with the assurance that You have forgiven all my sins. Grant me strength to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.15

HYMNS: 149; 342; 163; 413:1,5

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 41:1-2; 9, 11, 13 NKJV)

^{1.} Blessed *is* he who considers the poor;

The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

² The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, *And* he will be blessed on the earth:

You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

9. Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,

Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

11. By this I know that You are well pleased with me,

Because my enemy does not triumph over me.

¹³ Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel

From everlasting to everlasting!

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Jesus as Prophet has been given the tongue of the learned to speak the right word at the right time for the spiritually weary. Jesus as Priest was not rebellious but gave Himself over to bitter sufferings for our salvation.

THE PASSION HISTORY LESSON: In Gethsemane I

Determination marks this reading. Jesus warns the disciples that they would be offended because of Him. In spite of Jesus' pointed warning Peter insists that he will not. The other

disciples agree. Jesus prays while the disciples snooze. So much for human determination. Jesus seeks the Father's deliverance, but submits to the Father's will for our salvation. We are blessed by Divine determination that leads to our salvation.

THE SERMON: 1 John 4:9-11

Theme: Jesus Was Manifested to Take Away Our Sins.

- I. The Need for Our Sins to Be Taken Away
- II. Removal of Sin from Our Way of Life.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

 $\underline{\text{TODAY}}$: Sunday school and a church council meeting are scheduled to follow the service. No Adult Bible class this morning

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Catechism at 4:15. Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00. The third of our midweek Lenten meditations begins at 7:00 p.m. The theme of this year's meditations is "Mementos of His Passion." This week's memento: "A CROWN OF THORNS." Text: **Matthew 27:27-30**.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: **1 John 2:1-2**. (Our Sunday sermon series for Lent is based upon the first epistle of John revealing the gospel purpose of Jesus' Suffering and Death.)

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

April 18: Maundy Thursday meditation with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.

April 19: Good Friday meditation at 7:00 p.m.

<u>April 21</u>: Easter Festival worship with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

April 28: Quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: 3-10 - worship - 15 Sunday school - 2, Bible class - 9; 3- 13 -midweek lent worship -15

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Please give your continuing attention the March CLC missions prayer list.