

Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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<u>PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. We confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for pardon and peace. 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. Lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, our crucified Savior. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMNS: 149; 141; 151:1-5; 151:6,7

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 85:1-4, 7 NKJV)

<sup>1.</sup> Lord, You have been favorable to Your land;

You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

You have covered all their sin.

<sup>3</sup> You have taken away all Your wrath;

You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us, O God of our salvation,

And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

<sup>7</sup> Show us Your mercy, Lord,

And grant us Your salvation.

Glory be to the Father...

# THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:3

Isaiah speaks of Jesus' sufferings when he prophesies "His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men." He also writes of the universal extent of the blessings from the Lord's sacrifice when it is written "So shall He sprinkle many nations." We are blessed with forgiveness life and salvation because of Jesus sufferings.

# THE PASSION HISTORY LESSON: "Trial and Denial"

Many testified against Jesus, but Jesus stood silent in the face of all their false accusations. It was in this trial before the High Priest that the Lord reveals how He lays on Jesus our sin, our iniquity and Jesus willingly accepts it. Jesus is condemned for speaking the truth that He is the Son of God! Peter reveals the weakness within us all as he denies the Lord before the world. May we also respond to the Lord's "look" with penitential tears.

THE SERMON: 1 John 2:1-2

Theme: Facing the Bar of Divine Justice with Jesus Beside Us.

I. Securing the Best Advocate

II. Understanding His Qualifications

### **CALENDAR**

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Catechism at 4:15. Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00. The fourth 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 Cross." Text: **John 19:17-18**.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship 9:30. Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: **1 John 3:16-18**. Theme: "He Laid Down His Life for Us." (Our Sunday Lenten series is based on the first epistle of John revealing the gospel truth 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.

April 21: 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: March 17 worship -21 Sunday school - 0 March 20 --14

(Offering count includes 3-10-3-17)

Weekly Offerings	\$	Other offerings:
Needed	1,252.00	_
Offerings Received	\$2539.00	Missions
Needed for Year:	\$13,772.0	
		Prop Improv. Fund. \$
Received for Year:	\$9,717.00	50.00

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor George Dummann of Eagle Lake has received the call to Bethel Lutheran Church of Morris, MN.

Retirement Gift: Professor Paul Schaller is retiring from Immanuel College the end of the current academic year. Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1972, he served in the pastoral ministry in California and Washington until 1996 when he began his service at Immanuel where he has served for 23 years. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18, 2019. It is our custom is to present a monetary gift to retiring professors as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to Professor Schaller at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Schaller Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Prayers for our brethren in Myanmar - Last week Pastor Thang, who serves as the President of the CLC-Myanmar, was struck by a truck while helping to build church benches for one of the congregations. He sustained severe internal injuries. He was taken across the border to India for medical treatment and surgery. The surgery was successful but they do not know how soon he will be able to return home. To assist the family and church body, the Board of Mission will be sending emergency medical aid through KINSHIP. Those who are moved to help with this or similar needs may support Project KINSHIP through their congregation or using the online giving page through the CLC Bookhouse:

http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/donations/kinship-donations/ Please remember Pastor Thang, his family and our Myanmar brethren in your prayers!