

February 16, 2020

6th Sunday after Epiphany



*You are the
salt of the earth;
but if salt
has lost its taste,
how shall its
saltiness be restored?*
-Matthew 5:13

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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Oh God, You would not have the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, may Your Spirit strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace that the new man might arise and I live to the glory of Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 411; 408; 307; 409:1

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 119:1-5 NKJV)

1. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way,

Who walk in the law of the LORD!

² Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,

Who seek Him with the whole heart!

³ They also do no iniquity;

They walk in His ways.

⁴ You have commanded *us*

To keep Your precepts diligently.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were directed

To keep Your statutes!

¹ Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way,

Who walk in the law of the LORD!

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMANT LESSON: Isaiah 58:5-9a

The Lord dismisses the outward show of piety as missing what He looks for in a faith-filled life. He desires a clean break from the evil of this world, and that those who believe in Him and know His grace should show kindness and love and grace to the downtrodden. Then the Christian's light of faith will shine brightly for all to see and God will be glorified. Then the Lord will bless us with His presence in our worship.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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The wisdom of this world is very appealing to the natural man, but it doesn't save souls. We, like Paul, must be determined to faithfully proclaim Jesus Christ as our crucified Savior. This message is accompanied by the Spirit and directs one's faith to Jesus for salvation.

THE SERMON: Matthew 5:13-20

Theme: True Righteousness' Impact on the World

- I. Christians Impact the World
- II. Preserving the Righteous Authority of the Word
- III. The Superior Righteousness of Faith

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council will follow the service.

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: Pastor is taking three personal days. Call his cell number in case of emergency. **No** Catechism class this week.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21.

FUTURES DATES TO REMEMBER

February 26: ASH WEDNESDAY soup and Sandwich Suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. Meditation (with Holy Communion) begins at 7:00. Our midweek series theme is: *Problems Resolved by the Cross of Christ*.

Please look for the supper signup sheet on the narthex table!

Saturday, March 14: We will be hosting the Immanuel College Tour Choir for a 1:00 concert. Mark your calendars for this rare opportunity to hear beautiful anthems of praise to God by the students of Immanuel Lutheran College, traveling to us from Eau Claire, WI. Also the congregation has authorized a special offering for the tour choir! Please consider a gift to help defray their travel expenses. Mark your offering envelope ILC TOUR CHOIR!

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Kwentin Stearns, Ken Nickson; Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

February Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Feb. 2 worship - 14 Sunday school - 0 Bible class - 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,249.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,475.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$6,245.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund
Received for Year:	\$4,865.00	\$50.00

CLCNEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has returned the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie. Pastor Terrel Kesterson, Ascension, Batavia, IL has been called by Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. Pastor David Schaller has returned the call by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. They have now called Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC is this summer, June 25-28, Thursday through Sunday.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CLC OFFICERS

Nominations for CLC Officers and Board Members will be received from January 1 through March 31, 2020. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and any voter of a CLC congregation can nominate individuals to fill the four synodical offices: President, Vice-President, Moderator, and Secretary; as well as positions on the four synodical boards: Trustees, Missions, Regents, and Education & Publications. Click on this link: <https://www.clclutheran.net/nominate/>

CLC Midwest Women's Retreat March 20-22 at the new retreat location in Amery, Wisconsin. This year the theme is: *You Are Designed. You Are Loved. You Are Sent.* We will be studying how God designed us as His children, with the unique gifts and how we can use those gifts to glorify Him. Find online registration link and other information:

<https://christianwomensretreat.weebly.com/spring-midwest-retreat.html>. The cost is \$150 per person which includes lodging and all meals.

Lodging preferences are on a first come first served basis, join us for a weekend of fellowship and growing in the study of God's Word! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Radichel or Sarah Radichel at clcmidwestwomensretreat@gmail.com.