



He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter ...

Isaiah 53:7

St.

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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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You forgive all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, may Your Spirit strengthen my faith, that I might grow in Your grace and power and live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 149; 148:1-5; 755; 313:1

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 84:1,2a,3-4, 10 NKJV)

¹ How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD;**

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself,

Where she may lay her young—

Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

They will still be praising You.

¹⁰ For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 50:5-7

God had the ear of His Servant, Jesus our Redeemer. His Son knew what lay before Him if He were to save us sinners, and He did not rebel against the will of His Father. He endured all the abuse and scourging necessary for our salvation. He was determined to save sinners, and so He set His face like a flint going forward to Jerusalem to suffer and die.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-11

The events that were to overtake Jesus and the disciples with Jesus' passion would be very troubling for the disciples. Jesus

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said, "Let not your heart be troubled." Jesus was going forward to suffering, death, and resurrection, all to prepare a place for us in heaven. We too may find events in our lives troubling. The same gospel of salvation in Christ crucified brings us the same comforting assurance. "Let not your heart be troubled" for Jesus continues to be the way to eternal life.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 53:7

Theme: Our Willing Sacrifice

- I. Silent Acceptance of False Accusations
- II. Silent Acceptance of Cruel Mockery and Abuse
- III. Silent Acceptance of His Sacrificial Sufferings and Death

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body and blood, the very body and blood sacrificed on the cross for 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 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

TODAY: Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class from 4:30 - 6:00 **Soup and Sandwich Supper** begins at 6:00 p.m. **Lenten Meditation** begins at 7:00. Our midweek series theme is: *Problems Resolved by the Cross of Christ*. Wednesday's text: *1 Corinthians 6:15-20*.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Text: **Isaiah 53:8-9**. (Our Sunday Lenten series will be based on Isaiah 53 with the theme: *Our Sacrifice!*)

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg, Leon Hellickson

March Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March. 8: worship - 17 Sunday school - 0 Bible class -14

March 11: Midweek Lent attendance - 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,335.00	Missions \$80.00
Needed for Year:	\$12,500.00	
Received for Year:	\$10,923.00	

Immanuel and Tour Choir: Due to concerns about COVID-19, the governor of Wisconsin has mandated closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Wisconsin until April 6. This includes extracurricular activities. It has been decided to discontinue the Texas portion of this year's Tour Choir schedule and delay the concerts for Austin, Sioux Falls, Sleepy Eye, Mankato, Fridley, and Red Wing with some other potential adjustments. The primary plan is to possibly have the tour during the Easter break (April 9-12), or after graduation as a secondary plan. Please pray for our school and for our choir.

Retirement Gift: Professor Paul Sullivan is retiring at the end of this academic year. His faithful service to our church and school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 22-23, 2020. 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 Sullivan at Graduation. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Sullivan Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. ♦

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

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/>