



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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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided for a fallen world by sending your Son to die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 5 the Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 21:1-3: Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee

¹ Jehovah, let me now adore Thee,
For where is there a God such, Lord, as Thou?
With songs I fain would come before Thee;
Oh, let Thy Holy Spirit teach me now
To praise Thee in His name thro' whom alone
Our songs can please Thee, thro' Thy blessed Son!

² O Father, draw me to my Savior
That Thy dear Son may draw me unto Thee;
Thy Spirit guide my whole behavior
And rule both sense and reason thus in me
That, Lord, Thy peace from me may ne'er depart,
But wake sweet melodies within my heart.

³ Grant that Thy Spirit prompt my praises,
Then shall my singing surely please Thine ear;
Sweet are the sounds my heart then raises,
My prayer in truth and spirit thou wilt hear.
Then shall Thy Spirit raise my heart to Thee
To sing Thee psalms of praise in high degree.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost
C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins, and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Responsive Introit: (Psalm 146:2-6, 10 NKJV)

² While I live I will praise the LORD;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

Nor in a son of man, in whom *there is no help.*

⁴ His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;

In that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that *is* in them;

Who keeps truth forever,

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever—

Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Hymns 248:1-3 Father of Glory, to Thy Name

**Father of glory, to Thy name
Immortal praise we give
Who dost an act of grace proclaim
And bid us rebels live.**

**Immortal honor to the Son,
Who makes Thine anger cease;
Our lives He ransomed with His own
And died to make our peace.**

**To Thine almighty Spirit be
Immortal glory giv'n,
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee
And train us up for heav'n.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 17:1-12

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” ⁴And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

⁵But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. ⁶But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. ⁷Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.” ⁸And they troubled the crowd and the

rulers of the city when they heard these things. ⁹ So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰ Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

¹¹ These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to *find out* whether these things were so. ¹² Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. (NKJV)

THE EPSITILE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling

And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 467:1-3: Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,

Even when steeples are falling;

Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,

Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heav'ns cannot contain
Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

THE SERMON: John 14:1-12

Theme: The Way to God the Father

- I. The Comfort of Putting our Trust in Jesus.
- II. The Way to the Father's Presence
- III. The Father's Power and Purpose in Life.

SERMON TEXT: John 14:1-12

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
²In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁷“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (NKJV)

OFFERTORY, PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymn 355: Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone

¹ Thou art the Way; to Thee alone From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

² Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind And purify the heart.

³ Thou art the Life; the rending tomb Proclaims Thy conqu’ring arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee Nor death nor hell shall harm.

⁴ Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 45:1: Now, the Hour of Worship O’er

Now, the hour of worship o’er, Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,
Let us gladly God adore, For His Word our praises bringing;
For the rich repast He gave us Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: No Sunday school or Bible class.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship **on-line! No in-person worship.** Text: Acts 17:22-31

Sunday May 17: The voters' meeting scheduled for next Sunday has been postponed due to Covid -19 restrictions. The church council will meet with ZOOM.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 3 worship – 5 (for service recording) No Sunday school no Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 2,120.00	
Needed for Year:	\$22,500.00	
Received for Year:	\$21,323.00	

Congregation News: On Saturday May 2nd Amy Odmark was united in marriage to Benjamin Busse in Mankato, MN. Pastor Joe Naumann officiated. Amy is still in Austin some of the time for work so cards can be sent to Amy & Ben Busse at 701 11th St. NW, Austin, MN 54912.

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until July 30-August 2, Thursday through Sunday in Eau Claire, WI.

CLC NEWS: Seminary graduate Cory Drehle has the call to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD. Professor Daniel Scheirenbeck has been called to serve as president Immanuel Lutheran College.