

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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<u>PRESERVICE PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 390: Drawn to the Cross

1 Drawn to the Cross, which Thou has blest With healing gifts for souls distrest, To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain. For cleansing, tho' it be thro' pain, Christ Crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be That angels well might envy me, Christ Crucified, I come.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

P: Together let us pray:

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

¹³Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;

He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you,

So His visage was marred more than any man,

And His form more than the sons of men;

¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

For what had not been told them they shall see,

And what they had not heard they shall consider.

53:1 Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,

And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him,

There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (NKJV)

THE PASSION HISTORY READING: Gethsemane (p.184-185)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 159: Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the Tempter's pow'r; Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour; Turn not from His griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment-hall, View the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay; All is solitude and gloom,-- Who hath taken Him away? Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

THE SERMON: Matthew 27:41-42

Theme: "He Saved Others; Himself He Cannot Save!

I. He Saved Others

II. He Wouldn't Save Himself.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 27:41-42

"Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ⁴² "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 151:1-5: Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe, Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,--Thro' thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit: Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole; Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul; Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee That from pain I might be free; Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,--Thence I gain security; Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 151:6-7: "Thou Hast Suffered Great Affliction"

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying, For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Mid-week Lenten services. Supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m. Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. The theme of our midweek meditations this year is *Christ's Passion in Paul's Epistles*. Text: **2 Corinthians 13:4**. The theme of our third meditation is: *Christ Is Crucified in Weakness, Lives in Power*!

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sunday School and church Council are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30. Sermon text: Luke 22:66-71. (This year's Passion theme for our Sunday sermons. Theme: *Veiled Truths from the Passion!*)

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 14, 15</u>: Midweek Lenten meditations with the theme: **Christ's Passion in Paul's Epistles**. On Wednesdays we will have suppers at 6:00. All evening meditations begin at 7:00.

April 17: EASTER SUNDAY!

October 23: St. Paul's 80th Anniversary Observance.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 6 worship – 14 Sunday school – 0 Bible Class -12

March 9, Midweek Lent worship: 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 640.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$13,120.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$14,046.13	

March Church Cleaning: T. Barthels

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has declined the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.