

July 14, 2013

8th Sunday after Pentecost



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

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (244)

Please Note Order of service changes. We now open the service with a prayer. Also a variety different hymn stanzas will be used in place of the *Gloria in Excelsis*.

HYMNS: 11; 389; 373:1-4; 413:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

It is the work of God the Holy Spirit that we abound in doing that which is according to His will. With this God is well pleased. But how are we to know the will of God? It isn't some great hidden mystery! His will for us and our lives is found in His Word. Indeed it is found in our heart and on our lips as we speak of the love of God in Christ. Knowing this love of God we shall also know how to love one another.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

The Apostle Paul praises God for the evidence of faith that is seen in the Colossian Christians by their acts of love for others. He prays that the knowledge of God's will and His wisdom and spiritual understanding may increase that they may walk worthy of the Lord in every kind of good work, and increasing in the knowledge of the truth that saves. This should be our prayer, first for ourselves then also for our Christian brothers and sisters. It is good and necessary for us to remain in the Word that we might grow in faith and love, and in all good works.

THE SERMON: Luke 10:25-37

Theme: What Shall I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?

I. What Does the Law Say?

II. What Does the Gospel Say?

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
Sermon text: Genesis 18:1-14. Church council follows after the service.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 13-18: YOUTH CONFERENCE at Camp Golden Bell, Divide CO. Theme: Scripture – Thousands of APPS! Brochures are available on narthex table. There are a couple of young people from our joint parish that would like the opportunity to attend the youth conference. ASSISTANCE: If anyone would be willing to help defray the cost of transportation for these young people a basket is by the mail box table for this purpose. Any amount would be helpful to them and much appreciated.

October 13: Mission Festival Sunday. Pastor emeritus Dan Fleischer has agreed to serve as our guest speaker.

SERVING TODAY

-Pianist: Denise Barthels

-Ushers: Leon Hellickson, Lincoln Cole, Melvin Eichstadt,
Preston Johnson

-Cleaning: Ubl

-July Lawn Mowing: Jeremy Glocke

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 7 worship – 21

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1,045.00	Other Offerings: Pro Imprv Fund	\$100.00
Offerings Received	723.00	Memorial:	
Needed for Year:	28,205.00	Jacob & Martha Tuinder: Prop, Imprv	\$100.00
Received for Year:	25,574.50		

AT THE HOSPITAL: Muriel Schwartz is at Abbot/University Hospital in the Minneapolis. She is scheduled to have a pace maker installed today.

St. Paul's Web Site: Please check out our restored congregation website. The bulletin and sermon will be on the site each week:
<http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT: 8 children attended our Vacation Bible School this past Friday and Saturday. 6 adults helped teach or assisted with crafts and served snacks. We thank the Lord for the wonderful fellowship we had around the Word, learning lessons about His prophets, and the blessed message of God's love and forgiveness that comes to us in Christ Jesus, the Greatest Prophet of God.

Recent Order of Service Changes: The Church Council has approved some minor changes in our order of service. The following changes have been incorporated into our service beginning this month.

1. Opening Prayer: We will return to the earlier congregation practice of beginning the service with a prayer to call us to worship. It is hoped that this will encourage our members to be seated earlier and prepare themselves for worship before the service begins.
2. We will exchange different words and/or verses for the Gloria in Excelsis, where we most commonly now sing hymn 237:1 which has expressions that have been misunderstood by some in the past.
3. On communion Sundays the congregation will be invited to say the Lord's prayer with the pastor. However, we shall still join in singing the doxology of the Lord's Prayer as we have in past communion Sunday's.

CLC NEWS: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School of Middleton, WI, has called Claire Abbas to serve as teacher in their school.