



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: 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. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and power and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

Please Note Order of service changes. We now open the service with a prayer. Today we will sing the *Gloria in Excelsis*. In the communion liturgy the congregation will be invited to join the pastor in saying the Lord's prayer, however as we have traditionally done, we shall **chant the doxology of the Lord's prayer**.

HYMNS: 16; 366:1-4; 306:1-5; 309

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:21-29

The Lord has reconciled us, who were His enemies because of our wicked works. Because of His grace we are above reproach in His sight! Let us continue in the faith, hearing the Word, remaining steadfast in the hope of the gospel.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38-42

Mary and Martha were both pleased to have Jesus as a guest in their home. They welcomed the Lord in different ways. Martha was distracted with much serving. She sought to honor the Lord by doing for Him what she was able to do, serve Him. Mary welcomed Jesus as she sat at His feet, receiving His Word. Let us not be distracted from hearing the Word by the busyness of life, let us rather honor the Lord by hearing His Word.

THE SERMON: Genesis 18:1-14

Theme: Presenting A Proper Reception for the Lord.

- I. Welcoming the Lord into Our Homes and Lives
- II. Honoring the Lord by Our Reception of His Word

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: Church Council meeting will follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sermon text: Colossians 2:6-15.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 13-18: YOUTH CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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: Barthels

-July Lawn Mowing: Jeremy Glocke

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 14 worship – 29

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1,045.00	Other Offerings: Prop Imprv Fund	\$100.00
Offerings Received	880.00	Memorial:	
Needed for Year:	29,250.00	Irene Eichstadt Prop, Imprv	\$200.00
Received for Year:	26,469.50		

AT THE HOSPITAL: Muriel Schwartz has been released from Abbot Northwestern/University Hospital in Minneapolis. It was determined that she didn't need a pace maker. She is recuperating in a care center in the Inver Grove Heights area. She is expected to be there for another two weeks.

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/>

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: Miss Claire Abbas of Mankato, MN has accepted the call to serve as teacher at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School of Middleton, WI.