



Trust in the
LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD
is an everlasting rock.

-Isaiah 26:4

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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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing, to comprehend the grace that elevates our lives from this temporal to the eternal, and from this material to the spiritual life that is ours in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (243:2,3,4)

HYMNS: 390; 430; 447; 413:6

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-16

The love of money, the lure of temporal riches is so enticing to the flesh and so dangerous to one's faith. Many have "pierced themselves through with many sorrows." Money cannot bring the joy or the security so many hope to find with it. We need to flee these temptations and fight the good fight of faith, laying hold of eternal life that comes to us freely through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 16:19-31

The parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus brings home the reality of true life. While the rich man "had it made" in this life, he had no mercy, he had no faith. In the end he had nothing but torments for all eternity. Poor Lazarus was indeed impoverished for this earthly sojourn, but at this life's end he was received into the eternal habitations of heaven. This was not because he was poor. Salvation comes only to those who find their hope for life in God.

THE SERMON: Amos 6:1-7

Theme: Woe to the Spiritually Complacent

- I. Complacency in Hearing
- II. Complacency in Material Comfort
- III. Complacency over Judgment

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service this morning. We will begin a study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

October 2-8: Pastor and Denise will be visiting Valerie in Norfolk, Virginia. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt will be covering in case of emergencies. His cell number is: 507-380-1068.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at St. Paul's at 9:30. Sunday school following the service. Seminary student Rob Sauers has agreed to preach in the pastor's absence.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9: Minnesota Pastoral Conference in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

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

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Lincoln Cole, Phil Egtvedt, Andy Ball, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Nelson

September Lawn Mowing: Mike Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 22 worship – 29 Sunday school – 2 Bible class - 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,045.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	569.00		
Needed for Year:	39,700.00		
Received for Year:	35,158.25		

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Del Maas of Valentine, Nebraska has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church of Appleton, WI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Stambaugh, MI. Messiah Lutheran Eau Claire, WI has called Pastor emeritus Dan Fleischer to serve as pastoral assistant to the congregation.