

*... a great while before day,  
he rose and went out to a lonely place,  
and there he prayed.*

*Mark 1:35*



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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> 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: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me, calling me to be Your child and heir of everlasting life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Hold tight to the Holy Scriptures. They reveal the truth of our salvation. They come to us from God by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. They are true to the last detail! We live in the time Paul warned of, the time when many will not tolerate the truth, but would rather find preachers that will say what they want to hear, what is politically correct and socially acceptable, but does **not** lead to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:1-8a

We ought always to pray, and not lose heart! That was the point of Jesus' parable of the persistent widow who would not leave the unjust judge alone. He finally gave her justice, not because he cared about her, but to get peace for himself. The Lord does care about us, and desires to hear us, so we should pray with all the more confidence that the Lord will give us what is right and good for us. Even so Jesus wondered aloud, in the end would He find faith on the earth? Lord keep us ever in true faith unto eternal life!

THE SERMON: Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: Coming to Grips with God's Will for Us.

- I. Holding Fast to the Promises of God
- II. Wrestling with God in Prayer

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The first time Martin Luther celebrated the Lord's Supper, he trembled so greatly at the thought of holding the literal body and blood of Christ with his own hands, and receiving it into his own body, that he fled from the altar in terror. While we do not recommend that you do so, we do think that Luther was correct to receive it so thoughtfully, and only after much preparation. If you are a guest today and have never communed with us before, please talk with the pastor to find out how you can properly prepare for the sacrament.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Church Council follow the service this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism is scheduled for 4:30 in Lake Mills.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service. The **quarterly voters' meeting** will follow after a **potluck luncheon**. Luncheon follows Bible class. Sermon text: Luke 8:9-14.

## SERVING TODAY

Pianist: Anita Meyer

Ushers: RandyBerg, Melvin Eichstadt, Luke Berg, Lance Groth

Cleaning: Ubl

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 13 worship – 48 Sunday school – 6

Bible class - 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,045.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	954.00	Philip Hanson - missions	10.00
Needed for Year:	42,835.00	Missions	280.00
Received for Year:	37,835.75		

CLC NEWS: Pastor Rick Grams of Hecla, SD has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, MI.