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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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 6, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 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. 5 (245:1-4)

HYMNS: 236; 382; 373:1-4; 800

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

We owe the Lord absolute faithfulness for He is Lord of all! We should love the stranger and the fatherless, for the Lord has loved us and adopted us into His family. Even as He richly blessed the children of Israel so He has also blessed us in all our ways; far more than we could have ever imagined.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul comprehended the spiritual struggle that made up his life, and was grateful that he had finished the course and kept the faith. He saw how undependable people can be, as he stood alone in his first trial before Caesar. But God is faithful, and the Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him throughout his life. The Lord delivered Paul from every evil and preserved him unto eternal life. So the Lord watches over us and preserves us unto eternal life!

THE SERMON: Luke 18:9-14

Theme: In the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican Jesus Presents Two Very Different Approaches to God.

- I. The Merit Approach of the Pharisee
- II. The Mercy Approach of the Publican
- III. Jesus' Approach Evaluation

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible class follow the service this morning. A pot luck lunch will follow Bible class this morning. The **quarterly voters' meeting** is scheduled to begin at 12:30. Rochester service at 5:00 at the home of Paul C. Nolting.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism is scheduled for 4:30 in Lake Mills. Ladies Aid meets at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: **Reformation Sunday** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school will follow the service. **Daylight Savings time ends!** "Fall back" one hour! Sermon text: John 8:31-36.

**INVITATION:** The Schwartz family cordially invites the congregation to join them in the fellowship hall after services next Sunday for a reception observing Norman's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and celebrating God's grace in Norman's life.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 20 worship – 32 Sunday school – 1

No Bible class due to church council meeting.

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,045.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	823.00		
Needed for Year:	43,880.00		
Received for Year:	38,658.75		