

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

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<u>PRE-SERVICE PRAYER</u>: 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 (798:1-3)

HYMNS: 294; 261; 774; 283

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 119:97-105

God's word brings us wisdom from above, wisdom helps us with the enemies of this world. In His Word God opens to us understanding that surpasses the wisdom of those who were renowned for their wisdom. Through the truth of God's word we are granted guidance that lights our path of life that we may walk in the way of the Lord. His Word is true and faithful and shall never fail us in our need

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Jude 3-4, 16-21

God has presented us with the true faith by delivering His Word to us. However the Apostles warned us by inspiration that there would be mockers in the last days who would attack the true faith and live according to their lusts. We see this all around us in the world today. Let us heed the admonition of Jude and build ourselves up in the truth by being steadfast in the Word of God and in prayer to the Holy Spirit. Let us be ready to contend for the Christian faith for this is the truth of Christ that brings us forgiveness and life.

THE SERMON: John 8:31-36

Theme: Reformation Respect for the Word

- I. Continue in Jesus' Word
- II. Respect the Truth of His Word

III. Treasure the Freedom His Word Proclaims

CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday School and Bible class follow the service this morning. **INVITATION**: The Schwartz family cordially invites the congregation to join them in the fellowship hall after services today for a reception observing Norman's 90th birthday, and celebrating God's grace in Norman's life.

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

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. Sermon text: Jeremiah 26:1-6.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl, Norm Schwartz, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 20 worship – 38 Sunday school – 4

Bible class 13.

| Weekly Offerings | \$ 1,045.00 | Other Offerings / |
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| Needed | | Memorials |
| Offerings Received | 823.00 | |
| Needed for Year: | 44,925.00 | |
| Received for Year: | 38,496.00 | |

CLC NEWS: Pastor Norman Greve of Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Iron River, MI.

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT FUND: The voters designated a special offering be received to help defray the cost of securing new TV and DVD to use for Sunday school and Bible class presentations. Gifts may be placed in the designated basket by the mailbox table.