



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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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. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I receive Jesus' body and blood, grant that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 537; 409; 307; 413:5,6

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

The fall into sin brought much grief and pain, and death into the world. God promises a new heavens and a new earth that will give us cause for joy and rejoicing. We have this joy because this new world will be built upon the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. So then there will be no more weeping. There will no longer be death or any of the frustrations that death brings to our lives. There will be peace and harmony in this new creation, as well as perfect peace and harmony between us and our God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 20:27 - 38

People still try to ridicule the hope of the resurrection. Jesus settled the question with the truth of everlasting life which we have through faith in Him. It is only by faith that we shall "be counted worthy to attain that age and the resurrection from the dead." God is not the God of the dead but of the living. So even as we now live in hope of the resurrection, so we shall live in glory forever before the Lord.

THE SERMON: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Theme: Sharing in Christ's Victory

- I. Where Our Victory Began
- II. Persevering in that Victory
- III. Sharing the Victory in a Hostile World

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

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 6:30 in Lake Mills

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. Sermon text: Luke 23:35-43.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 4, 11, 18: Midweek Advent services. Soup and Sandwich Supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m. Advent meditation begins at 7:00.

December 15: Congregation Christmas fellowship and church decorating follow the service.

December 24: Christmas Eve Children's Program is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 31: New Year's Eve worship with holy communion at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl, Norm Schwartz, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance November 10 worship – 28 Bible class – 10

Sunday school – 2

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,045.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	987.00		
Needed for Year:	47,015.00		
Received for Year:	40,294.75		

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.

PASTORAL ACTS: Funeral service for Kelvin Calvert. Kelvin was a non-member with whom the Pastor was given opportunity to share the gospel in the closing days of his life. With consent of the elders, Pastor Barthels agreed to conduct a Christian funeral service.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Norman Greve has accepted the call to St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Iron River, MI. Rock of Ages Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, MI has called Pastor Matthew Gurath of Mapleton, ND to serve as their pastor.