



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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PRAYER: Lord God, our Heavenly Father, You have invited us to come before You to worship and praise Your holy name. Grant that we may worship you in spirit and in truth so that our worship is pleasing to you. Let Your saving grace work in our hearts and cause us to grow in our faith and love for You. Strengthen us for the week to come that in all things we may live as Your dear children and give all glory to Your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 242; 324:1-5; 342; 324:7,8

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

One of the most precious assurances the Lord gave to Abram is one we still treasure today. Fear not Abram, I am your shield and your exceedingly great reward.” While promises specific to Abram’s life were given him by the Lord the greatest grace was that God called Abram to be His child and heir of everlasting life. This same blessing is ours also by the grace of God. God’s Word and promise is sure. As we believe the Word of God He is gracious toward us also that He counts this faith toward us as righteousness.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 3:1-10

The power of Jesus was made apparent in the miracle performed by Peter and John. It demonstrated that they as Jesus’ apostles possessed His authority, and the power of His Word and His Spirit was with them. We also can confidently believe the Word that has come to us through the Apostles knowing it has the power of the Lord to save us from sin and death.

THE SERMON: Matthew 9:9-13

Theme: The Company Jesus Kept Reveals Jesus’ Saving Ways

- I. Jesus Appeals to Sinners
- II. Jesus Repulses the Self-righteous
- III. Jesus Forgives the Repentant

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 Sermon text: Genesis 17:1-9

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1-2: Vacation Bible School We intend to teach one lesson from 6:00-8:00 Friday evening August 1st, and two lessons on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. This year's series is entitled in the Courts of the Lord.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Norm Schwartz, Randy Berg, Luke Berg

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 22 Worship -31

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$722.00		
Needed for Year:	26,300.00		
Received for Year:	24,169.50		

Spokesman subscriptions \$30.00

CLC NEWS: Pastor Lawrence Bade of Trinity Lutheran Church in Millston, WI has resigned from the pastoral ministry for personal reasons. The congregation has called Burgess Huehn to be their vacancy pastor. He is a former WELS pastor, now retired, who joined Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, this spring and has applied for a colloquy, which will be held this fall. The Rev. Caleb Schaller, pastor of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has returned the call to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD.

Spokesman subscription renewal: We should be wrapping up our subscription drive for The Lutheran Spokesman. I urge all our members to have this fine devotional magazine in their homes! This is one of the CLC's principle evangelical voices to the world! You can support this witness with your subscription! Sign up on the sheet on of the mailbox table. Cost \$15.00. Make checks payable to St. Paul's. They can be placed in the offering plate.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. (NKJV)

THE SERMON TEXT: Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. 10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (NKJV)