



*“Everyone then  
who hears these words of mine  
and does them will be  
like a wise man  
who built his house  
upon the rock.”*

*-Matthew 7:24*

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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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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive Jesus' true body and blood sacrificed for me upon the cross. I know and confess my sin. 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. Help me to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 296; 467:1,4,7; 307; 309

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 19:15-26

God is merciful! He delivers us from judgment, but we need to take His Word and warnings seriously. Lot was instructed to flee from the judgment to come, and not look back. But his wife looked back upon Sodom and Gomorrah and immediate judgment came upon her. Heed the warnings of the Lord regarding the lure of this world. Flee from evil, lest judgment also befall us! The wickedness of this world brings death. The Word of the Lord brings life!

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 9:1-19

The power of the Word of the Lord is evident in Saul's conversion. He resisted the Lord and persecuted those who believed, and yet even this man was brought to faith by the power of Spirit working through the word of Jesus! Let us also learn a greater appreciation of the power of the Gospel, and obey the Lord's instruction to reach out to those caught in the darkness of unbelief. They also may prove to be powerful witnesses of God's grace.

THE SERMON: Matthew 7:24-29

Theme: Securing A Foundation for Faith and Life

- I. A Rock Solid Foundation
- II. A Shifting Uncertain Foundation
- III. The Reliable Word of the Lord

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repent, and also a proper understanding of the Lord’s presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30; Confirmation of Teah Kesler and Caidyn Kruse. Following the service a meal will be provided by the families of the confirmands. Sermon text: Acts 16:31, Revelation 2:10b.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1-2: Vacation Bible School Friday evening August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-8:00, Saturday August 2 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: Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 13 Worship –22

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$433.00	Dorothy Butler Missions	25.00
Needed for Year:	28,460.00		
Received for Year:	26,258.50		

CLC NEWS: We currently have 8 pastoral vacancies in the CLC, Millston, Wisconsin, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Mapleton, North Dakota, Loveland, Colorado, Lakewood (Denver), Colorado, Blue Springs (Kansas City), Missouri, Live Oak, Florida, Lawrenceville (Atlanta) Georgia. **“Pray the Lord of the harvest that He send out laborers into**

**His harvest.”** (Matthew 9:38).

**At the Hospital:** Samantha Barthels is at Mayo Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester, room 7411. She is being treated for leukemia. Yours prayers are requested. **Cards and visitors are welcome.** The address is Samantha Barthels c/o Methodist Hospital, 201 W. Center St., Room 7411 Rochester, MN 55905 *No plants or flowers are allowed on that floor.*