



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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www.CLClutheran.org

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (38:1-3)

HYMNS: 748; 361; 507:1-4; 644

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-14

God called Moses to be His messenger both to the Children of Israel and to Pharaoh. Moses tried to excuse himself that he was not important enough or powerful enough or able to speak. The power and authority wasn't within Moses, it was in the fact that he was to speak for God to Israel, and before Pharaoh. "I AM WHO I AM," the eternal God would go with Moses, and Moses would declare that "I AM" had sent him to deliver God's people. The great "I AM" continues to be our God today, and delivers us from every evil.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:34-38

Discipleship is more than just saying one believes in Jesus. It is following Him, including the hardships that come with true discipleship. We take up our cross, not fearing the cost, for what is the worth of our soul? He sacrificed so much to redeem us from sin and death. What are we willing to sacrifice in exchange for our soul?

THE SERMON: Acts 16:11-15

Theme: The Advancement of God's Kingdom in the World

- I. God Directs the Preaching of His Word
- II. God Opens Hearts to Believe
- III. God Opens Hearts to Respond

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30; Sermon text: Matthew 14:22-34

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7: Church picnic follows the service. Please plan to join us for the day.

September 14: Sunday school begins

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Ken Nickslon, Joe Ubl, Arnie Ottjes, Luke Berg

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 3 Worship – 22

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,080.00 | Other Offerings | |
| Offerings Received | \$769.00 | Jacob & Martha | 25.00 |
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| Needed for Year: | 32,780.00 | Daniel Miller | 25.00 |
| Received for Year: | 29,262.00 | | |

CLC NEWS: The Rev. James Albrecht, pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has returned the call to St. Paul Lutheran, Lakewood Co. They have now called the Rev. Andrew Schaller, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Watertown, and Zion Lutheran, Hidewood Twp. SD. Living Word Lutheran, Blue Springs MO, (Kansas City) has called the Rev. Timothy Wheaton, pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran, Lamar CO. The Rev. Delwyn Maas, Valentine NE, has accepted the call to Gift of God Lutheran, Mapleton ND.