



*Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!*

-Psalm 93:4



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: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. 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 in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 541; 396; 306:1-6; 313:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

It doesn't take long for us frail and sinful humans to forget the great deliverance of the Lord and begin to complain and fret that the Lord may be neglecting us in our time of need. What appears as a massive and impossible problem for man is easy for the Lord who can do all things. So God through Moses provided abundant fresh water for all the people. May we trust the almighty God who loves us and is faithful to care for us in our every need.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 24:22-26

Paul, a prisoner because of false charges of the Jews brought against him, testified boldly concerning Christ and the way that leads to salvation. Remaining a prisoner for over two years, Paul continued speaking about that righteousness which is ours in Christ, and about self-control, and the judgment to come. May the Spirit open our lips to speak boldly of these truths vital to people's eternal souls.

THE SERMON: Matthew 14:22-34

Theme: That Jesus' Walks on Water Assures Us of the Power
of His Presence

- I. Finding Courage in Jesus' Presence
- II. Peter's Example of Faith -- and Frailty of Faith
- III. Christ is Present with Enduring Love

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: Monthly meeting of the Church Council follows the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30; Sermon text: 1 Samuel 7:5-12

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: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 10 Worship – 17

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$682.00		
Needed for Year:	33,860.00		
Received for Year:	29,944.00		

CLC NEWS: Pastor Joel Fleischer of Marquette, MI has accepted the call to Berea Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, SD. Pastor Luke Bernthal of Valentine, Nebraska has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, WI to serve as Messiah’s third pastor.

Meditations Magazine: There are some members of St. Paul’s who subscribe to this devotional magazine published by Northwestern

Publishing House. The group subscription is due in September if you are interested in subscribing please speak with Pastor Barthels.