

Ah LORD GOD! It is thou who hast made
the heavens and the earth by thy great power
and by thy outstretched arm!
Nothing is too hard for thee...

-Jeremiah 32:17



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: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

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

HYMNS: 537; 467:1-4; 33; 53:1,5,6

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 17:15-34

The Apostle Paul began where the people of Athens were spiritually. He acknowledged that they were very religious, but then pointed out that they knew they were missing the “Unknown God.” The God who cannot be discovered on our own, the God who has nonetheless revealed His glory, majesty, power and wisdom in all creation, this God reveals Himself to us in His son, who died for us and rose again. The wise of this world listened to Paul with intent interest until Paul presented the truth of the resurrection, they dismissed Paul and his message of the judgment to come. Some listened. The Spirit calls those who are to be saved.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

Who is Jesus? What does the world say? The answers expressed today may be quite different from those the disciples heard during Jesus’ ministry, but all the world’s answers fall short of the truth. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. This truth is the foundation of our faith. This truth is the key to forgiveness and life, the very keys to heaven which Jesus has entrusted to His Church that we might declare this wonder of life to the world.

THE SERMON: 1 Samuel 7:5-12

Theme: Thus Far the LORD Has Helped Us

- I. Seeking the LORD’s Help in our Great Need
- II. Recognizing the Greatness of the LORD’s Deliverance.
- III. Memorializing the LORD’s Deliverance

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30; Sermon text: Matthew 13:31-35. Church picnic follows the service. Please plan to join us for the day.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 14: Sunday school begins

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 24 Worship – 27

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$544.00		
Needed for Year:	36,020.00		
Received for Year:	31,531.00		

AT THE HOSPITAL: Samantha Barthels has returned to Methodist hospital in Rochester for continued treatment of leukemia. She will be there for another couple of weeks. She is once again at station 74 currently room number 7408, (but that may change) Your prayers are requested. Cards and visitors are welcome. The address is Samantha Barthels c/o Methodist Hospital, 201 W. Center St., Station 74 Rochester, MN 55905 (*No live plants or flowers or latex balloons are permitted on that floor.*)

CLC NEWS: The Rev. John Hein, Fridley MN, has returned the call to Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville, GA. The Rev. Andrew Schaller, has returned the call to St. Paul Lutheran, Lakewood, CO. They have now called the Rev. Thomas Schuetze, Coloma, MI. Calvary Lutheran, Marquette, MI, has called the Rev. Mark Bernthal, Middleton, WI. The Rev. Timothy Wheaton, of Mt. Olive Lutheran, Lamar, CO, has accepted the call to Living Word Lutheran, Blue Springs, MO.