

# 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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 6, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRAYER</u>: Lord God, heavenly Father we thank and praise You for revealing Yourself to us as our Savior from sin and death, and that You have called us to faith through the truth of Your word. Preserve us in Your truth that our faith may always be founded on those gospel precepts presented through Your servant Martin Luther, that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Jesus' merits, the truth of Christ being found in Scripture alone. We praise You in our Savior's name. Amen.

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (262)

HYMNS: 224; 261; 292; 283

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Chronicles 29:12-19

In the first year of his reign King Hezekiah ordered a purification of the temple. A number of the Levites responded and began to purge the temple of all debris and implements of false worship and idolatry. They stuck with the job until it was completed, when they reported back to the king that all was properly prepared and sanctified before the altar of the Lord. May we also cleanse ourselves of all that detracts from true worship and sanctify ourselves to serve the Lord with diligence and zeal.

### THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 13:7-9

On this Reformation we will remember those who have gone before us and presented the Word of God to us. That we may follow their example. In a time that some call post-modernism, when everything is supposed to be socially relevant and politically correct let us remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. His truth of life and salvation shall not change; neither shall the need and relevance of that message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM: Children of the Heavenly Father

## <u>THE SERMON</u>: John 8:30-36 Theme: Blessings Delivered to Us Through God's Word I. The Saving Power of Jesus' Word II. The Knowledge of the Truth

III. Freedom From Sin's Slavery

### CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. A **pot luck lunch** will follow after Bible class at 11:30. Our **Quarterly Voters' meeting** is scheduled to begin at 12:30. Joint Reformation Service at Immanuel in Mankato at 4:00 p.m. (For additional information see below.)

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> – Ladies' Aid at 7:00 p.m. Denise Barthels is scheduled to serve.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: James 5:7-11.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Randy Berg; Melvin Eichstadt; Luke Berg, Leon Hellickson <u>Cleaning:</u> Barthels

#### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 19 Worship – 26; Sunday school – 3; No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	837.00	
Needed for Year:	44,660.00	
Received for Year:	39,108.00	

**CLC NEWS:** The Rev. Doug Libby, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, which has now called Pastor David Schaller, Dowagiac MI. <> Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL, has called the Rev. Doug Priestap, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Calgary AB Canada.

**Minnesota Reformation Festival**: A joint Reformation festival worship service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN, this afternoon at 4:00 pm. The theme, "Faith of Our Fathers," will consider the background that caused selected hymn writers to pen their words to music. Following the worship service there will be a potluck meal in which you may bring a dish to share. An adult choir will sing during the service with a 3:00 pm rehearsal for those who wish to participate. Also, the children are invited to sing a song together with a rehearsal at 3:45 pm (5th/6th grade room of the school).

**AT THE HOSPITAL**: Samantha Barthels is at Methodist Hospital in Rochester following her third round of chemo therapy. Please remember her in your prayers.