



“Enter by
the narrow gate ...
For the gate is narrow
and the way is hard,
that leads to life ...”

-Matthew 7:13-14

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: 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 (798:1,3)

HYMNS: 226,1-3&8; 351; 416; 54

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Haggai 2:1-9

Haggai addresses the Jews who had returned from Babylon and were rebuilding the temple. Some who had been very young when Jerusalem was destroyed remembered the glory of Solomon's temple and felt disappointed by the new temple and its lack of splendor. However, the glory is not found in the silver or the gold which are the Lord's, but the glory of the new temple would be in Jesus coming into its courts to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of the Lord's covenant of peace.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

We should not be taken in by the vanity of this world with all its glitz and glory. We should seek the things that are above where Christ is. We share in Christ's death, so now our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ appears we also shall appear with Him in glory.

THE SERMON: Luke 13:23-30

Theme: Gaining Access to the Narrow Gate of Christ's Kingdom

- I. Recognizing the Narrow Gate
- II. Timing is so important!
- III. Vain Claims of Association Won't Open that Door!
- IV. God's Far Reaching Grace Assures Diversity

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Communion at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church council following the service. Sermon text: Isaiah 63:1-9.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 27: Thanksgiving Worship at 9:30.

December 3, 10, 17: Midweek Advent meditations! Soup and sandwich supper will begin serving at 6:00 p.m. with Advent meditation at 7:00.

December 7: Christmas fellowship with potluck meal and Christmas decorating follow after the Sunday service.

December 24: Christmas Eve Children's program begins at **6:00** p.m.

December 25: Christmas Festival worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 31: New Year's Eve worship at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes; Joe Ubl; Norm Schwartz; Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 2 Worship 24, Sunday school 2; Bible Class 9

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	1,325.00	Memorial:
Needed for Year:	46,820.00	Lincoln Cole Property Imprv.
Received for Year:	40,769.00	Fund \$25.00

CLC NEWS: Faith Lutheran, Coloma MI, has called the Rev. Jay Hartmann, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX.