



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, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 394; 410; 413; 401

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 12:1-10

David reveals the deceit of man's heart. It is easy for us to become indignant over the sin of another, but what of our own sin. The arrogance of the Old Adam excuses our behavior, and then tries to cover it. The Lord who knows all things, including our sin, reveals the guilt of our sin. There is no escape from sin, its guilt and its consequences, EXCEPT in the mercies of God who also puts away our sin for Jesus' sake.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:13-19

Jesus did not come into the world to set aside the will of God, but to fulfill that will for our salvation. We are now the preserving salt in this world; the light that shines to the glory of God. We should not conform our values to the thinking of this world and so teach our children, but remain true to the Word of God both in our teaching and the way we live our lives.

THE SERMON: Acts 20:17-38

Theme: Paul's Charge to Congregation Leaders:

Testify to the Gospel of the Grace of God!

- I. Testify to All Repentance Toward God and Faith toward Jesus
- II. Declare the Whole Counsel of God
- III. Commend the Brethren to God and His Word of Grace

CALENDAR

MONDAY: Pastor Study Club in Inver Grove Heights, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Sermon text: Acts 20:17-38.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13: **Church Picnic Sunday. Christian education Sunday.**

We would like the children to sing for the service the hymn they learned in Vacation Bible School this summer. It is Hymn 5 “Lord Open Thou My Heart to Hear.” The children from Divine Word are invited to join the Children from St. Paul’s in the singing of this anthem.

September 20: Sunday school begins.

September 27: Adult Bible class begins.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt

Cleaning: Ubl

Church Mowing for September: Volunteer still needed!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 23 Worship - 29

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,074.00	Nepal Relief	\$ 50.00
Needed for Year:	\$39,770.00	Property Improv. Fund	\$100.00
Received for Year:	\$29,551.00		

St. Paul’s General Fund deficit: As can be seen above, our local operating fund is now over \$10,000 behind budget. It is not unusual for offerings to dip a bit through the summer months, but it has become necessary for the Church Council to approve the borrowing of \$4,000 from the Memorial fund in order to pay the bills for August and September. Please remember that when we are absent from church the blessings of the Lord in grace and providence continue. So do all of St. Paul’s expenses. If we miss church it is good to remember to include that offering when we return the next week.

CLC NEWS: The CLC Board of Missions has called the Rev. Peter Evensen, pastor of Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI, to be a Resident CLC Foreign Missionary to India.

Immanuel Begins: This past Monday the academic year began at Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. During the opening service, President Sippert reminded the student body of our Savior's growth plan through the Word of God. High school enrollment begins with 111 total students (24 freshmen, 25 sophomores, 29 juniors, and 33 seniors). This is a drop of 13 students from last year, mostly because the incoming freshman class is a little smaller than last year's graduating class. In the college there are 23 total students, a nice increase from last year's enrollment of 15. At this time six of these students are pursuing the teaching ministry and ten are preparing for seminary training. While seminary will begin later, six students are expected for the year. We thank the Lord for all those blood-bought souls that will be immersed in His Word during their Immanuel experience.

HYMN 242:1-3

“Father of heav’n, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning grace extend.

“Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend,
To us Thy saving grace extend.

“Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend
To us Thy quick’ning pow’r extend.