



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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www.ilc.edu/home.htm

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. I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Help me to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.15

HYMNS: 239; 400; 314; 309

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Elijah trusted the Lord to care for him in His time of need and turned to the Lord for help, not only for himself but for the gentile woman who had cared for him trusting the Lord to provide. With God nothing is impossible. The Lord restore the life of this woman's son. So the Lord will also hear our prayers for others, and act accordingly to His gracious good will.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord gives us purpose in life for this time while we await His return. He also entrusts us with gifts and responsibilities of varying degrees to correspond with the gifts and abilities which He has given us. He would have us use them to His glory and the advancement of His kingdom here on earth. Let us not neglect, or even worse, begrudge the Lord who has so richly blessed us. Let us serve the Lord with gladness as we labor in His name.

THE SERMON: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

Theme: The Will of God in Christ Jesus for You

- I. Toward Your Fellow Man
- II. In Your Daily Life
- III. Which He Works in Us Completely

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: Sunday School and church council follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday School and Bible Class will follow the service. Sermon text: Jeremiah 17:5-10.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Barthels

Church Mowing for September: Leon Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 6 Worship - 26

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 943.00	ILC Building Fund \$ 50.00
Needed for Year:	\$43,196.00	Memorial – Susan Clark for
Received for Year:	\$32,118.00	Property Improv. Fund \$ 25.00