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**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 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.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 redeem us from sin and 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. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 26; 425; 428; 313:1

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

Even when times were hard for the Christians of Macedonia they insisted on participating in the relief offering for fellow believers in Jerusalem. They not only gave according to their ability but beyond what they could afford. Why? Because they had first given themselves to the Lord. They expressed their love for the Lord by freely giving to help people they would not meet on this side of heaven. May the Spirit open our hearts to see our earthly treasures as tools with which we may so serve the Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:15-21

Life does not consist of the abundance of things we own. Indeed Jesus reveals how earthly riches can instill a false sense of security, and may even be one's undoing. Our focus in life needs to stay on the Lord, so that we are rich spiritually. Only through faith in Jesus nurtured by Word and sacrament do these spiritual riches become our own. May we be rich toward God all our days so that we may prepared to meet the Lord when He calls us to leave this life.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 30:15-19

Theme: Placing Your Trust:

- I. In the Resources of Man
- II. In the Power of a Gracious God

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The first time Martin Luther celebrated the Lord's Supper, he trembled so greatly at the thought of holding the literal body and blood of Christ with his own hands, and receiving it into his own body, that he fled from the altar in terror. While we do not recommend that you do so, we do think that Luther was correct to receive it so thoughtfully, and only after much preparation. If you are a guest today and have never communed with us before, please talk with the pastor to find out how you can properly prepare for the sacrament.

## CALENDAR

TODAY:. Sunday School and Bible Class will follow the service. A potluck lunch will follow after Bible Class at 11:30. The Quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. **Mission Festival**. A potluck will follow after a missions discussion. Pastor emeritus Paul Fleischer has accepted our invitation to serve as our guest speaker.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1: Day light saving time ends. "Fall back!" Turn your clocks back one hour. Get an extra hour of sleep; stay awake during the sermon!

## 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: Randy Berg, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Hellickson

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 11 Worship – 24 Sunday school – 5

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
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Offerings Received	\$ 612.00	Memorial: Dillin Nickson \$400.00
Needed for Year:	\$46,822.00	
Received for Year:	\$35,255.00	