



“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: 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 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 3; 408; 398; 409:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Haggai 2:1-9

People are so inclined to look at the outward appearance and the splendor of man's accomplishments. This is what the Jews who had returned from exile were doing when they looked disparagingly of the new temple constructed upon their return. It paled in glory compared to Solomon's temple but this temple would possess a greater glory. Jesus would stand in the courts of this new temple teaching the people about the coming of the Kingdom of God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:23-30

There will be many who fail to enter the narrow gate that opens to eternal life. They will think they have every right to enter. Many will claim a connection to Christ, to know all about Him, but He will say "I do not know you. ... Depart from Me all you workers of iniquity." There will many others from every direction under the sun who will sit down in the kingdom of God. Praise God that by God's grace we have been included in that number through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE SERMON: Colossians 3:1-4

Theme: Christ Is Our Life

I. Raised with Christ Set Your Mind on Things Above

November 8, 2015

24th Sunday after Pentecost

II. Your Life is Hidden with Christ in God

III. We Will Appear with Him in Glory

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible Class will follow the service.

MONDAY-MONDAY: Pastor is taking some vacation time. He will be in the area, so available in case of emergency. Service will be

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30, with Sunday school following the service. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt has agreed to take the service in Pastor Barthels' absence.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 26: **Thanksgiving Day** worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 2,9,16: **Midweek Advent Services** at 7:00. We are planning on soup and sandwich suppers for those three Wednesdays. Supper service begins at 6:00.

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. Please consider the second special insert encouraging participation at convention of lay delegates.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes, Leon Hellickson Melvin Eichstadt, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 1 Worship – 34 Sunday school – 2
Bible Class - 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 886.00	Memorial Lincoln Cole:
Needed for Year:	\$50,248.00	Property Improv. Fund \$100.00
Received for Year:	\$37,967.00	

CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) — In recent months, offerings to the MDF have not been sufficient to carry out many of the projects that have been planned. This has led to the Board of Missions to the necessary decision to suspend, eliminate, or reduce funding for several worthy project requests from our missionaries and foreign church bodies. These projects include the purchase and distribution of Bibles and Catechisms along with the translation work and printing of Luther's Large Catechisms and other Christian training materials. Funding for rice aid to pastors, outreach projects, and church/school construction assistance has also been suspended. Pray that our Lord will continue to provide offerings to the MDF so we can encourage and support these important efforts to spread the saving Word of God.

2016 Mission Helper Trip to India – Applications are currently being accepted until January 8th, 2016. More information and an online application can be found at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2016-india

What Luther Says about God's Word: As a Precious Gift

The Word of God has this character that it is made known and comes when man is most desperate over everything, when he thinks that nothing is less likely to happen than what the Word of God says most certainly will happen. You see, it does not come to the lazy or pleasure-seekers. To them it is a source of laughter. Rather it comes to the weak and the oppressed, to those in need. Those also finally receive it in such a way that all human boasting vanishes and nothing is credited to our own strength and energies, but all to God alone..." (Luther's Works: American Edition 18:369f)