



Take off
your sandals,
for the place where
you are standing is
holy ground.

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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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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me, calling me to be Your child and heir of everlasting life. 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: 541, 421, 307, 54

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 16: 12-15

The Spirit led Paul and Silas to Philippi where they went out to the riverside outside of the city where people met to pray. They testified to the women who gathered there. The Lord opened the heart of a business woman named Lydia so that she not only believed and was baptized but immediately became an active participant in advancing the gospel to others. May the Lord move our hearts to see what we might do to support the proclamation of the gospel among us and throughout the world.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:34-38

Jesus calls us to follow Him. This will inevitably call for a choice between putting this temporal life first or our spiritual life first. Those who seek to save this life in this world may indeed lose their lives. Those who deny themselves, and sacrifice this life will find that their lives have been saved. May we never be ashamed of Jesus and His truth in this sinful world, but boldly proclaim the glory of His name, lest Jesus be ashamed of us before His heavenly Father.

THE SERMON: Exodus 3:1-14

Theme: Moses' Call at the Burning Bush Reminds Us
of our Sacred Purpose in Life

- I. God Reveals Himself
- II. Moses to Lead Others to the Promised Land
- III. The Promise of the Lord's Presence

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: Council meeting normally scheduled for this morning is postponed until next Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Church Council is scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Acts 24:22-26.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 10 Worship – 37

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 824.00	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$425.00
Needed for Year:	\$32,340.00		
Received for Year:	\$25,263.98		

There is still a need for considerable contributions to the Property Improvement Fund following the replacement of the parsonage furnace and air conditioning. The Lord has placed a challenge before us, which is also an opportunity to show our gratitude to Him for the gospel. Any gift, great or small, is seen by the Lord for the thank offering it is.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI. <> The Rev. David Fuerstenau, pastor of Holy Truth Lutheran, Ketchikan AK, has returned the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD. The congregation has now called Timothy Daub who recently completed colloquy and was added to the roster of CLC called servants. He has accepted the call. <> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Ed Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX.

CLC Mission Helpers in India – Nine Mission Helpers in India are working with Missionary Peter Evensen. Two teams are busy proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 2000 children at CLCI and BELC congregations. Pastoral training classes will also be taught among more than 100 pastors and seminary students of the CLCI and BELC. You can follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2016clcmhtindia.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.