



Trust in the
LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD
is an everlasting rock.

-Isaiah 26:4

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: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (798:1-2)

HYMNS: 4; 261; 292:1-4; 800

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Human judgment is so easily influenced by appearances. First Samuel feared King Saul, for he appeared to be a fierce and powerful adversary. Samuel forgot how powerful the Lord is to protect from all harm and danger. Then as Samuel reviewed the sons of Jesse of Bethlehem he was impressed by their outward appearance. But it was David, the shepherd boy, still a teenager whom the Lord had selected as the next king of Israel, for the Lord looks on the heart. Let us remember that the Lord is in control and mighty to save. We should not be fooled by appearances!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mathew 13:31-35

In these parables Jesus is also dealing with appearances. The kingdom of God starts out like a very small seed being cast into the ground. How can such a small thing, appearing so insignificant amount to anything. It is easily dismissed. But it grows by the power of God into something very great and grand. Because the Word is generally dismissed by people, the Lord presented His lessons in parables. In these parables Jesus presented wondrous truths that had been kept secret from the beginning of the world.

THE SERMON: Acts 19:23-40

Theme: Living as Christians in a Hostile Society

- I. The World's Outcry against the Lord and His Truth
- II. The Lord's Intervention

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sermon text: 2 Samuel 12:1-10.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11: Church Picnic follows the service.

September 18: Sunday school resumes.

September 25: Adult Bible Class resumes.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Barthels; Lawn Mowing: Katie Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 7 Worship – 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 481.00	Memorials: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$36,960.00	Property Improv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$28,256.98	

AT THE HOSPITAL: Caidyn Kruse is at St. Mary's Hospital recovering from heart surgery. You may send her a card at: St. Mary's Hospital, 1216 2nd St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Delwyn Maas, pastor of Gift of God Lutheran, Mapleton ND, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI. <> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Joel Fleischer, pastor of Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls SD.

798:1-2 God, We Praise You

1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You!
God, we name You sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father by Your Church adored:
All creation shows Your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts and God alone!"

2. True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
While Your Church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.