



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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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and power and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 363; 22; 330; 313:2

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 20:17-38

In his address to the congregation elders of Ephesus, Paul reminds us of the importance of the congregational function. As a family in Christ we are to encourage one another in the truth of the gospel. We encourage repentance and forgive one another. We watch out for one another's spiritual welfare, and follow Paul's example of proclaiming all of God's Word.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mathew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches us an important lesson regarding our purpose and place in this world. As believers in Christ Jesus we are to act as a preserving salt which fights against the moral rot in the world. We are to reflect the light of Christ in our conduct. Our faith is not to be hidden by blending in with the world. If we are failing to fill these roles then why are we here?

THE SERMON: 2 Samuel 12:1-14

Theme: Nathan's Parable Teaches True Repentance

- I. The Seriousness of Sin
- II. The True Mercies of God

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: Church council is scheduled to follow the service. Pastor Barthels will be leaving town this afternoon to attend a family funeral in Eastern Wisconsin on Monday. The Barthels expect to return on Tuesday. In case of emergency please call Pastor’s cell number.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Ephesians2:19-22.

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 14 Worship – 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1056.00	Property Improv. Fund \$200.00
Needed for Year:	\$38,115.00	
Received for Year:	\$29,312.98	

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Terrel Kesterson, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL.