

*... a great while before day,
he rose and went out to a lonely place,
and there he prayed.*

Mark 1:35



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 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 459; 456; 457; 644

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Elijah declared a drought would come upon the land of Israel, however even in desperate times the Lord provides for His people. And so the Lord provided Elijah with food in a miraculous fashion first with the ravens and then with the widow of Zarephath of Sidon in Phoenicia. It required a trusting faith in the Lord's promise for this widow to give the last of her food to Elijah. As we take our needs to the Lord, let us trust the Lord even as we give back to Him from His providence.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus' lesson is clear, we ought to pray always, and not lose heart. If persistence pays with those who care little or not at all for us, how much better is persistence of petitions with Him who loves us enough to redeem us from sin and death? And yet the Lord puts forth the telling question, "When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

THE SERMON: Luke 11:5-13

Theme: Prayer: An Exercise of Faith

- I. Persistence in Prayer
- II. Confidence in the Lord.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: 1Kings 17:1-16.

CHURCH PICNIC follows the service. Please join us and add to the fellowship. Suggestions for activities are welcomed!

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 18: Sunday school resumes.

September 19: Pastor Barthels leaves on vacation.

September 25: Lay service in Pastor Barthels absence.
Adult Bible Class resumes.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Barthels; Lawn Mowing: Leon Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 28 Worship – 27

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 896.00	
Needed for Year:	\$40,425.00	
Received for Year:	\$30,869.98	

Memorials: Evelyn Bode ILC Student Aid Fund \$30.00. Oscar Barthels ILC Student Aid Fund \$50.00.

We are behind in our budgetary offerings to the point that the church council needed to authorize a \$1000 loan from the Memorial fund. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration.

CLC NEWS: Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA.