

# 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, 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 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 742; 743; 361; 50:2

# THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20

With the Lord there is always cause for joy and rejoicing! The Lord brings us the hope of deliverance and salvation. He will, and has cast our enemies out. The devil and this sinful world as well as our own sinful flesh cannot stand before the Lord. He lifts us up, and gathers us as His people. We do have hope and joy and salvation in His name. The Lord our God is in our midst. The Mighty One will save!

# THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 5:7-11

The promises of the Lord are sure. Even as the farmer has to wait through the whole growing season for the harvest, so we need to be patient and enduring. We need to be confident in our faith, knowing that the Lord is at hand. In the meantime let us not let our daily trials and challenges lead to grumbling and bickering. The Lord is near! Remember the prophets and the believers of old, and let us learn patient endurance from their example. The Lord is merciful!

THE SERMON: Luke 10:17-22

Theme: The Gospel of Christ Prevails

- I. Authority of Christ Transmitted to Believers
- II. The Believers' Assurance of Salvation
- III. The Blessed Revelation of God's Truth

### **CALENDAR**

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday school and Bible Class follow after the service. A pot luck meal will follow after Bible class and the quarterly voter's meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Judy Nelson is scheduled to serve as hostess. Devotion continues our series on the seven letters of Revelation.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> **Reformation Sunday!** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. <u>Sermon text: 2</u> *Chronicles* 29:12-19.

**Joint Reformation Service** at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights beginning at **4:00 p.m**. A pot luck meal will follow. The Berea congregation is providing the entrée. Others are invited to bring deserts. If you are interested in singing in men's chorus or the joint choir please speak with Pastor Barthels today.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 6</u>: **Mission Festival Sunday:** The Rev. Dan Fleischer has accepted our invitation to serve as guest speaker. A special mission presentation and pot luck meal will follow the service.

#### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Ubl; Lawn Mowing: Mike Nelson

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Oct. 16 Worship – 17 Sunday school – 2; Bible Class - 3

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$541.00	Property Improv. Fund \$250.00
Needed for Year:	\$47,355.00	
Received for Year:	\$37,626.92	

**FALL CLEANUP DAY**: We thank those who came and gave of their time and labor yesterday. Much was done by those who came. Power washing on the church and shed north walls, and shrub trimming and window washing was accomplished, making the church and grounds much more presentable. (Sidewalk edging was done by volunteers earlier

in the week since they couldn't come Saturday.) A big thanks to all who helped!

CLC NEWS Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ. Hurricane Relief for Haiti – The CLC Board of Missions has been in correspondence and doctrinal discussions with a Lutheran pastor in Haiti since he first contacted Pastor Dan Fleischer back in 2013, Pastor Emmanuel Julien serves a congregation on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince and has been sharing the CLC correspondence lessons with twenty-one other Lutheran pastors in Haiti as we work together toward establishing fellowship. The recent Hurricane Matthew that hit Haiti and took the life of more than 1,000 Haitians has also brought much loss and destruction to the pastors and congregations that we are working with. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$3000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. CLC President Eichstadt has authorized a special offering to replenish the MDF after this unexpected need. A Board of Missions' visit to Haiti was already being planned before the hurricane and will now take place in late January or early February.

**Immanuel Lutheran Musical:** The fall musical for Immanuel Lutheran, "She Loves Me," will be performed both on November 11 and 12, 7:30 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7 pm and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7 pm. The movies "Shop Around the Corner" or "You've Got Mail," were based on the same play, "She Loves Me."

#### HYMN 242:1-3

"Father of heav'n, whose love profound A ransom for our souls hath found, Before Thy throne we sinners bend; To us Thy pardoning love extend.

"Almighty Son, Incarnate Word, Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord, Before Thy throne we sinners bend, To us Thy saving grace extend.

"Eternal Spirit, by whose breath The soul is raised from sin and death, Before Thy throne we sinners bend To us Thy quick'ning pow'r extend.