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## **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> 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: : Lord God, heavenly Father we thank and praise You for revealing Yourself to us as our Savior from sin and death, and that You have called us to faith through the truth of Your word. Preserve us in Your truth that our faith may always be founded on those gospel precepts presented through Your servant Martin Luther, that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Jesus' merits, the truth of Christ being found in Scripture alone. We praise You in our Savior's name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 258; 774; 264; 283

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 13:7-9

Doctrine is important. It remains constant. It is found in the teaching of Holy Scripture. Remember those who have gone before us and remained faithful to God's Word. Let us follow their example. The truth of Jesus Christ does not change even as Jesus does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. "Lord keep us steadfast in Your Word!"

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-23

Jesus came to Jerusalem to worship at the temple. What He found was outrageous as the temple courts were filled with people trying to make money off of people coming to worship. Jesus drove out the money changers and animal sales people. The truth of the temple and its sacrifices was to be found in Jesus who would be sacrificed for sin, and in three days rise again. This is the truth of Holy Scripture to this day. May we also believe the Scripture and the word which Jesus taught.

THE SERMON: 2 Chronicles 29:12-19

Theme: Reformation: Sanctifying the House of the Lord

- I. Able Servants of Reform
- II. Cleaning House
- III. Church Restored for True Worship

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow after the service.

**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.

NEXT SUNDAY: **Mission Festival Sunday!** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Pot luck dinner to follow mission presentation. *Sermon text: 2 Chronicles 15:3-9.* Pastor Emeritus Dan Fleishcher has agreed to serve as our guest speaker.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 24: Thanksgiving Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 30, Dec 7, 14: Midweek advent meditations. Soup and Sandwich super at 6:00 p.m. Meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve program at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30 a.m.

### 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. 23 Worship – 16 Sunday school – 0; Bible Class - 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$825.00	
Needed for Year:	\$48,510.00	
Received for Year:	\$38,451.92	

**CLC NEWS** Hurricane Relief for Haiti (MDF) – 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.

**ILC (High School) 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."

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1. Lord keep us steadfast in Thy Word;  
Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son  
And set at naught all He has done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee

3. O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.