



“Enter by  
the narrow gate ...  
For the gate is narrow  
and the way is hard,  
that leads to life ...”

-Matthew 7:13-14

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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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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

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HYMNS: 243; 371; 764; 800:2

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

As we live in this world we need to be careful not to get so caught up in the things of this world that we forget that all this is only temporary. We need to keep our minds set on Christ who is above, for our lives are hidden with Christ in God. Life is not all about the here and now, but about that which is to come when Christ appears and we also will appear with Him in glory.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:23-30

The question on the disciples minds, and on ours also is troubling, Are there few who are saved? God desires that all be saved, but the gate to eternal life is narrow. Only Jesus and His merits grant access to eternal life. Many who claim to know Christ will try to access life on other terms, such as the works **they** did in Jesus' name, or how often **they** went to church or **they** used Jesus' name in prayer. Even though they appear to be devout it will end badly for them. Faith in Jesus' perfect life and His sacrifice on the cross is the only way to gain eternal life.

THE SERMON: Haggai 2:1-9

Theme: Building the Lord's Glorious Temple

- I. Be Strong and Work for the Lord is with You
- II. The Lord Shakes Things Up
- III. The Lord Provides the Glory of Christ's Church

## CALENDAR

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sunday school and Church Council are scheduled to follow the service. *Sermon text: Revelation 21:1-8.*

### 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: Arnie Ottjes; Melvin Eichstadt; Leon Hellickson; Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 6 Worship – 21 Sunday school – 0; Bible Class - 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$925.00	Missions	\$230.00
Needed for Year:	\$50,820.00	Mission Devlp. Fund	\$ 75.00
Received for Year:	\$40,318.92		

Memorials: Lincoln Cole - Property Imprv. Fund \$50; Dorothy Johnson \$20.

CLC NEWS: Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called the Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI.

**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.