



*There will be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain.*

Revelation 21:4

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: 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. 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: 604; 613; 305; 313:2

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-24

We are not coming to God as a fearsome judge who shall deal with us with the full condemning force of the law. That would be taking us to Mount Sinai. We have been brought to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, to the gathering of those whose names are registered in heaven. We have come to the grace and hope of eternal salvation which is ours in the grace of Christ our Savior. He is our Mediator whose blood cries out to God for our justification.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:35-46

Jesus urges us to be ready and prepared for His coming at any time. No, we don't know the exact time of His return, any more than a homeowner knows when a thief will break into his house. So we need to be spiritually diligent, for Jesus is coming at an hour when we do not expect Him. Let us be faithful in those things the Lord has entrusted to us, so that we are not found in spiritual squalor.

THE SERMON: Revelation 21:1-8

Theme: The Glories of Eternal Salvation

- I. A New Heavens and a New Earth
- II. The New Jerusalem
- III. The Security of Knowing "It Is Done!"

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow after the service.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving worship at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: 1st Sunday in Advent. Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 24:37-44.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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 13 Worship – 22 Sunday school – 2; Bible Class - 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	1,112.00	Memorials:
Needed for Year:	50,820.00	Julie Chafee \$ 25.00
Received for Year:	40,318.92	

CLC NEWS: Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Timothy Wheaton, Pastor of Living Word Lutheran, Blue Springs (Kansas City area) MO.

CLC Missionary Call - Pastor Todd Ohlmann has accepted the call to become our CLC Visiting Missionary. Pastor Ohlmann will begin his service as CLC Missionary on January 1, 2017. We invite members of CLC congregations to attend a Commissioning service for Missionary Ohlmann at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.