



---

**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.

Pastor Theodore W. Barthels

Phone: 507-433-1957

Cell: 507-219-2517

Church Office:

Phone: 507-433-8191

Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

*Affiliated with*  
**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION**  
[stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com](http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com)  
[www.CLClutheran.org](http://www.CLClutheran.org)  
[www.ilc.edu/home.htm](http://www.ilc.edu/home.htm)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. 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: 466; 473; 314; 309

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 103:selected verses)

<sup>8</sup>The Lord *is* merciful and gracious,

**Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always strive *with us*,

**Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.**

<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

**Nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;**

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,

**So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

<sup>3</sup>**Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

*Glory be to the Father...*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord spoke very clearly through Moses concerning hatred, and bearing grudges, and seeking to get even with those who have sinned against us. We are not to take vengeance or bear any grudge, but we are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:38-48

In this portion of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus instructs us concerning our response to those who have sinned against us. We are to turn the other cheek. We are to love our enemies, do good to

those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us for Jesus' sake. We are not children of the world, but children of our Father in heaven, who loved us in spite of our sin, indeed He sent His Son to save us. He still allows the sun to shine or the evil as well as the good. He still sends rain on the unjust as well as the just. Let us be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.

THE SERMON: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Theme: Christ: the Only Sure Foundation for Faith and Life

- I. Building on this Sure Foundation
- II. You Are the Temple of God
- III. Do Not Deceive Yourself

### 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 the service.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Donna Cole is scheduled to serve as hostess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Transfiguration Sunday: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and church council follow the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 17:1-9.*

WEDNESDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>: Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lenten meditations begin. Suppers at 6:00; meditations at 7:00.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson Arnie Ottjes, Noe Ubl

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 12 worship – 25, Sunday school – 6 Bible class - 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1049.00	
Needed for Year:	\$8,085.00	
Received for Year:	\$5,802.00	

**Memorials:** Jim Bennett \$25.00, Virginia Janson \$25.00. Lincoln Cole (Prop. Imprv. Fund) \$50.00

CLC NEWS: Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX.