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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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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace in raising Jesus from the dead. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may strengthen us to rise to newness of life, and to the glory our Lord in eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 340; 360; 754; 313:3

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 119:89-93, 105)

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet

**And a light to my path.**

Forever, O Lord,

**Your word is settled in heaven.**

Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations;

**You established the earth, and it abides.**

They continue this day according to Your ordinances,

**For all *are* Your servants.**

Unless Your law *had been* my delight,

**I would then have perished in my affliction.**

I will never forget Your precepts,

**For by them You have given me life.**

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet

**And a light to my path.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

When Paul arrived in Athens he found that the Athenians were very religious, faithful in serving all their false gods who brought no hope. He told them about the unknown God, the One who had made all things and directed the course of human events, and sent His Son to be our Savior. He told them of Jesus who died for us and rose again. Paul is an example of faithfulness in testifying to the truth of the gospel to a world that loves its idols of gold and silver.

THE GOSPEL LESSN: John 14:15-21

Jesus encourages His disciples in faithfulness to Him. He encourages us to keep His commandments, which centers in believing in Him as Lord and Savior and loving Him and our neighbor. To this end Jesus promises to send His Spirit into our hearts. Only by the Spirit's power can we truly know Jesus, know His love for us, and love Him in return. Only by the Spirit's power can we even endeavor to keep His commandments and know the love of the Father.

THE SERMON: 1 Peter 3:15-22

Theme: Putting Jesus in His Place

- I. His Place as Lord in Our Hearts
- II. His Place in our Conversation
- III. His Place as Our Exalted Lord

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are entering summer recess. *Sermon text: Luke 24:44-53.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, June 4: Minnesota Delegate Conference Faith, New Ulm, MN.

June 13-15: CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball Joe Ubl Phil Egtvedt Leon Hellickson.

Cleaning: (Church cleaning month, no one family assigned)

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 14 worship – 25, Bible Class – 8 Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$916.00	
Needed for Year:	\$24,140.00	
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