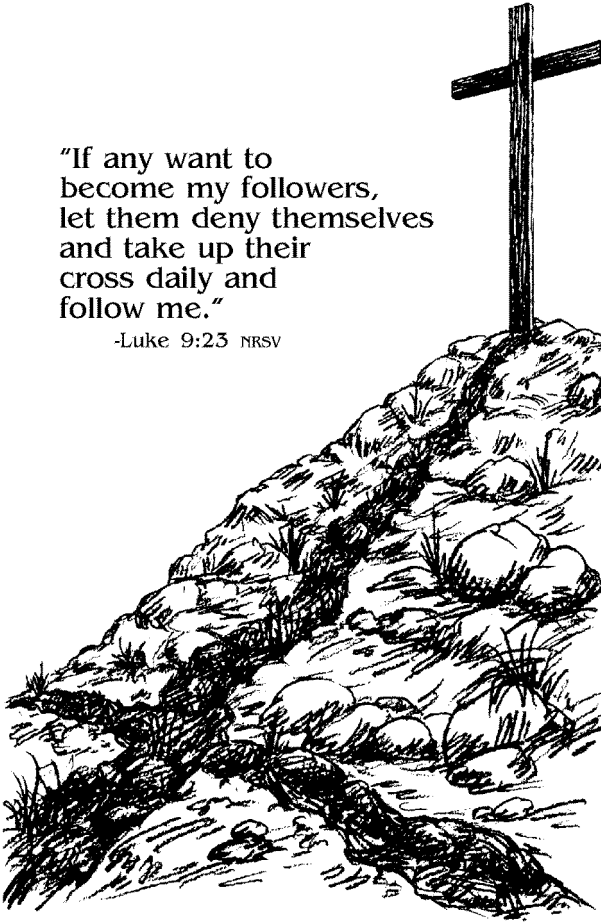


"If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their
cross daily and
follow me."

-Luke 9:23 NRSV



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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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Help me to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 21:1-3; 421; 307; 453:2

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 37:4-8,4 NKJV)

⁴ Delight yourself also in the Lord,

And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord,

Trust also in Him,

And He shall bring *it* to pass.

⁶ He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,

And your justice as the noonday.

⁷ Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;

Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,

Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

Delight yourself also in the Lord,

And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

By the mercies of God, and only by the mercies of God being present in our lives, is it possible for us to offer our lives as living sacrifices acceptable to God. We need to humble ourselves and think soberly, and according to the measure of faith God has given use our gifts for the good and blessing of God's Church on earth.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-26

Jesus spoke of the necessity of the cross that lay before Him in Jerusalem. Peter began to rebuke Jesus for thinking of such things, for which the Jesus sharply rebuked Peter. Jesus then explains that it is necessary for all who would follow Jesus to deny themselves, their desires, their righteousness, and take up his cross, suffering reproach for the sake of Jesus and His gospel.

THE SERMON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Theme: Faithfully Enduring Tribulation in Service to the Lord

I. Struggling with Enduring Reproach

II. God's Gracious Restoration

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow the service.

Delegate Conference in Sleepy Eye, MN beginning at 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY: Pastor will be leaving on vacation. Pastor Em. Paul Fleischer will be preaching in Pastor Barthels absence. Pastor David Baker will be covering any emergencies. (651) 327- 3167.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. *Sermon text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-10.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 18 –OCTOBER 4: Pastor on vacation. Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer has agreed to preach in Pastor Barthels' absence. In case of emergencies contact Pastor David Baker in Red Wing. (651) 327- 3167.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: Mission festival Sunday! Pastor Fleischer will present a mission message and a pot luck will follow after Bible class.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Phil Egtvedt

September Cleaning – Nelson September Lawn Mowing: Joe Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 10 worship – 15 Sunday school – 1 Bible Class - 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$755.00	Memorial: Samantha Barthels
Needed for Year:	\$44,659.00	Kinship. \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$35,657.00	

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL, has accepted the call to St. Luke’s Lutheran, Lemmon SD.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION
GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

*“For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ,
not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.”*

Philippians 1:29

We need to have a definition of what “taking up one’s cross” is. “Taking up one’s cross” is willingly taking on and bearing the hatred of the devil, the world, the flesh, sin, death, etc., for the sake of the Word and faith. Here there is no need to choose the cross. Just begin with the first part of (this) life and deny yourself, that is, denounce the righteousness of your works and confess the righteousness of faith, and the second part will straightaway be present, that is, the cross, which you are then to accept, just as Christ accepted His own. But since the hypocrites condemn the first part and defend their own righteousness, they not only do not take the cross upon themselves, but they even become the crucifiers and killers of the godly – those who are bearing the cross.” (Annotations on Matthew Luther’s Works 67:293 as cited in 365 Devotional Readings with Martin Luther Day by Day [August 31], Concordia Publishing House)