

**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: 10:45 a.m.

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Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRAYER</u>: Lord God, heavenly Father we thank and praise You for revealing Yourself to us as our Savior from sin and death, and that You have called us to faith through the truth of Your Word. Preserve us in Your truth that our faith may always be founded on those gospel precepts presented through Your servant Martin Luther, that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Jesus' merits, the truth of Christ being found in Scripture alone. We praise You in our Savior's name. Amen.

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 23; 778; 373:1-5; 377:10

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 46:1-7 NKJV)

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> Though its waters roar and be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,

The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

<sup>6</sup>The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;

He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts *is* with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge. .

Glory be to the Father...

### THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

This prophecy of Revelation assures us that the gospel will not be silenced in this world. Remembering that the word "angel" is the same as the word "messenger" we can see how Martin Luther and other devout men and women at the time of the Reformation served as a fulfillment of this gracious prophecy of proclaiming the everlasting gospel to all people throughout the world.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against the scribes and Pharisees who would burden people's consciences with requirements of the law, failing to assure them of forgiveness by grace. This same error is all too common in American religions in our day. Many fail to even understand the difference between law and gospel, and only instruct people in how they are to live and what they are to do to serve the Lord. We can only serve the Lord after the gospel, what the Lord has done for us, refreshes our hearts and empowers our lives.

### THE SERMON: Galatians 5:1-6

**Theme**: We Are Saved by Grace through Faith

I. Saved Not by Works of the Law, but Grace Alone.

II. Righteousness Is Credited to Us through Faith Alone.

### CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service.

MONDAY: Study club in Mankato.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15 p.m.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 25:31-46*.

#### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 29 Worship - 27 Sunday school - 4, Bible Class - 11			
Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$1250.00	ILC Building Fund	\$40.00
Needed for Year:	\$53,108.00		
Received for Year:	\$42,854.00		

#### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Arnie Ottjes, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson, Phil Egtvedt <u>November Cleaning</u> – Barthels

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: President Eichstadt has declared fellowship with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu and Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church in Paynesville, Liberia. **Reformation Seminars in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye -** This Saturday, November 11, our sister congregations in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye will host two identical Reformation Seminars, the first at Faith in New Ulm (10am) and then at Grace, Sleepy Eye (3pm).

There will be two presentations:

• Former CLC President John Schierenbeck will explain Martin Luther's 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences, their significance and impact on Christianity, both then and today.

• Pastor Nathanael Mayhew will present the Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms. He will point out the relationship between the secular and spiritual kingdoms and how Christians are to be in the world, but not of the world.

#### 500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION GEMS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

(Concerning the nature and substance of the Reformation) "The papists boast that they are the church, that they have the authority of a council, and they will reform everything; yet they have no knowledge whatever of Holy Scripture and are worse than the Sadducees, who at least were outwardly somewhat righteous. But these men ... want to reform the church with external ceremonies and morals. However, if the doctrine has not been reformed, it is futile to undertake the reformation of morals; for superstition and feigned holiness cannot be recognized except by the Word and faith." (What Luther Says; Vol III #3787, Concordia Publishing House)