

With joy
you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

-Isaiah 12:3



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: 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. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. May Your Spirit strengthen my faith that I might grow in grace 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: 224; 776; 310; 309

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Ps., NKJV)

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

Give ear to my supplications!

In Your faithfulness answer me,

And in Your righteousness.

² Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

^{8a} Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,

For in You do I trust;

¹¹ Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!

For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 7:10-15

Amaziah, the king's chosen false prophet, attempted to discredit Amos, the prophet of God. He told Amos to go away, to stop saying what he was saying. It doesn't work that way, for Amos didn't speak on his own; he was sent by the Lord. It was the Lord who told Amos, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." So yet today those who are called by God are bound to speak the Word of the Lord as the Lord directs.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sent out the twelve with His authority to deliver His message of repentance. Those who received their message would support them. As for those who rejected the Word, the disciples were to shake the dust off their feet, and carry on. Those who rejected the Word would answer to the Lord.

THE SERMON: Ephesians 1:3-14

Theme: Predestination: Seeing Your Life from God’s Perspective

- I. God Chose You to be His Own
- II. Jesus Redeemed You to God
- III. The Holy Spirit Insures Your Eternal Salvation

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon Text: Mark 6:7-13

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, August 4th: Vacation Bible School. Hopefully the date when the children of the congregation will come to church for a fun-filled day centered around God’s Word, music, crafts and Christian friendship. Only one day from 9:30 – 2:30. Time may be adjusted closer to the selected date. If you have another suggested day you will participate, talk to Pastor!

Sunday, August 5th: Church Picnic. It would be very nice to have a picnic and some fun games with those who participated in our one day Vacation Bible School. Picnic and games to follow the service.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 8 Worship – 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,100.00	

Needed for Year:	\$30,524.00
Received for Year:	\$27,585.00

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Ken Nickson. Arnie Ottjes Joe Ubl

July Cleaning - Ubl. July Lawn mowing – Katie Barthels

CLC NEWS: **CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa** –23 Mission helpers are now in Nairobi, Kenya, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and Lusaka, Zambia. They will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Christ alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-East Africa. You can follow the trip at: <https://2018clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/>.