



“... But who do **YOU** say that I am?”

Mark 8:29

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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, 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 and confess my sin. 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.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE:** p. 15

**HYMNS:** 225; 398; 755; 309

**THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT:** (Ps. 31:14-16, 24 NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord;

**I say, "You are my God."**

<sup>15</sup> My times *are* in Your hand;

Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,

**And from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Make Your face shine upon Your servant;

**Save me for Your mercies' sake.**

<sup>24</sup> Be of good courage,

And He shall strengthen your heart,

**All you who hope in the Lord.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

**THE EPISTLE LESSON:** James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

James warns us not to hold the faith of our Lord Jesus with partiality, that we favor those who are "the right kind of people," and shun or neglect those who are perceived to be less desirable. It is not enough to talk love; we are to reveal our love for Jesus in our loving behavior towards our fellow man.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 8:27-35

Peter was correct in his confession: Jesus is the Christ, but what does that entail? Jesus would have all understand that as the Christ, Jesus had to suffer, and be killed and rise again! Peter rebuked Jesus, not liking that image of the Christ. Peter was reprimanded by Jesus for Peter was allowing the things of this life to reshape his view of what the Christ should be, rather than understanding the will of God for our salvation.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 50:4-10

Theme: Faith Lays Hold of the Obedience of Christ

- I. Obedience to the will of the Lord for our Salvation
- II. Obedience Built upon a Firm Trust in the Lord
- III. Obedience that Leads Us from Darkness to Light

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 are scheduled to follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Sermon Text: James 3:13-18.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 29: Fall clean-up day at church from 9:00 – noon.

November 4: Joint Reformation service at Berea, Inver Grove Heights, beginning at 4:00 with fellowship meal to follow.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Sept. 9 Worship – 16, Bible Class 11, Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other offerings
Offerings Received	\$ 845.00	
Needed for Year:	\$41,513.00	
Received for Year:	\$35495.00	

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels,

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Randy Berg

September cleaning: Hellickson

September lawn mowing – Joe Ubl

**CLC NEWS:** Resurrection Lutheran, Calgary, Alberta Canada, has called the Rev. Douglas Priestap to serve as their pastor on a part-time basis to be shared with his present charge, Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL. <> Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. James Albrecht, pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN. <> Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes MI, and Rock of Ages Lutheran, Byron Center MI.

INVITATION: You are invited to attend the **installation of Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer** as pastor of Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. on **October 21 at 4p**. A lunch will follow.

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