

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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Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRAYER:</u> Heavenly Father, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. Sins are evident in our lives day after day. We confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (38:1-3)

HYMNS: 233; 798; 370; 413:5,6

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Ps. 130:1,2; Ps.131 NKJV) ^{130:1,2} Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; ² Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. ^{131:1} Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. ² Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child *is* my soul within me. ³ O Israel, hope in the Lord From this time forth and forever. *Glory be to the Father*...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

Jesus was designated by God the Father to be our High Priest forever. Even as Jesus offered up prayers to God that He might be delivered from death, so Jesus now at the right hand of God offers up prayers to God on our behalf, and is heard. He is the author of eternal salvation for all who believe. He is our hope and deliverance from every evil.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:46-52

Blind Bartimaeus lived a desperate existence. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he knew that Jesus as the Son of David was his hope for deliverance and persisted in calling out to Jesus until his prayer was answered. May we also know Jesus as our hope and deliverance from sin and every evil, that we also may follow Jesus on the road to heaven!

THE SERMON: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Theme: The Christian's Hope Living in a World Doomed to Destruction I. Joyous Hope in the Face of Great Distress

II. The Promised Gathering of God's People

III. The Calm Assurance of Living Under the Lord's Guidance

CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Following Bible class we will have a pot-luck luncheon. Voter's meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15 p.m. – 6:00. p.m.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: **Daylight Saving Time ends.** "Fall back," turn your clocks back one hour when going to bed Saturday night.

Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Text: Revelation 14:6-7.

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

OPEN HOUSE: The family of Norman Schwartz invite the congregation members to join them for an observance of Norm's 95th birthday at the Village Cooperative located behind Walmart from 1-3 next Sunday afternoon.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>November 11</u>: Mission Festival Sunday. Special Mission presentation during Bible class with a pot-luck meal following after. **Professor emeritus John Pfeiffer** has had to withdraw due to health concerns.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 21 Worship – 26, Sunday school – 2 Bible class - 6

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$ 862.00	
Needed for Year:	\$48,839.00	
Received for Year:	\$42,068.00	

SERVING TODAY

<u>Organist:</u> Denise Barthels, <u>Ushers:</u> Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Randy Berg <u>October cleaning</u>: Nelson <u>October lawn mowing</u> – Joe Ubl

CLC NEWS:

Reformation: The Minnesota Area Joint Reformation Festival will be held at 4 pm on November 4 at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. The theme will be "The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is Over. Now What?" Our guest speaker will be Pastor Doug Libby and the liturgist will be newly-installed Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer. A fellowship luncheon will be served following the service. Members are invited to sing with the joint choir which will be singing "Christ is Our Cornerstone" with a rehearsal at 3 pm. The children from our congregations are invited to sing "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less." Please contact Cathy Augustin (<u>cvaugustin16@gmail.com/651-307-8492</u>) for any needed music. We hope that many will be able to join us in celebrating God's grace and our Biblical Lutheran heritage in these last days.