

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

____Hebrews 12:2 ____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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<u>September 8, 2019</u> 13th <u>Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>PRAYER</u>: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (798:1, 2, 4)

HYMNS: 2; 409; 410; 413:6

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 119:81-82,85-88 NKIV)

81 My soul faints for Your salvation,

But I hope in Your word.

82 My eyes fail from searching Your word,

Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

85 The proud have dug pits for me,

Which is not according to Your law.

⁸⁶ All Your commandments *are* faithful:

They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!

⁸⁷ They almost made an end of me on earth.

But I did not forsake Your precepts.

⁸⁸ Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,

So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Faithfulness to the Lord begins with faithfulness to His Word. The Lord is against those who put words in the Lord's mouth, preachers, or others who say what they think or what others want to hear and then claim that it is God's truth. Such lies lead people away from the Lord and the truth that saves. "What is the chaff to the wheat? Says the Lord." (v.28)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-13

We read of the faithfulness of all those who have gone before us, and endured persecution and shame for the sake of the gospel. This encourages us to follow their example and keep on September 8, 2019 13th Sunday after Pentecost looking to Jesus remembering how He suffered for us. Let us remember all Jesus has done for us and our salvation that we do not become discouraged in striving against sin. Through our sufferings God strengthens our faith.

THE SERMON: Luke 12:49-53

Theme: Embracing the Distress of Faithfulness

I. As Jesus Did in Bringing Us Salvation

II. As We Gladly Do as His Disciples

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

MONDAY: Minnesota Pastors workshop meets in Eagan beginning at 9:00. Pastor should be back home at about 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: Elders Meeting as 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism from 4:00-5:30

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and church council follow the service. Sermon text: Isaiah 66:18-24.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6: **Mission Festival** – Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck is scheduled to be our guest speaker

October 27: Quarterly Voters meeting to begin at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Kwentin Stearns Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Randy

Berg

September Cleaning: Barthels

September Lawn Mowing: NEED A VOLUNTEER

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 25 worship - 27

Weekly Offerings	\$	Other offerings:
Needed	1,252.00	_
Offerings Received	\$730.00	
Needed for Year:	\$45,073.0	

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Received for Year:	\$35,381.0
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<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor Del Maas of Mapleton, ND has declined the call extended to him by Trinity Lutheran Church of Spokane, WA.

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(Proverbs 21:2-3)

² Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.

³ To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.