

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>PRESERVICE 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. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now outpoured On each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men unite Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;

This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine, Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine! Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight. From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be That we in living faith abide,

In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true, Grant us the will Thy work to do And in Thy service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside. Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart And to our weakness strength impart That bravely here we may contend, Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: ² "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." ³ Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. ⁴ And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel! ⁷ The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy *it*, ⁸ if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. ⁹ And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*, ¹⁰ if it does evil in My

sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

¹¹ "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good." '" (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 260: 1-4: O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold

1. O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, and let Thy pity waken How few are we within Thy fold, Thy saints by men forsaken! True faith seems quenched on every hand, Men suffer not Thy Word to stand: Dark times have us o'ertaken.

2. With fraud which they themselves invent

Thy truth they have confounded;

Their hearts are not with one consent On Thy pure doctrine grounded. While they parade with outward show,

They lead the people to and fro, In error's maze astounded.

3. May God root out all heresy And of false teachers rid us

Who proudly say: "Now where is he That shall our speech forbid us? By right or might we shall prevail:

What we determine cannot fail; We own no lord and master."

4. Therefore saith God, "I must arise, The poor My help are needing; To Me ascend My people's cries, And I have heard their pleading. For them My saving Word shall fight And fearlessly and sharply smite, The poor with might defending."

THE SERMON: Mark 13:5-11

Theme: Following Luther's Example of Perseverance

- I. Against the Deception of False Doctrine
- II. Against the Troubles in this World
- III. In the Face of Persecution and Intimidation

SERMON TEXT: Mark 13:5-11

And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and will deceive many. ⁷ But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

⁹ "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 261:

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done. 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone; Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

BENEDICTION C: Amen.

HYMN262: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe: Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this?-- Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God, He holds the field forever.

3 Tho' devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill, They cannot overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;, He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won: The Kingdom ours remaineth.

CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: Sunday school and Bible Class follow after the service this morning. We finish viewing a video featuring Dr. David Menton entitled The Evolution of Darwin. **Catechism class follows at 11:30 until 12:30.**

MINNESOTA AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL – You are invited to attend a Reformation Festival Service at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN on *Sunday, October 31 at 4pm*. A meal after the service will be provided by the Ladies of Berea. Pastors Luke Willitz and John Schnose will be conducting the service. Our service will be streamed live and archived on Berea's YouTube page www.YouTube.com/c/BereaLutheranChurch.

THURSDAY: 9:00 -2:30 Pastor Study meeting in Red Wing.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service Catechism follows at 11:30-12:30. Also Sermon text: Malachi 4:1-2

<u>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21</u>: **MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY**: Pastor Luke Willitz will serve as our guest speaker. A mission presentation and pot luck meal will follow after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 24 worship – 24 Sunday school - 4 Bible Class - 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1270.00	
Needed for Year:	\$55,255.00	
Received for Year:	\$49,155.00	

November Church Cleaning - Barthels November Lawn Mowing – Valerie Barthels <u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, *has declined* the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, *has received* the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, *has received* the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD

FALL MISSION WEBINAR The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/