

Your **WORD**  
is a  
**LAMP**  
to my  
feet  
and a  
**LIGHT**  
to my path.  
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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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PRE-SERVICE 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. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to receive Jesus' body and blood, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and power to live to Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 235:1-3; 352; 306:1-5; 309

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 8:20-22

To the Word and to the Testimony!" this is the cry of the prophet exhorting the people to turn to the Word of God to find the truth of God, pleading with people to hear and believe the Word for it is truth and it is light. But even as they refused to hear the Word in the days of Isaiah, so also today, so many close their ears to the truth of God's Word, and what they find as a result is darkness!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-22

The word of the prophet Isaiah declares the glory of Christ. So Jesus in the synagogues of Nazareth read to the people of His mission of grace and salvation that they might know the acceptable year of the Lord. But they would not listen. May the spirit of God open our hearts to believe all that the Scriptures reveal that we might know the Lord's glory and the salvation that is ours through faith in Him.

THE SERMON: Romans 10:1-12

Theme: Drawing Near to Christ

I. Not through the Righteousness of the Law

II. Not by Heroic Spiritual Experience

III. Through the Revelation of God's Word

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the most tremendous spiritual tranquilizer there is. It brings us spiritual tranquility despite our sins, and lets us face our Maker

peacefully. Unfortunately, some people are already so tranquil they are practically spiritually asleep, as 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 says. The church is not doing people a favor if it serves communion to anyone who wants it, any more than a doctor would be by handing out Valium to anyone who asked for it. Used incorrectly, Valium may put you to sleep - permanently! So may communion put one to sleep spiritually- if used improperly. That is one reason our church practices “close communion,” taking care that those who participate in the Lord’s Supper are properly prepared to do so.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible Class will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class in Lake Mills at 4:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with installation of church officers at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. A pot luck lunch will follow after Bible class at 11:30. The annual voters meeting begins at 12:30. Sermon text: Matthew 11:25-30.

## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Nelson

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 12 Worship – 33, No Bible class. Sunday school – 4

**Jan 12, 2014**

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,058.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	1,027.00		
Needed for Year:	2,090.00		
Received for Year:	1,630.00		

**Gift of Appreciation:** It is that time of year when we gather a gratuity for those who have provided us with music for our services in the past year. The offering basket by the mail box table is designated for that purpose and gifts will be received through the remainder of the month.

CLC NEWS: Pastor George Dumann of Faulkton, SD has accepted the call to Salem Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, MN.

**CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** the church's annual report will be finished this week, including the cleaning schedule for 2104. If you have been on the list you will be again unless you asked to be left off. However the list has gotten a little short over the past couple of years. Please consider adding your name to the list. In 2013 volunteers cleaned four times during the year.