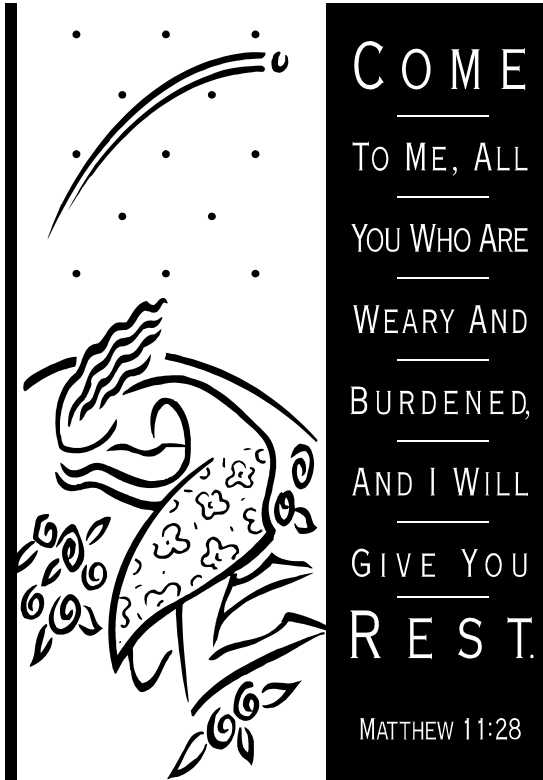


January 26, 2014

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 6, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus, that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (26:1-3)

HYMNS: 351; 364; 421; 50

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 24:10-17

The mighty of this world think that with their power and their authority, and their money they can defeat God and His truth. Balaak couldn't make the prophet Balaam speak against the people under God's blessing and protection. Indeed Balaam could only speak that which the Lord commanded, which was a blessing relating to the coming Savior who would rule the world. This remains true today. It matters very little what the wise and powerful of this world declare, God's Word, God's will and God's blessing upon His people shall stand forever.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:1-5

God, through Christ, declares us holy and innocent before Him. We then have access to God by this grace. When tribulation and persecution come upon us in life we realize and treasure this grace as we open our hearts before the Lord. This perseverance in faith, this exercise of faith, build's Christian character, and that produces hope, the hope of everlasting life we have with God in Christ. This is not an empty and false hope, but a hope that brings us to God in heaven and the bliss and glory that awaits us there.

THE SERMON: Matthew 11:25-30

Theme: Come to Jesus --

I. If you would Know God

II. If You would Find Rest for Your Souls

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible class follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class in Lake Mills at 4:30. Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Hostess: Deb Berg

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with installation of church officers at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. A potluck lunch will follow after Bible class at 11:30. The annual voters' meeting begins at 12:30. Sermon Text: Isaiah 51:1-12

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5th: Ash Wednesday

March 28- 30: **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** at the Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona, MN, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 19 Worship – 31, Bible class -14. Sunday school – 4

Jan 19, 2014

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,058.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	785.00		
Needed for Year:	3,135.00		
Received for Year:	2,415.00		

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.

TOUR CHOIR INVITATION? This year the tour route for Immanuel Lutheran College choir goes right through Austin. We therefore have the opportunity to invite the choir to present a concert here at St. Paul's on **Saturday March 15th, at 1:00 p.m.** This would involve feeding the choir lunch and refreshments after the concert. They will need to be on the road by 2:30 p.m. to make the long drive to Kansas City, MO. This matter will be discussed/decided at today's voters' meeting.