



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 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father as we once again celebrate Your Son's incarnation and birth, lead us to find our comfort and joy in knowing that Jesus came to be our Savior. Help us remember always that it was His sacrifice upon the cross that purchased our peace. As we this day receive His body and blood in the Blessed Sacrament, we ask that Your Spirit might bless us and increase our faith, that we may grow in grace and in the assurance of everlasting life that is ours in Christ Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 68; 59; 62; 95:7

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 2:2-5

Isaiah's foretells the coming of the Lord and how His coming would reveal the glory and majesty of the Lord. Many will come from all the nations to learn of the ways of the Lord, to see His justice and to learn of His peace. So the Spirit has called us to come to the mountain of the Lord, that we might have forgiveness and life in Christ. Even as we possess peace with God through Christ, so we also watch for the Lord's coming and the eternal peace that He will bring. "Come let us walk in the light of the Lord."

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

We are reminded that "not many" of the wise or powerful or noble of this world are found among those who are saved. The mighty of the world are more often found among those who are humbled by God, who are put to shame by the foolishness of the gospel. God has chosen the weak and the common and those things the world despises, these God has chosen for His grace and salvation, "that no flesh should glory in His sight."

THE SERMON: Luke 1:46-55

Theme: Mary Leads Us in Magnifying the Lord:

- I. For Personal Grace
- II. For Exalting Grace

December 21, 2014

4th Sunday in Advent

III. For His Faithfulness with His People

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Christmas Program Practice and Bible Class follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: **Christmas Eve** Children’s service begins at **6:00** p.m.

THURSDAY: **Christmas Festival worship at 9:30 a.m.**

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 Sunday school and Bible Class will be in Christmas break. Sermon text: Micah 5:1-3.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 31: New Year’s Eve worship at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Teresa Glocke

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Ken Nickson

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Dec. 14 Worship 28 Sunday school 5; Bible Class -9,
Midweek Advent Dec. 17 - 17

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	1093.00	ILC Student Aid - \$15.00
Needed for Year:	53,300.00	
Received for Year:	45,855.00	

To date Christmas bag donations total \$25.00

CLC NEWS: Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX.

Immanuel Positions: Immanuel Lutheran College is hiring a new

dormitory supervisor for our female students and a new food services manager/head cook. Job descriptions are available from your pastor. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu / 715.836.6620) prior to the deadline on January 11, 2015.

AT THE HOSPITAL:

Hazel Egtvedt is recovering at home from heart valve surgery she underwent on Friday December 12.

Samantha Barthels is back at her temporary rental home in Rochester making daily outpatient visits to Methodist Hospital. Her parents continue to take turns serving as Samantha's care givers during this critical stage in her treatment. Pastor will be in Rochester from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon each week. Pastor can always be reached on his cell phone. Updates on Samantha's condition can be found on caringbridge.org/visit/samanthabarthels

Please remember both Hazel and Samantha in your prayers.

CALENDARS: Our 2015 congregation calendars have arrived (courtesy of Worlein Funeral Home). Please feel free to take what you can use or even one for a friend. We have a good supply and it would be good to see them in people's homes.

CHRISTMAS BAG DONATIONS: Donations towards the cost of our traditional Christmas Eve bags containing candy and peanuts and fruit is now being received in the basket by the mailbox table in the narthex. Your support is appreciated.

PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL: Please note that Charter has changed the public access channel from channel 6 to channel 181. Our services should now be available on at 7:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays, on cable channel 181.