



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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PRAYER: Oh Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; O Lord, we pray, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by His birth in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, and our precious Savior. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 22 in supplement

HYMNS: 136; 127; 128; 98:2,5

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-9

The Lord describes His Servant whom He would send into the world, in whom the Lord would be glorified. Then the Lord declares an amazing thing: saving one people was too small a thing for so great a Savior. He is declared to be a light to the Gentiles so the Lord's salvation might be known to the ends of the earth. Kings and princes would bow before Him. The Lord God would work through this Savior to bring His covenant of peace to all the earth.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

This familiar scripture tells us of the coming of the wise men from the East searching for Him who was born King of the Jews. These gentiles, men of high position, came from afar guided by the star to worship the infant Jesus and offer Him precious gifts. So we also, by the grace and guidance of the Lord, have come to worship Jesus as our King, as our Redeemer from sin and death. May we offer Him gifts from our hearts, and honor and obey Him in all our ways.

THE SERMON: 1 John 3:1-6

Theme: The Glory of the Lord Revealed in Our Salvation

- I. In Our Adoption
- II. In Our Eternal Glory
- III. In Our Sanctification

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Christmas un-decorating follow the service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 Sunday school will follow the service. Sunday school and Bible class . Sermon text: John 1:36-51.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18: Council meets in preparation for annual voters' meeting.

January 25: Annual voters' meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. (A pot luck dinner will follow Bible Class.)

SERVING TODAY

Pianist: Erica Barthels

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

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Dec. 28 Worship 18 no Sunday school or Bible Class,
(Holiday break) New Year's Eve – 9

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	1,227.00	Missions - \$10.00
Needed for Year:	54,380.00	
Received for Year:	50,984.00	

Christmas bag donations total \$106.00

CLC NEWS: Pastor Frank Gantt of Lemmon, SD has declined the call to Resurrection Lutheran church of Corpus Christi, 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.

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.

Time to Volunteer: In the next couple of weeks the Pastor and Church Council will be finalizing committees and volunteers for the coming weeks. We need men to serve on the ushering teams, we need families to volunteer for church cleaning, and we need individuals, men or women, who would be willing to serve on the offering counting teams. In the past we have appointed only men to serve on these teams, but it is an area where both men and women can serve the Lord and His church. If you would be willing to serve in one of these capacities please indicate your interest to the pastor.

Organist gratuity: During the past year several individuals have stepped forward to serve us by enhancing our worship with their musical abilities. They receive no compensation from the congregation for their hours of practice and serving us in this way. For the month of January a designated basket will be placed in the narthex for us to gather a gratuity to express our appreciation for their dedicated service.