



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 Worship Supplement

HYMNS: 351; 360; 352; 644

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The terms commandments, statutes and judgments all sound harsh and legal to us, but God's justice is tempered by His grace which comes to us in Christ, who is revealed to us in His inspired Word. We are to remain diligent in searching the Scriptures and teaching them to our children that we may know the truth of God that brings us salvation. There is only one true God. It is the Lord, the covenant God who is the God of our salvation. We need to serve the Lord with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our strength, for He is our life.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:12-21

There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile. "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (v.13). However, people cannot believe and worship a God they do not know. The need continues for the message to go out to the ends of the earth! Faith comes by hearing, and not simply hearing what somebody else thinks might be true, but by hearing the Word of God. Only God's Word reveals the saving truth of Jesus as our Savior from sin and death.

THE SERMON: John 1:36-51

Theme: Proclaiming Jesus' True Identity

I. The Lamb of God

January 11, 2015

1st Sunday Epiphany

II. The One of Whom the Prophets Wrote

III. The Son of God and King of Israel

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school church council follow the service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Holy Communion. Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service. Sermon text: Isaiah 8:20-22.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

SERVING TODAY

Pianist:

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

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 4 Worship 13 no Sunday school or Bible Class,

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	636.00	
Needed for Year:	1,080.00	
Received for Year:	636.00	

New Year's Eve offering total - \$438.00 total budgetary receipts for 2014 \$51,422. Budget goal for 2014 was \$56,540.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA. <> Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX, has called the Rev. Vance Fossum, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia, SC.

CALENDARS: We still have good supply of 2015 congregation calendars. Please, if you know anyone who could use a calendar feel free to take one for a friend. It is a good way to get our congregation name in other people's homes. When they need spiritual help we can bring them truth of Christ.

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 may 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.