



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 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 Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, strengthen my faith by Your Spirit that I might grow in Your grace and power and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p 15

HYMNS: 296; 297; 307; 309

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:1-12

Paul earnest desire for his fellow Jews was that they be saved. However most of them held fast to the law for righteousness and refused to submit the righteousness of God. We also should be zealous for the salvation of our fellow Americans. We may also see people in America clinging to their own attempts to live a good life as their righteousness and hope of heaven, refusing to submit to the gospel of grace. Proclaim Christ's righteousness with the prayer that the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of all who hear.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-22

Jesus returned to His hometown to proclaim the gospel, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Jesus came to His own people and they refused to believe because they saw Him to be simply Joseph's son, and why should they listen to someone no greater than themselves? Let us not be looking for the wise or powerful of this world to lead us into truth and life, but rather let us humbly hear the Word of the Lord.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 8:16-22

Theme: Finding Hope and Direction for the Future

- I. The Security of the God's Testimony
- II. Futility of Worldly Wisdom
- III. Dispelling Despair

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. Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. 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: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. A pot luck lunch will follow after Bible class and the annual voters' meeting is scheduled to follow the potluck starting at 12:30 p.m. Please note that we will be considering changes to the Constitution by-laws concerning the position of financial recording secretary and wording for scheduling of service times. Next Sunday's Sermon text: Romans 5:1-5

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

February 18th: Ash Wednesday. Midweek Lenten services begin.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Teresa Glocke

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

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 11 Worship 24 Sunday school-3

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	681.00	Missions -
Needed for Year:	2160.00	
Received for Year:	1317.00	

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI.

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. Throughout 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.

Thanks: The Barthels family would like to express their appreciation for all the expressions of Christian love and encouraging words that accompanied the many Christmas gifts and greetings they received during this past holiday season. Your love and support during this time has been a blessing that will be long remembered and for which we thank the Lord. Thank you for your continued kindness, concern, and your continued prayers. May the Lord bless you for your Christian love.