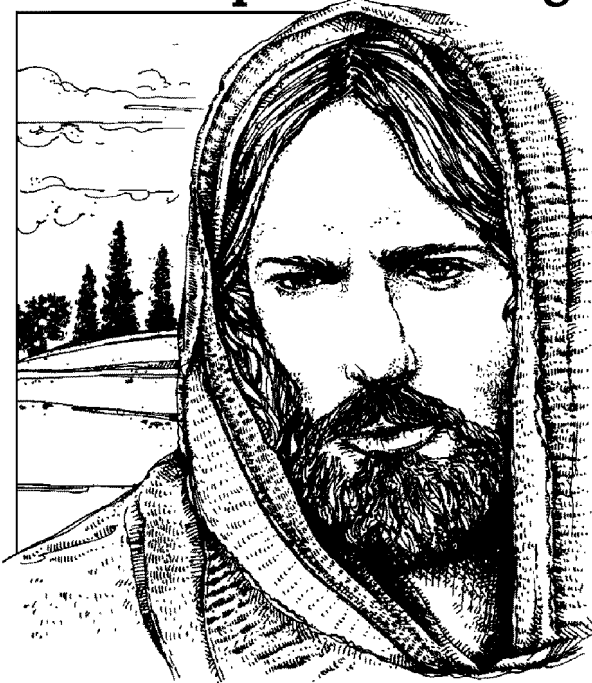


November 29, 2015

First Sunday in Advent

I am the Alpha & the Omega,



the beginning & the end.  
R e v e l a t i o n 2 1 : 6

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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in this Advent season it is time once again to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that as we hear Your Word the Spirit may work in our hearts that we may come before You in true repentance, confessing our sin, and trusting in Jesus for full and free forgiveness. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, ready our hearts for His return that we may live before you for all eternity, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (6)

HYMNS: 55; 65; 56; 377:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's coming to bring us good tidings, healing and liberty. Jesus coming was the acceptable year of the LORD, the time when the Lord would avenge the sufferings of His people and comfort them. He would replace the ashes of mourning with beauty, and the spirit of heaviness that is upon us because of our sin with a garment of praise because our Savior has come!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:68-79

These words of Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist, reveal the wonder of God's grace in the fulfilment of His covenant promise which the Lord swore to the patriarchs. By the Savior's coming we are delivered from the hand of our enemies that we might serve Him without fear. We receive the knowledge of salvation not by works of the law, but by the remission of our sins. He gives us light and guides us in the way of peace.

THE SERMON: Revelation 1:4-8

Theme: The Lord Who Is to Come!

- I. Who He Is
- II. What He Has Done
- III. What He Shall Do upon His Return

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible Class will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Advent meditations begin Soup and Sandwich supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m. and our Advent meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us as we prepare our hearts for our Savior's coming and celebrate the miracle of His birth. The theme for our midweek meditations this year is "Advent Readiness." Our first meditation's theme is "Watch!" Sermon text: Matthew 24:42-44.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with **Christmas Program Practice and church Christmas decorating and pot luck fellowship** following the service. Please bring old Christmas cards to decorate the gift bags. Sermon text: Luke 17:20-30

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 9,16: **Midweek Advent Services** at 7:00. Soup and sandwich suppers at 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service (Children's Program) at 6:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Service at 9:30 a.m.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Ubl

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 22 Worship – 24 Sunday school – 2

Thanksgiving worship – 29

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,142.00 | Other Offerings: |
| Offerings Received      | \$ 717.00   |                  |
| Needed for Year:        | \$53,674.00 |                  |
| Received for Year:      | \$41,000.00 |                  |

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Gurath of Phoenix, Arizona has declined the call to Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Washington. (Pastor Robert List is retiring.)

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steve Sippert expires June 30, 2016. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2016. Nominations must be written or E-mailed no later than midnight January 5, 2016 to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: [cryan@page1printers.com](mailto:cryan@page1printers.com).

MAINTENANCE POSITION AT ILC With the retirement of Ron Porath at the end of March, Immanuel Lutheran College will have a vacancy in the position of a full-time maintenance man. Interested applicants may direct inquiries about the position, applications, and resumes to ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert ([steve.sippert@ilc.edu](mailto:steve.sippert@ilc.edu) or 715-836-6620). The deadline for applications is January 10.

### **Hymn 6 Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above**

Kyrie, God Father in heaven above  
Great art Thou in faith and love,  
Of all things the Maker and Preserver.  
Eleison, eleison!

Kyrie, O Christ, our King,  
Salvation for sinners thou dost bring.  
O Lord Jesus God's own Son,  
Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,  
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.  
Eleison, eleison!

Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost,  
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;  
Do Thou our last hour bless;  
Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.  
Eleison, eleison!