



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: Heavenly Father as we once again celebrate Your Son's birth, lead us to find our comfort and joy in knowing that Jesus came to be our Savior. Help us remember always His sacrifice upon the cross that purchased our peace. Grant that Your Spirit bless us and increase our faith, that we may grow in grace and in the assurance of eternal life that is ours in Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (105:1,2,8)

HYMNS: 126; 127; 106; 129

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-6

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we, (the sinners of the gentile nations) should be included with those who are called children of God. What lies ahead for us is even greater glory for in God's grace we shall be made like Him when we see Him as He is! Faith's response to this grace is that we shun sin in our lives, for we abide in Him!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men from the East were guided and directed by the Lord, using this special star so that they would come and worship their new born King. The significance of this event for us is great indeed, for these were the first of the gentiles that would come by God's guidance to know and believe that Jesus is also their Savior from sin. So it is that today we come before Jesus with hearts of faith worshiping Him, in recognizing the great grace which God has brought to us for our salvation in Jesus that we may serve the Lord with obedient hearts.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 49:1-9

Theme: The Majesty of Jesus, the Savior of the World!

- I. God Presents Jesus to the World
- II. Jesus Brings Salvation to the Ends of the Earth
- III. God Assures Jesus' Success

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school will follow the service. Church Christmas decorations will be taken down following the service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church council follow the service. Sermon text: Romans 10:12-21.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31: The annual voter's meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. (A Pot luck meal will follow after Bible class. The voters' meeting will follow the meal.)

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 3 Worship – 42; Bible class 18 Sunday school - 6

The following count includes Dec. 31, 2015

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 281.00	Missions.	\$75.00
Needed for Year:	\$59,348.00	Mission Devlp. Fund	\$25.00
Received for Year:	\$50,149.00		

Offering count for Sunday January 3 – \$888. Memorial – Lincoln Cole \$50.00 for the Property Improvement Fund.

NOTE OF THANKS: The Barthels family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for all the kindnesses shown to them this Christmas season. May the Lord bless you for the grace you have shown us!

NOMINATIONS for IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created on the Immanuel faculty by the retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year. The

individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary) and also in other theological disciplines. With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2016-17 academic year. Those submitting nominations are encouraged to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Please send your nominations postmarked or e-mailed no later than January 20, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan, Secretary; ILC Board of Regents; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131 (email: cryan@page1printers.com).

Hymn 105:1,2,8 Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

1. Praise God the Lord, Ye sons of men
Before His highest throne:
Today He opens heaven again
And give us His own Son.
And give us His own Son.

2. He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an Infant small,
And in a manger poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall.
Lies in a humble stall.

8. He opens us again the door
Of Paradise today;
The Angel guards the gate no more
To God our thanks we pay.
To God our thanks we pay.