



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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.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, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and 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: 343; 352; 307; 313:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

We glorify our Lord by observing His will in our lives. We keep the will of God before us in all our ways. We need to be diligent to teach our children the will of the Lord that they may know His blessing in their lives. We should talk of the Lord in our everyday life as we go about our chores, as we go shopping, as we drive down the road. We need to keep the Lord and His holy will before us always, so that we might remember the Lord's place in our lives.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:36-51

John the Baptist directed people to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John's disciples took that direction to heart, and followed Jesus. They were convinced by the testimony of John, and the evidence of Jesus' glory seen in His divine attributes that Jesus is the Son of God, the King of Israel. May the Spirit of God take hold of our hearts that we may know Jesus' glory, and follow Him in faith and life.

THE SERMON: Romans 10:12-21

Theme: The Far-reaching Grace of God in Christ

- I. Whoever Calls upon the Name of the Lord Will Be Saved
- II. Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God
- III. The Lord is Persistent in His Grace

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. Church Council has been postponed until next Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church council follow the service. Sermon text: Luke 7:1-10.

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: Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 10 Worship – 18; No Bible class Sunday school - 2

The following count includes Dec. 31, 2015

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 671.00	
Needed for Year:	00.00	
Received for Year:	\$1,559.00	

Final Call for NOMINATIONS for IMMANUEL PROFESSOR: 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).