



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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PRESERVICE 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 so that we 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 (73:1-3)

HYMNS: 55; 72; 645; 73:5

THE INTROIT: (responsive reading) Psalm 105:4-8, Isaiah 40:3b

⁴ Seek the Lord and His strength;

Seek His face evermore!

⁵ Remember His marvelous works which He has done,

His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

⁶ O seed of Abraham His servant,

You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

⁷ He *is* the Lord our God;

His judgments *are* in all the earth.

⁸ He remembers His covenant forever,

The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make straight in the desert

A highway for our God.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

Paul reminds us that the “things written before (Old Testament Scriptures) were written for our learning.” From the Old Testament Paul demonstrates Christ was foretold to be the Savior of the whole world, including the Gentiles, This shoot that grows from the stump of the House of Jesse (King David’s father) is the Christ, Who will fill our hearts with the joy and peace of believing by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist's ministry was in preparation for the coming of the Christ. He was the one foretold to come as the forerunner as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord!" We still need to hear this message, this call for repentance, for it is so easy for us to slip into the thinking and manner of life of this world. One's claims of being a Christian does not save, but faith including a life of repentance granted us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 11:11-10

Theme: The Glorious Branch Growing From a Dead Stump

- I. Possessing the True Qualities of Greatness
- II. Judging with Righteousness
- III. Bringing Peace for All the World.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Christmas fellowship follow after the service this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Advent meditations begin. Soup and Sandwich Supper begins at 6:00. Advent Meditation at 7:00 p.m. Theme: the Miraculous Wonders of the Unique Christ-Child: Manifest in His Incarnation. Text: Hebrews 1:1-5.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 11:2-11.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 7, 14: Midweek advent meditations. Soup and Sandwich supper at 6:00 p.m. Meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Ken Nickson

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 27 Worship – 13 Sunday school – 1; Bible Class - 6
Nov. 30 Advent worship - 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$790.00	Property Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	53,130.00	Mission Devlp. Fund	\$50.00
Received for Year:	43,245.92		

Hymn 73:1-3 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
Behold the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring,
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now
Creator, wise art thou!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings,
Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now,
Mighty in deed art thou!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudness Sun of joy He is,
Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now,
Our Comforter art Thou!