



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: Lord God gracious Father, who in the fullness of time sent Your Son to assume our flesh and become our Brother, we thank You for Your truth and fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior. In Him we are delivered from sin and death, and through His truth we receive power to live in righteousness to Your glory. As we begin a new year we pray that You would grant us forgiveness for all our sins, and keep us in true faith, that, trusting always in Jesus for our redemption, we may use our time on earth to glorify Your name before men, until we shall be received to the eternal joys of heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (124:1-3)

HYMNS: 120; 98; 96; 97:1,4

THE INTROIT: (Psalm 90 (selected verses)

1 LORD, You have been our dwelling place:

in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world:

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

12 So teach us to number our days:

That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD! How long?:

And have compassion on Your servants.

14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy:

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: And establish the work of our hands for us;

Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 4:13-17

As we make our plans for the new year and the rest of our lives, let us always remember the will of the Lord in and for our lives. He directs our lives according to His grace for our salvation. As the

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New Year's Day

Lord wills we will accomplish many things, and we shall live to His glory and not our own.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23

God watched over the Holy Infant, and would not allow the evil of this world to thwart His will for our salvation. The Lord preserved for us a Savior and called Him out of Egypt, and Jesus grew up in Galilee, and the Scriptures were fulfilled.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 63:7-9

Theme: Remembering the Lovingkindnesses of our God

- I. Remembering His Faithfulness
- II. Appreciating the Wonder of Our Savior

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are on holiday break

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service. We will be taking down the Christmas tree and packing up other decorations after the service. *Sermon text: Ephesians 3:2-12*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 29: Annual voters' meeting at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: December 24 Christmas Eve – 45 December 25: 18

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,155.00 | Other Offerings: |
| Offerings Received | 1,711.00 | Memorial: |
| Needed for Year: | 58,905.00 | Jim Bennett \$25.00 |
| Received for Year: | 50,649.92 | |

ORGANIST GIFT OFFERING: It is a tradition of the congregation to gather a gift for those who have served the congregation as organist during the past year. There is a basket set out by the mailbox table for this purpose. Donations will be accepted through Jan. 29.

Note of Appreciation: Pastor Barthels and family would like to extend their sincere thanks for all the kindnesses that were shown and expressed to them during this holiday season. Each and every one of these expressions of Christian love are truly appreciated.

THANK YOU! Special thanks to all who helped with the Bennett funeral. Your help with set up, serving, and cleanup was essential. Some took time away from work, others cancelled other plans, including vacation plans, all so that you could be at church to help when needed. It is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated!

124:1-3 *O Lord, Our Father, Thanks to Thee*

1. "O Lord, our Father, thanks to Thee

In this new year we render

For every evil had to flee

Before Thee, our Defender.

Our life was nourished, we were fed

With rich supplies of daily bread,

And peace reigned in our borders.

2. "Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks to Thee

In this new year we render;

Thy reign hath kept Thy people free,

Hath shown Thy mercies tender.

Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood,

Thou art our Joy, our only Good,

In life and death our Savior.

3. "Lord Holy Ghost, our thanks to Thee

In this new year we render,

For Thou hast led our eyes to see

Thy truth in all its splendor

And thus enkindled from above

Within our hearts true faith and love

And other Christian virtues."