



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: 128; 106; 129; 127:1,4,5

THE RESPPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 72: selected verses)

1 Give the king Your judgments, O God,

And Your righteousness to the king's Son.

² He will judge Your people with righteousness,

And Your poor with justice.

⁸ He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

And from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹³ He will spare the poor and needy,

And will save the souls of the needy.

¹⁴ He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;

And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

¹⁵ And He shall live;

And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;

¹⁸ Blessed *be* the Lord God, the God of Israel,

Who only does wondrous things!

¹⁹ And blessed *be* His glorious name forever!

And let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory.

Amen and Amen.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

This wakeup call for the sinners of this world found only the beginning of its fulfillment in the Wise Men who came in search of their King, the Savior of the world. We also join in rejoicing and praising God that we who were the far off peoples of the Gentiles

January 8, 2017

Sunday after Epiphany

have come to Jesus bringing Him our offerings of praise and gifts.
By God's grace we also join in proclaiming the praises of the Lord

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

This is a very special event recorded for us in Scripture. It declares for us the wonder of the grace that extends to the peoples of the world. This Child born of Mary is also **our** Savior and King! We follow the example of the Wise Men. We worship Him; we bring Him our offerings; we serve and obey Him, directing our lives according to His revealed will.

THE SERMON: Ephesians 3:2-12

Theme: Epiphany – The Big Reveal!

I. A Mystery Revealed!

II. The Riches of God’s Grace Revealed

III. The Church’s Role in Making the Reveal

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school follows the service. We will be packing away Christmas decorations

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sunday school and Church Council follow the service. We will be taking down the Christmas tree and packing up other decorations after the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 3:13-17*

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: January 1 worship - 19

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$757.00	Missions	\$40.00
Needed for Year:	\$1,155.00	Memorials: Jim Bennett	\$50.00
Received for Year:	757.00	Jim Bennett	\$10.00

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.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Mark Tiefel, pastor of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has returned the call to the Tri-parish: Grace, Valentine NE, Peace, Mission, and St. Paul's, White River SD. <> The Rev. Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has accepted the call to Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA.

CLC Board of Missions Update - At an evening service at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Pastor Todd Ohlmann was commissioned as our CLC Visiting Missionary by CLC President Michael Eichstadt. With Missionary Ohlmann's acceptance of the Visiting Missionary call, he has resigned from his position on the CLC Board of Missions. President Eichstadt appointed Pastor Rob Sauers to complete Pastor Ohlmann's term on the Board of Missions which ends in 2020. Mr. Joel Krafft was elected as the Board of Missions Chairman. Please continue to pray for Missionary Ohlmann and his family, as well as those on the various CLC boards, that the Lord's name may be glorified, and His kingdom come!

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.