



... and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form,
as a dove, and a voice came from heaven,
“Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.”
Luke 3:22

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: Oh God, You declare that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, and You have called us to faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You forgive all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood I ask that Your Spirit strengthen my faith, and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE RESPPONSIVE INTROIT: (Isaiah 42:1 Psalm 2: selected verses)

“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!

I have put My Spirit upon Him;

He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles

“I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me,

‘You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings;

Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ...

¹² **Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.**

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-7

The justice that God will bring to the Gentiles throughout the world is not the justice of the law, that righteous judgment which could only bring death and damnation upon the world. Through His Servant the Lord has brought us the justice that comes through the gospel, the justice that brings us the righteousness of God for our salvation. Jesus came into the world as a light to the Gentiles to deliver us from the darkness of the prison house of hell.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 10:34-38

By God's intervention and instruction in a vision, Peter was directed to the home of Cornelius the Roman centurion. He had learned that God does not show partiality. People from any and every nation that hear and believe the gospel shall be saved. Christ Jesus is Lord of all! That gospel reveals Jesus as the One anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, who healed many people for God was with Him.

THE SERMON: Matthew 3:13-17

Theme: The Glory Revealed in Jesus' Baptism

- I. The Heart of a Savior.
- II. The Righteousness of God
- III. The Assurance of God's Blessing

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 Church Council follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 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: Isaiah 49:1-6*

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 8 worship – 26, Sunday school - 1

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$904.00	Memorials: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$1,155.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$1661.00	Jim Bennett \$50.00
		Jim Bennett \$20.00

ORGANIST GIFT OFFERING: It is customary for 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 Tri-parish, consisting of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, and St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, has called the Rev. Neal Radical, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI.
 <> Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Rob Sauers, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.