

HERE IS MY
SERVANT



WHOM I HAVE
CHOSEN

MATTHEW 12:18

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, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238: 3-5)

HYMNS: 20; 245; 351; 50:2

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 19:1-4, 14)

The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork.

²Day unto day utters speech,

And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³*There is* no speech nor language

Where their voice is not heard.

⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable in Your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Corinth was famous for its debauchery and licentious living. Immorality was literally a part of their pagan religion, and yet the Lord brought the gospel of Christ to this city for the salvation of sinners. Paul thanks God for those whom God has sanctified, giving them all they needed both for salvation and to live to the glory of Jesus. God would keep them steadfast in faith to the end, that they might be found blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful and so has called **us**, who are also unworthy sinners, into the fellowship of His Son.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-41

John boldly declares of Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John comprehended the scope of Jesus mission, and the importance of his own mission to direct others to Jesus, beginning with his own disciples. So they followed Jesus and soon came to the only right conclusion, which they then shared with others, that Jesus is the Christ. May we also be so moved to joyously tell others about what we “have found” in Jesus as our Savior.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 49:1-6

Theme: God’s Glory Revealed in His Servant

- I. God Reveals His “Secret Weapon”
- II. God’s Confidence in His Servant
- III. The Savior of the World

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Pastor Barthels will be out of town attending a family funeral.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid meets at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. A pot luck lunch will follow after Bible class at about 11:30. The annual voters’ meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30. Please take note of the proposed amendment to the bylaws that will be on the agenda next Sunday lowering the church council quorum from 5 to 4. *Sermon text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.*

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 15 worship – 20, Sunday school - 1

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1094.00	Memorials:
Needed for Year:	\$3,465.00	Jim Bennett \$3,185.00
Received for Year:	\$2755.00	

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.

From the ILHS Parents' Association/After Banquet Committee - Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School are currently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held May 6, 2017. We do rely on donations from school parents, church members, and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes, but if you would like to donate a prize that would be greatly appreciated. Even home baked items or care packages are a great gift idea. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Questions may be directed to joannagamble@hotmail.com. Thank You!

Hymn 238:3-5

3. "Lord God, our King on heaven's throne
Our Father, the Almighty One.
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity,
O Lamb of God, to Thee we flee.

4. "Thou dost the world's sin take away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
Thou dost the world's sin take away;
Give ear unto the prayer we say.
Thou sitt'st at God's right hand for aye;
Have mercy on us, Lord we pray.

5. "Thou only art the Holy One;
Thou only o'er all things Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
Thee only as the Lord Most High;
Thou art, the Holy Ghost with Thee,
One in the Father's majesty."