



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45 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 (237:1)

HYMNS: 106; 126; 129; 127:1,4,5

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 72:1, 2, 8-11, 18-19 NKJV)

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.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

And from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,

And His enemies will lick the dust.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents;

The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts.

¹¹ Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;

All nations shall serve Him.

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.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-6

The LORD called Jesus, the only begotten Son of God and the Child of Mary, to be His Servant from His mother's womb. Isaiah prophesies just how difficult and frustrating it would be to fulfill this calling. The Lord's response is that it is "too small a thing" for Jesus to be Savior of the people of the Jews, He would make Him Savior of the world!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Wise men came from the East seeking Jesus, the one born to be king of the Jews, However they came to worship Him as their Lord and Savior. And so the prophecies are fulfilled and Jesus is revealed as the Savior of nations. Indeed this prophecy continues to be fulfilled among us also as we join the wise men in seeking Jesus that we too might worship Him as our Redeemer and our God.

THE SERMON: Acts 16:25-34

Theme: The Jailer of Philippi Reveals the Breadth of God’s Desire to Save.

- I. Unlikely Prospects in Trying Circumstances
- II. God’s Call to Faith in Jesus

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school follows immediately after the service. Church Christmas decorations will be taken down and packed away, and Bible class will follow as time allows.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school following the service. Church council will be meeting a week early in preparation for the Annual voters’ meeting. No Bible Class next Sunday.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday January 28: Annual voters’ meeting is scheduled for 12:30. It will follow a pot luck meal that will follow after Bible class.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Dec. 31 Worship - 23

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$883.00	Memorials:
Needed for Year:	\$63,971.00	Mary Peterson 20.00
Received for Year:	\$57,420.00	Samantha Barthels
		Property Improv. 900.00

\$115 was received towards Christmas bags.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

January Cleaning -- Nelson

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Neal Radichel, Pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, as co-pastor.

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Proverbs 13:14

“The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,
that one may turn away from the snares of death.” (ESV)