



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 this Advent season it is time once again to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that as we hear Your Word the Spirit may work in our hearts that we may come before You in true repentance, confessing our sin, and trusting in Jesus for full and free forgiveness. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, ready our hearts for His return that we may live before you for all eternity, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (73:1-3)

HYMNS: 64; 611:1-6; 408; 611:7

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 118:25-28, Zech. 9:9b NKJV)

Save now, I pray, O Lord;

O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ God is the Lord, And He has given us light;

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise You;

You are my God, I will exalt You.

Zechariah 9:9 "Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and having salvation.

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

We now live in "the latter days." The Word of the Lord has gone out into the nations of the world, and we are a part of that flow of people saying, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!" We are on our way, not to the physical Jerusalem in Israel but to the spiritual Jerusalem, the heavenly city where we shall know only peace. We shall enter into that peace as the Lord judges the peoples of this world. Now as we await the Lord's coming - "Let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:37-44

December 1, 2019

1st Sunday in Advent

The day of Christ's return shall come suddenly. It will come as the flood came in the days of Noah. There is plenty of warning, as there was then, but in the end those who are not prepared, those who do not hear the Lord's call to repentance will left behind and perish. Be ready. You do not when the Lord shall return. It will be at an hour you do **not** expect!

THE SERMON: Romans 13:11-14

Theme: A "Wake-up Call" for Christ's Coming.

I. He's Coming Sooner than You Think!

II. We Need to Wake Up from Spiritual Lethargy!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Christmas Program practice and Bible class will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism from 4:30-6:00. Soup and Sandwich Supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m. Midweek Advent meditation at 7:00 p.m. Text: Luke 2:6-7, theme: "Man in a Manger."

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school program practice and Church decorating and Christmas fellowship follow the service. This includes a potluck meal. Sermon text: Romans 15:4-13.

FUTURES DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4, 11, 18: **Midweek Advent meditations.** Soup and sandwich suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. Advent meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year's Advent meditations is "**Away in a Manger.**"

December 22: Sunday morning at 9:30 Sunday school children present their **Christmas program.**

December 24: Christmas Eve service **6:00 p.m.**

December 25: CHRISTMAS Festival worship at 9:30 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Kwentin Stearns, Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Ken Nickson

December Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Nov. 24 worship - 24 Sunday school - 6 Bible class - 10

November 28 - Thanksgiving worship - 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,252.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1277.00	Missions \$30.00
Needed for Year:	\$58,844.00	
Received for Year:	\$47,781.00	

CLCNEWS: Pastor Paul Tiefel of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN.