

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday



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 (105:1,2,8)

HYMNS: 128; 129; 127; 97

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

¹ Give the king Your judgments, O God,

And Your righteousness to the king's Son.

⁸ 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.

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

Who only does wondrous things!

¹⁹ **And blessed *be* His glorious name forever!**

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

The fulfillment of this prophecy recorded by Isaiah began quickly after Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The Magi from the east came searching for Jesus bringing precious gifts, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord even in their initial question, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2) The fulfillment of this prophecy continues with the gospel shining on our hearts with the light of life.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:2-12

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Paul expounds on God's plan to reveal the gospel to the gentile nations, so that the people of all nations should be made partakers of his promise in Christ, through the gospel. This is God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus!

THE SERMON: Matthew 2:1-12

Theme: The Guiding Star: a Wonder of Grace

- I. The Star Reveals a Momentous Event –the Birth of the King
- II. The Guiding Star and Its Connection to the Word
- III. The Enlightened Heart’s Response

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school will follow the service. We will also be packing away the Christmas decorations following the service. No adult Bible class.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class follow the service. Text: Isaiah 42:1-7.

FUTURES DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: Annual Voters’ Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

January Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Dec. 29 worship - 13 (no Sunday school or Bible class)

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,252.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 3,266.00	Missions \$110.00
Needed for Year:	\$65,104.00	Prop Imprv. Fund \$ 50.00
Received for Year:	\$57,769.00	Christmas bag donations\$110.00
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CLCNEWS: The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. Opportunities are expanding in these important fields but can only expand as fast as our financial support allows. One example is the Congregation Confessionnelle Lutherannenne Du Congo (CCLC). The CLC-sponsored seminary in the Congo is hoping to expand their enrollment to fifteen students from their current enrollment of seven. There are eight men waiting to enroll, but we need sponsors to make that enrollment possible. This particular sponsorship is \$40/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042).