

<p>ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT: <i>"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."</i></p> <p><i>You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord</i></p> <p><i>"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"</i> (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes <i>"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"</i> (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, <i>"the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together"</i> (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd <i>"will gather the lambs in his arms"</i> (Is. 40:11). He speaks <i>"tenderly to Jerusalem,"</i> and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises <i>"new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells"</i> (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He <i>"is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"</i> (2 Peter 3:9).</p>
<p align="center">Thanks to those who Served Today</p> <p>Elder: Gary McCall Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst Organist: Lynette Thies Screen: Audrey Gust Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen Finance: Audrey Gust, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe Acolytes: Landon Kiepe, Daxton Leitz</p>
<p>Midweek Advent service: Jenna Rosener, Katelynn Schaffer Next Sunday Acolytes: Josiah Peitsch, Michael Sorensen</p>
<p align="center">Those Serving in January</p> <p>Elder: Steve Gust Ushers: Gary Goslar, Kevin Vogt, John Thies Organist: Lynette Thies Screen: Audrey Gust Altar Care: Linda Seieroe Altar Flowers: Terri Mohr Finance: John Thies, Harvey Thies</p>

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. Our Lord has done a great many things through our congregation over the past 125 years and we look forward to what He will do through us as we work together as His children for many more years to come. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house!

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

STANDING DURING HYMNS: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ON THE BACK TABLE: Reading inserts, Children's bulletins, Portals of Prayer, can be found on the back table. In the back there is a shelf with children's books and crayons that they can use during the service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:	
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve practice/Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class 4:30 p.m. – 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechism 5:30 p.m. – 7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism 6:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent supper 7:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve practice/Sunday School & Bible Class 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Divine Service 1—page 151 (^ indicates worshipers stand) Prelude, Ringing of the Bell	
Hymn.....	#344
<i>"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"</i>	
^Invocation.....	p.151
^Confession & Absolution....	p.151
^Introit.....	Sheet
^Kyrie.....	p.152
Hymn.....	#357
v.1, 4-5 <i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>	
^Salutation and Collect.....	p.156
Readings.....	Sheet
Old: Isaiah 40:1-11	
Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14	
^Gospel: Mark 1:1-8	
Hymn.....	#345
<i>"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"</i>	
Sermon	<i>"God's Patience"</i> 2 Peter 3:8-14
^Apostles' Creed.....	p.159
^Prayer of the Church.....	p.159
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Offertory.....	p.159
^Lord's Prayer.....	p.162
^Benediction.....	p.166
^Hymn.....	#338
<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

GIVING TREE: Help us decorate our Christmas giving tree in the back of church with hats, mitten & socks this Christmas season. The tree will be there until December 31st. All items collected will be donated to the local schools.

CATECHISM: On December 13th catechism class times will change to:

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades

No Catechism on December 20th & 27th

JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY: All children are invited to Jesus' Birthday Party today 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Christmas Eve practice first for the next 2 Sundays. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice.

ADVENT SERVICE: We will be having Midweek Advent services on Wednesday night December 13 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 6:00 p.m.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, December 17th from 7:00-8:30 pm

OLD TABLES: St. Paul's has some old folding tables that we no longer use and would like to find a new home for them. For more information please call Gary Goslar 712-882-3066

POINSETTIAS: Congregation members are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the church during the Christmas season. They may be brought in and left on the table in the overflow room. Put your name on a label and attach it to the container. Fill out the sheet with your name and who is being remembered.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:00 a.m.

OLD SPIRES: We are needing to make room in the church shed. So we are looking for people that would like to be entered into the drawing for 1 of the 4 old spires that were atop the church for many years. If you are interested, put your name in the box in the back of church. The drawing will be held on January 14th at the Voter's meeting.

2024 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS: If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: Chairman, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: Bruce Mohr, Jim Thies, Rick Knuth, Tammy Bramley or pastor.

**Second Sunday in Advent
December 10, 2023**



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