***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
"*Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."*

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *"the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful"* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *"be patient"* and *"establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand"* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *"the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,"* so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that *"sorrow and sighing shall flee away"* (Is. 35:10).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: John Greder
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst, Leanne Thies
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Harvey Thies, John Thies
Acolytes: Daxton Leitz, Carter Leitz

Advent Service – Acolytes: Micah Peitsch, Michael Sorensen
Next Sunday: Raylyn Kelm, Katelynn Schaffer

Those Serving in January

Elder: (*Not Scheduled*)
Ushers: Gary Goslar, Kevin Vogt, John Greder, John Thies
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: (*Not Scheduled*)
Altar Flowers: (*Not Scheduled*)
Finance: Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr

ABOUT THE SERVICE

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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:00 a.m. –Sunday School/Christmas Eve Practice
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
	LYF Bible Study after service
	2:30-5:00 p.m. – Jesus Birthday Party/Caroling
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5th & 6th Grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. - 7th & 8th Grade Catechism
	6:00 p.m. – Advent Supper
	7:00 p.m. – Advent Service
Thurs:	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Fri:	Pastors Family Day
Sat:	9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Practice
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Christmas Eve Practice
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Attendance - Sunday: 69 Midweek: 43

2022	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$146,108.03	$8,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 10/31/2022	$108,225.99	$3,575.00	$2,410.00
Still Needed	**$37,882.04**	**$4,425.00**	**$590.00**

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)
Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

ΔHymn..... #345
"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"
ΔInvocation..... p.167
ΔConfession & Absolution.... p.167
ΔIntroit..... Sheet
ΔKyrie..... p.168
Hymn..... #357
vs. 1, 6-7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
ΔSalutation and Collect..... p.172
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 35:1-10
Epistle: James 5:7-11
ΔGospel: Matthew 11:2-15
Children's Message
Hymn..... #737
vs. 1-3, 6-7 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"
Sermon "Behold Your God"
Isaiah 35
ΔApostles' Creed.....p.175
Offering
Offertory from setting one... p.159
ΔPrayer of the Church..... p.175
ΔLord's Prayer..... p.179
ΔBenediction..... p.183
ΔHymn..... #849
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Sunday Adult Bible Class (Meets in the fellowship hall- 9am).
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Anybody with-in the town of Ute who would like the Sunday School kids to carol at their home on the afternoon of December 11th can sign up on the sheet at the back of church. You can also call the church and leave a message to be added to the list.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: On Sunday, December 18th after the service, we will have a Voter's Meeting. On the agenda is 2023 Budget, 2023 Election Ballot, & St. Matthew, Mapleton.

ADVENT SERVICE: We will be having Midweek Advent services on Wednesday December 14th at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 6:00 p.m. Free will donation to go to the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Practice will be during the Sunday School class this year. A practice for the Christmas eve program will be held Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: On Sunday, December 11th there will be a LYF Bible study after the worship service.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Council Meeting has been moved to Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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.

2023 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: John Greder, Jim Thies, Rick Knuth, Terri Mohr or pastor.

"THY STRONG WORD": Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

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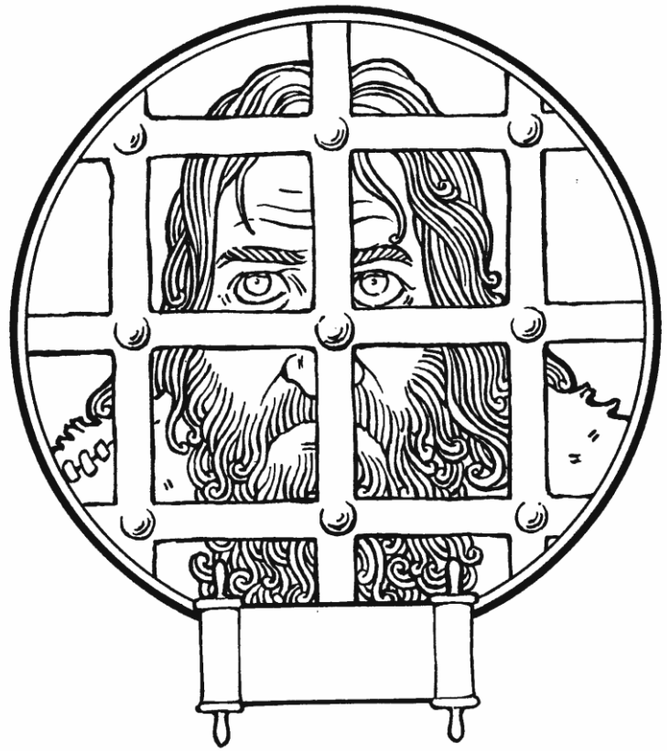
Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2022



Matthew 11:2-15

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