

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; *"he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you"* and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15-17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to *"rejoice in the Lord always,"* knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even *"the dead are raised up"* (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

Thanks to those who Served Today

- Elder:** Gary McCall
- Ushers:** Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
- Organist:** Lynette Thies
- Screen:** Audrey Gust
- Altar Care:** Teresa Mordhorst
- Altar Flowers:** Deanna Sorensen
- Finance:** Terri Mohr, Bruce Mohr, Linda Riddle, Becky Mordhorst
- Acolytes:** Lydia Kiepe, Leah Kiepe

- Midweek Advent Acolytes:** Hannah Peitsch
- Next Sunday Acolytes:** Michael Sorensen, Josiah Peitsch

Those Serving in January

- Elder:** Steve Gust
- Ushers:** Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
- Organist:** Lynette Thies
- Screen:** Audrey Gust
- Altar Care:** Elaine Vogt
- Altar Flowers:** Terri Mohr
- Finance:** Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER: By celebrating the Lord's Supper we care for Christ's people, Christ's Supper, and Christ's teachings. What Jesus gives us in the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. God's Word also teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together implies that we share the same beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that guests who desire to receive the Lord's Supper today speak to the Pastor prior to the beginning of the service.



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. - Christmas practice/Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. - Divine Service w/Holy Communion
- 6:30 p.m. - LYF Bible Study
- Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
- Wed: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Class
- 4:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 grade Catechism
- 5:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 grade Catechism
- 5:30 p.m. - Advent supper
- 6:15 p.m. - Memory work
- 7:00 p.m. - Midweek Advent Service
- Fri: Pastors Family Day
- Sun: 9:00 a.m. - Christmas practice/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. - Divine Service

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

- Prelude, Ringing of the Bell
- Hymn..... #636**
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
- ^Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
- ^Introit..... Sheet**
- ^Kyrie..... p.152**
- Hymn..... #338**
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
- ^Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
- Readings..... Sheet**
Old: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7
^Gospel: Luke 7:18-28
- Hymn..... #331**
"The Advent of Our King"
- Sermon:** Zephaniah 3:14-20
"Rejoicing"
- ^Nicene Creed..... p.158**
- ^Prayer of the Church..... p.159**
- Offering**
- Offertory..... p.159**
- ^Preface..... p.160**
- ^Sanctus..... p.161**
- ^Lord's Prayer..... p.162**
- ^The Words of our Lord..... p.162**
- ^Agnus Dei..... p.163**
- Distribution**
- ^Thank the Lord..... p.164**
- ^Post Communion Collect..... p.166**
- ^Benediction..... p.166**
- ^Hymn..... #737**
"Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SPECIAL SHORT VOTERS MEETING: Today after the service we will have a short Voters Meeting to approve the Election Ballot and 2025 Budget and discuss the parsonage kitchen.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School starts at 9:00 a.m. on December 22nd with Christmas Eve Practice first. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice. On Christmas Eve, please have your kids at the church by 5:40 p.m. in the LYF room.

CATECHISM: On December 18th catechism class times will change to:

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades

6:15 p.m. – Memory Work

There is no catechism on December 25th & January 1st.

ADVENT SERVICE: We will be having Midweek Advent services on Wednesday night December 18 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 5:30 p.m. The theme for this Advent is "The Jesse Tree"

NORTH PARKING LOT: Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program "The Jesse Tree" will be presented December 24th Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

GIVING TREE: During the month of December, help us decorate our Christmas Giving Tree in the back of church with hats, mitten & socks this Christmas season. The tree will be in the back from December 29th. **All items collected will be donated to the local schools.**

POINSETTIAS: Congregation members are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the church during the Christmas season. You may bring them in and leave them 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 DAY SERVICE: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS: We are looking for volunteers to help with altar guild and altar flowers. If you would like more information on what you do for either committee or if you would like to serve, please talk to Deanna.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be posted on our church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

**Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024**



Luke 7:18-28

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