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

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *"the virgin shall conceive and bear a son"* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *"descended from David according to the flesh"* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *"Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *"did as the angel of the Lord commanded him"* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

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: Raylyn Kelm, Katelynn Schaffer

Christmas Eve: Micah Peitsch, Landen Meseck
Next Sunday: Josiah Peitsch, Michael Sorensen

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

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.

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. –Sunday School/Christmas Eve Practice
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	Special Voter's Meeting after service
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
Fri:	Pastors Family Day
Sat:	6:00 p.m. - Sunday School Christmas Eve Program
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service w/Holy Communion

Attendance - Sunday: 63

2022	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$146,108.03	$8,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 11/30/2022	$116,101.88	$3,780.00	$2,410.00
Still Needed	**$30,006.15**	**$4,220.00**	**$590.00**

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Hymn..... #332
vs. 1, 3, 5-6, 8"Savior of the Nations, Come"
Δ**Invocation..... p.167**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.167**
Δ**Introit..... sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.168**
Hymn..... #357
vs. 1, 4, 6 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.172**
Readings..... sheet
Old: Isaiah 7:10-17
Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25
Hymn..... #810
"O God of God, O Light of Light"
Sermon Isaiah 7:10-17
"Your sign"
Δ**Nicene Creed p.174**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.175**
Offering
Offertory(from setting one). p.159
Δ**Preface (spoken)..... p.177**
Δ**Sanctus..... p.178**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.179**
Δ**The Words of our Lord..... p.179**
Δ**Agnus Dei..... p.180**
Distribution
Δ**Thank the Lord..... p.181**
Δ**Post Communion Collect..... p.183**
Δ**Benediction p.183**
Δ**Hymn..... #350**
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

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: Thank you to everyone that helped with the party. There were about 17 kids that attended the party.

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.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor is on vacation from Monday, December 26th – Saturday, December 31st. If you are in need of pastoral care while pastor is on vacation, please call Pastor Merrill 678-3312.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 3rd the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, January 10th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 15th, there will be a Voters Meeting after church in the fellowship hall. Main agenda items will be the year end reports and the election of officers.

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

"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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Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2022

Matthew 1:18-25

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