

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus *"brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord"* (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for *"the redemption of Jerusalem"* and *"the consolation of Israel"* (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in *"giving thanks to God the Father through him," "singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,"* including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

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:** Samantha Sorensen, Xavier Schaffer

Next Sunday Acolytes: Daxton Leitz, Landon Kiepe

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 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

- Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
- Sun-Sun: Pastor on vacation
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- 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$161,744.17	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 12/28/2024	\$118,987.78	\$5,368.00	\$4560.00
Still Needed	\$42,756.39	\$632.00	0

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

- Prelude, Ringing of the Bell
- Hymn..... #936**
"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"
- ^Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
- ^Introit..... Sheet**
- ^Kyrie..... p.152**
- Hymn..... #352**
vs. 1-2, 4, 6 *"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"*
- ^Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
- Readings..... Sheet**
Old: Exodus 13:1-3A, 11-15
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17
^Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
- Hymn..... #386**
"Now Sing We, Now Praise"
- Sermon:** Colossians 3:12-17
"Whatever You Do"
- ^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..... #937**
"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

CATECHISM: There are no catechism classes on January 1st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is no Sunday School today and next Sunday, January 5th.

BIBLE CLASS: There is no Bible Class on Wednesday, January 1st.

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.**

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.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 7th the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, January 14th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 19th, 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.

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.

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

Poinsettias were donated in loving memory of:

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| Loved ones | by Gloria Barnett |
| Loved ones | by Bruce & Terri Mohr |
| Loved ones | by Joan Neddermeyer |
| Loved ones | by the Watke's |
| Loved ones | by Dar Mohr |
| Loved ones | by Gust Family |
| Parents & Grandparents | by Ray & Elaine Holst |
| Warren Thies Family | by Terry & Sandy Bauman |



After the service today you can take your Poinsettias home. Thank you

**First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2024**



Luke 2:22-40

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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