

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son," born of the woman, *"to redeem those who were under the law"* (Gal. 4:4-5). Therefore, *"according to the Law of Moses,"* Mary and Joseph *"brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord"* (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, *"waiting for the consolation of Israel"* (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. *"At that very hour,"* old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and *"began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem"* (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes *"righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations"* (Is. 61:11). We also *"greatly rejoice in the LORD,"* because this child has clothed us *"with the garments of salvation,"* covered us *"with the robe of righteousness"* and called us *"by a new name"* (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

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: Audrey Gust, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe
Acolytes: Carter Leitz

Next Sunday Acolytes: Landon Kiepe, Michael Sorensen

Those Serving in January

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

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!



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
 6:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
 Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
 4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
 5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal
 6:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
 Fri: Pastor Family Day
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 11/30/2023	\$121,378.32	\$3,889.00	\$1,525.00
Still Needed	\$31,156.03	\$2,111.00	\$1,475.00

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell
Hymn..... #367
 vs. 1-2, 4-5
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"
 ^**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
 ^**Introit..... Sheet**
 ^**Kyrie..... p.152**
Hymn..... #389
 vs. 1-2, 5, 7
"Let All Together Praise Our God"
 ^**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7
 ^**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40
Hymn..... #352
 vs. 1-4, 6
"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"
Sermon: "God's Timing"
 Galatians 4:4-7
 ^**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



POINSETTIAS WERE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Loving memory of Donna & Norman Timm	Family
Loving memory of family	Joan Neddermeyer
Loving memory of family	Gloria Barnett
Kermit & Clara Amunson	Harvey & Lynette Thies
Elmer & Marina Thies	
Alvin & Claris Jansen	Bruce & Terri Mohr
Fred Mohr	
Lloyd Aronson	Aronson Family
Craig & Aaron Olson,	
Family	Gary & Karen McCall
Fred & Loved Ones	Dar Mohr
Fritz & Ellen Thies	Evelyn Thies
Vernon Thies	

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

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.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 2nd the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, January 9th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.
On January 14th, 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Pastor and his family would like to invite you to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, January 6 from 2-4pm.

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

**First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2023**



Luke 2:22-40

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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