

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism "of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "see the salvation of God" (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He "will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3-4).

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: Daxton Leitz, Landon Kiepe

Midweek Advent Acolytes: Samantha Sorensen

Next Sunday Acolytes: Lydia Kiepe, Leah 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!

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: 9:00 a.m. - Christmas practice/Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - Divine Service

Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

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
 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. - Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 6:30 p.m. - LYF Bible Study

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$161,744.17	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 10/31/2024	\$98,781.64	\$2,955.00	\$2,985.00
Still Needed	\$62,962.53	\$3,045.00	\$15.00

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #345
 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

^Invocation..... p.151

^Confession & Absolution.... p.151

^Introit..... Sheet

^Kyrie..... p.152

Hymn..... #357
 v.1, 4- 5 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

^Salutation and Collect..... p.156

Readings..... Sheet
Old: Malachi 3:1-7B
Gradual
Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11
^Gospel: Luke 3:1-20

Children's Message

Hymn..... #511
 "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"

Sermon Malachi 3:1-7B
 "Enduring"

^Apostles' Creed..... p.159

Offering

Offertory..... p.159

^Prayer of the Church..... p.159

^Lord's Prayer..... p.166

^Benediction..... p.166

^Hymn..... #349
 "Hark the Glad Sound"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School starts at 9:00 a.m. on December 15th & 22nd with Christmas Eve Practice first. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism parents & students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

SPECIAL SHORT VOTERS MEETING: On Sunday, December 15th after the service we will have a short Voters Meeting to approve the Election Ballot and 2025 Budget and discuss the parsonage cabinets.

2025 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS: If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: Bruce Mohr, Jim Thies, Tammy Bramley, Tina Bernholtz or pastor.

CATECHISM: On December 11 and 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 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 5:30 p.m. The theme for this Advent is "The Jesse Tree"

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 1 thru 31st. 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 EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program "The Jesse Tree" will be presented December 24th Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th

**Second Sunday in Advent
December 8, 2024**



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