

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

Thanks to those who Served Today

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
Acolytes: Daxton Leitz, Landon Kiepe

Next Sunday Acolytes: Lydia Kiepe, Samantha Sorensen

Those Serving in February

Elder: *(Not Scheduled)*
Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: *(Not Scheduled)*

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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 Tues: 6:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
 Pastor in Mapleton
 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: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service

	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..... #397
 "As With Gladness Men of Old"
 ^**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
 ^**Introit..... Sheet**
 ^**Kyrie..... p.152**
 ^**This is the Feast..... p.155**
 ^**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 60:1-6
Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12
 ^**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12
Hymn..... #412
 vs. 1-2, 4, 6 "The People that in Darkness Sat"
Sermon: Ephesians 3:1-12
 "Light Bulb Moment"
 ^**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..... #394**
 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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

GIVING TREE: Thank you to everyone that donated to the Giving Tree. All items collected will be donated to the local schools.

THANK YOU: Thanks to our Sunday School children and teachers for a wonderful program on Christmas Eve.

2025 ENVELOPES: If you signed up to get the 2025 offering envelope, they are on the back table in alphabetical order by last name. Please take yours and any others you could easily distribute. If you not see your name and would like one, we have a couple left.

For 2026, you will need to request envelopes by either calling the church office or there is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

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.

NEW OFFICERS: The newly elected officers will be installed on Sunday, January 26th during the Divine service.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 14 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. This will be for the months of January & February.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, January 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the LYF room. Bring a snack to share!

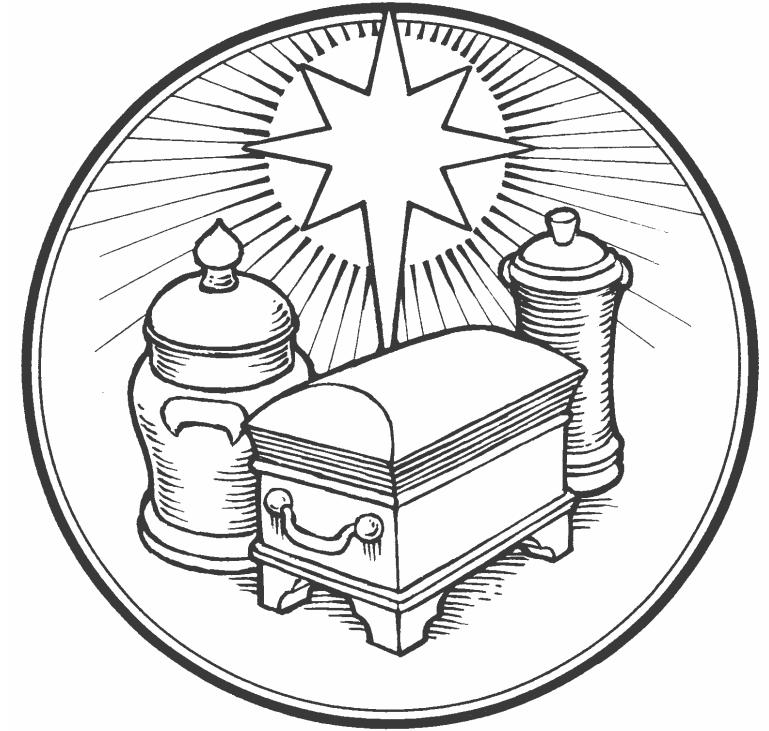
SOUP COOK-OFF: Save the date for the Annual Soup Cook-off on Sunday, February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. More information to come.

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.

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.

The Epiphany of Our Lord January 5, 2025



Matthew 2:1-12

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