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

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. *"They shall be mine,"* He says, *"and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him"* (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining *"the distinction between the righteous and the wicked"* (Mal. 3:18). He truly is *"the King of the Jews"* (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith *"weep for yourselves and for your children"* (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He *"is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation"* (Col. 1:15). *"All things were created through him and for him"* (Col. 1:16), and *"all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell"* bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself *"by the blood of his cross"* (Col. 1:19–20).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Jim Thies
Ushers: Gary Pohlman, Ray Holst
Organist: Lynette Thies **Soloist:** John Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Flowers: Gloria Barnett
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt
Acolytes: Wyatt Teut, Morgan Teut

Thanksgiving Service: Samantha Sorensen, Hannah Peitsch
Next Sunday Acolytes: Max Kelm, Samantha Sorensen

Those Serving in December

Elder: Gary McCall
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst **Flowers:** Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Terri Mohr, Bruce Mohr, Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman

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

USHERING AFTER SERVICE: After the service, please usher yourself out after pastor has got to the back of the church.

2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thurs:	Office Closed
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	After Service LCW potluck
	Set up for Dec. 6th event inside and outside

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be December 14, 2025

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$165,744.84	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 10/31/2025	$ 93,492.71	$ 2,870.00	$2,997.10
Still Needed	$72,252.13	$1,130.00	$2.90

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #673
vs. 1-4, 6 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.203**
Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.204**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.204**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.205**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Malachi 3:13-18
Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20
Solo: "I Can Only Imagine"
Δ**Gospel:** Luke 23:27-43
Δ**Apostles' Creed** **p.207**
Children's Message
Hymn..... #534
"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"
Sermon "Transferred"
Colossians 1:13-20
Offering p.207
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.207**
Δ**The Lord's Prayer..... p.209**
Δ**Benediction p.212**
Δ**Hymn..... #525**
vs. 1, 3-5 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Genesis"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "The Minor Prophets"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING EVE: Our Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE: We are hosting the Blessing of the Christmas Creche and Christmas Wreaths and Religious Christmas Statue Display in the fellowship hall. It will be Saturday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. All are invited. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for volunteer to help serve cookies/hot cocoa.

LCW: The LCW meetings is Sunday, November 30th after the service in the fellowship hall. We will be having a potluck and set up the Wreath and Religious Christmas Statues.

CHRISTMAS CRECHE SET-UP: We are needing some volunteers to help set up the outside Christmas creche on Sunday, November 30th after the potluck.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School kids will be singing at the Blessing of the Creche on December 6th. Please have them to the church by 4:45 p.m.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LHM: Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of the devotion (Born to You…a Savior) can be picked up at church next Sunday. You can also read the devotion each day at www.lhm.org/advent.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

POINSETTIAS: Congregation members are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the church during the Christmas season. Starting December 1st, 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.

WREATH AND RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS FIGURINE DISPLAY: We are preparing for the Christmas season and will have a display of wreath and religious Christmas figurines in the fellowship hall during the Blessing of the Christmas Creche. If you would like to bring, your wreath and/or Religious Christmas Statue preferably not angels or nativities because they will be a display for a different year. Please have them here on or by November 30 and you can drop them off in the LYF room. If you have any questions you can talk to Terri.

CATECHISM: No catechism class on Wednesday, November 26th.
On December 3, 10 and 17th 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

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 23, 2025

Luke 23:27-43

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