

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

We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But *"man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD"* (Deut. 8:1-10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: *"Go and show yourselves to the priests"* (Luke 17:11-19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to *"rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."* So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessings to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6-20).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Don Petersen, Deryl Hennings, Duane Mordhorst, Richard Hageman
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Altar Flowers: Gloria Barnett
Finance: Elaine Vogt, Denny Mordhorst
Acolytes: Xavier Schaffer, Samantha Sorensen

Next Sunday Acolytes: Max Kelm, Raylyn Kelm

Those Serving in December

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

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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
 7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Thurs: Office Closed
 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
 3:00 p.m. - Set-up outside Christmas creche & nativity scenes in fellowship hall
 LCW meeting after decorating

	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	\$2,150.00	\$15.00

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 (Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Δ**Invocation**..... p.229
 Δ**Psalm 67**
Hymn..... #789
 "Praise and Thanksgiving"
Readings..... sheet
Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Reading: Philippians 4:6-20
 Δ**Reading:** Luke 17:11-19
 Δ**Responsory**..... p.230
Sermon: Luke 17:11-19
 "Thanks and Praise"
Hymn..... #703
 "How Can I Thank You, Lord"
Offering
 Δ**Prayers**..... p.233
 Δ**Kyrie**..... p.233
 Δ**Lord's Prayer**..... p.233
 Δ**Collect**..... p.233
 Δ**Benediction** p.234
 Δ**Hymn**..... #785
 "We Praise You, O God"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

BAKE SALE: Thank you to everyone that donated to the bake sale and bought the goodies on November 24th. We raised \$1,225.00 that day and after the service tonight you can check out the few items remaining and will be putting "free will donation" on them. All proceeds are going to our Iowa District West Missions.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Christmas Eve practice first on Sunday, December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table or you can talk the Board of Ed (Nina, Tina or Angie) if you are planning to participate.

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

NATIVITY SCENES DISPLAY: We are preparing for the Christmas season and will have a display of nativity scenes in the fellowship hall during the Blessing of the Christmas Creche. If you would like to bring your nativity scene for display, please have them here on December 1 and you can drop them off in the LYF room. In addition to the nativity scenes displayed we will have two Christmas trees decorated. If you have any questions you can talk to Terri.

LCW: We will be set up the nativity scenes and trees on December 1st in the fellowship hall at 3 p.m. LCW monthly meeting will be after the decorating on December 1.

CHRISTMAS CRECHE SET-UP: We are needing some volunteers to help set up the outside Christmas creche on Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE: We are hosting the Blessing of the Christmas Creche and having Nativity Display in the fellowship hall. It will be Saturday, December 7th 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.

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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LHM: Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of the devotion (Come, Let Us Adore Him) can be picked up at church next Sunday. You can also read the devotion each day at www.lhm.org/advent.

Day of Thanksgiving November 27, 2024

*Prayer &
Thanksgiving*



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