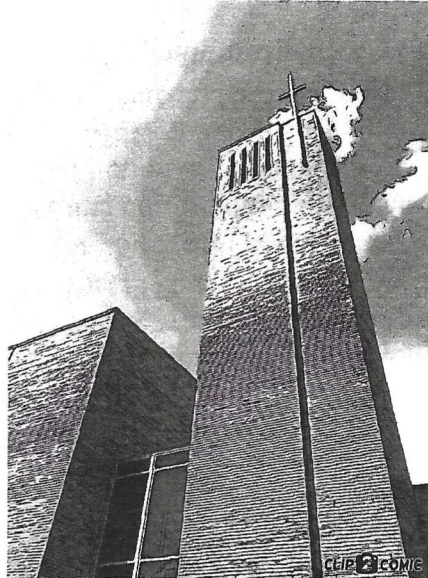


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+Order of Service+
December 12, 2021
Third Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** LSB 357
Confession and Absolution LSB 184
Introit, Gloria Patri, and Kyrie LSB 186
Collect of the Day LSB 189
Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20
Epistle Philippians 4:4-7
Holy Gospel Luke 7:18-28
Creed
Hymn of the Day: **Hark the Glad Sound** LSB 349
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Communion Liturgy LSB 194
Distribution Hymns
 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness LSB 636
 Once He Came in Blessing LSB 333
 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625
Nunc Dimittis LSB 199
Concluding Liturgy LSB 200
Closing Hymn: **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise** LSB 917

December 5, 2021, Of Our Time: 94 Communion: 75

Giving: \$ 8,573.00

Bank Loan: \$ 0.00

Old Testament Reading**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! (15) The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. (16) On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

(17) The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (18) I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. (19) Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. (20) At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Epistle**Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. (5) Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; (6) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel**Luke 7:18-28**

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, (19) calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (20) And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" (21) In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. (22) And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to

them. (23) And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

(24) When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? (25) What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. (26) What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. (27) This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ (28) I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

EVERYONE IS INVITED to St. Paul’s School Christmas Service which has been rescheduled for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 14. It will also be live streamed on Facebook.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING minutes:

The special voter’s meeting on 12-5-21 was called to order by chairman Bruce Geistfeld. After discussion it was M/S/P to give staff pay raises effective Jan 1, 2022. Pastor’s housing allowance is still under Church Council review. M/S/P to adjourn. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

THE NEW ENVELOPES for 2022 are on the table in the Narthex. If you want some and your name isn’t there, please let the church office know and I will get you some. Thanks

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING is designated for MLHS tuition aid unless specified otherwise. New Year’s Eve offering is designated for seminary student aid unless specified otherwise.

THE MARTIN LUTHER High School, Northrop, Europe 2022 group will be working for tips at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont on Monday, December 13. Come and enjoy the buffet!

SAVE THE DATE for the OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction at Martin Luther High School to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Now is the time to gather your creative ideas and shop holiday sales for items to donate.

Introit *Ps. 146:5-8*; antiphon: *Phil. 4:4*

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

again I will say, | Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

who executes justice for | the oppressed,

who gives food to the | hungry.*

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the |
righteous.

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

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YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER.:

+ **Terry Bentele, Arlys Halverson, Charles Scott, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Jim Hagedorn, Marlen Halverson, Neal Breitbarth, Gloria Drevlow, Ursula Scott, Marsha Miller, Grace Ekstrom, Carol White, Emery Armbrust, Carol Ritz, Bea Schultz, Richard Gottschalk, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit, who face prolonged illnesses.** May the Lord's grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed.** May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

THE DRAMA SURROUNDING the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message: "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree" (Luke 2:1-15) on WCCO (830): 6:05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM, KJLY-FM (104.5): 6:00 PM & XM's Family Talk Radio 170 12:00 PM. Today's message: "When You're Expecting" (Luke 1:20-80).

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.,	Dec.	12	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School
Mon.	Dec.	13	7:00	Trustees meeting
Tues.,	Dec.	14	10:00	Chapel
			7:00	Board of Education meets
			7:30	Elders meet
Wed.,	Dec.	15	4:45-5:45	after school Confirmation
			7:00	Advent Service
Fri.,	Dec.	17		School will be caroling in Truman in AM
			12:30	School Dismissed for Christmas vacation
Sun.	Dec.	19	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Organists: 12/12 Heidi 12/15 Chris 12/24 Sylvia 12/25 Sylvia 12/26 Sylvia 12/31 Chris

Ushers: 12/12 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Jason Meinert, Elder on duty

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12/31 Board of Elders

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion



Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves.

Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed

Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**