

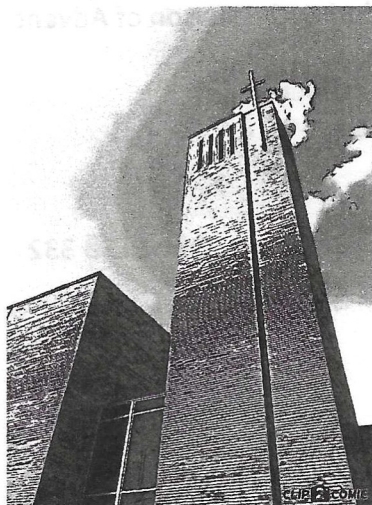
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December 3, 2023

+Order of Service+

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1st Sunday in Advent

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates** LSB 341

Introit and Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria In Excelsis - Omitted during the season of Advent

Collect of the Day LSB 189

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-10

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Savior of the Nations, Come** LSB 332

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born LSB 624

Once He Came in Blessing LSB 333

O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Prepare the Royal Highway** LSB 343

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister/Olivia Wedel

Ushers: Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz,
Gerald Urban, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson



Introit *Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

Pastor: Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

Cong: righteous and having sal- | vation.

Pastor: To you, | O LORD,*

Cong: I lift | up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*

Cong: let not my enemies exult | over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*

Cong: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Pastor: Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

Cong: righteous and having sal- | vation.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— (2) as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! (3) When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. (4) From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. (5) You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? (6) We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (7) There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. (8) But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. (9) Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (4) I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, (5) that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— (6) even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— (7) so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (8) who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

Mar 11:1-10 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples (2) and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. (3) If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” (4) And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. (5) And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” (6) And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. (7) And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. (8) And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. (9) And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (10) Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”



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.**



**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

December 3, 2023

Worship: Sundays @ 9 A.M. Chapel: Wednesdays @10 Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @10 & 7

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 10:15-11:15
Sunday School: 10:15-11:15
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11
Wednesday After-school Confirmation: 4:30-5:30

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 87
Communion: 69
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 4,015.62
Thanksgiving Attendance: 64
Thanksgiving Offering: \$ 1,150.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

†The family of **Janis Olson** who went home to heaven.
May the Living Lord Jesus comfort all who mourn.
†**Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Charlotte Dobie, Matthew Sieg, Audrey Becker, Shauna Gunnink, Duane Danner, Lois Camelin, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Larye Anderson**
† **Our Shut-Ins:** Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth
† **Our Servicemen:** Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler

LUTHERAN HOUR

A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost. December 10th Message: "A-T Walker" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler speaks on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

UPCOMING AREA CHURCH EVENTS Please see the narthex bulletin board for a full listing of each activity:

Today, December 3rd, St John's Antrim Church, Beef Commercial Meal from 11:15 am-12:30 pm.
Saturday, December 9th, Cookie Walk 9-11 a.m. @ St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop

CHURCH NEWS

9:00 AM Christmas Day Service with Communion

*LWML Ingathering for Heaven's Table: scarves, caps, mittens and socks for the month of November can be put on the tree or in the box.

*Information and order forms for the History bricks which will be going around the new sign/bell to complete the landscaping, are on the desk in the narthex. They can be returned to the church office. Questions ask Kerry Krenz.

*Check the narthex desk for an advent calendar for adults and children.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship.....9 a.m.
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School...10:15 a.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

B Basketball Games HOME vs. Vianney
A Girls' & Boys BB Practice at Northrop

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10-11 a.m.
Quilting.....11 a.m.
A Basketball at SPL Fairmont
B Boys' BB Practice at Truman

WEDNESDAY

Chapel with Pastor Chase.....10 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.
Advent meal by Youth Group.....6 p.m.
Advent Service.....7 p.m.

THURSDAY

A Basketball Game at Lakefield
B Girls' Practice at Home

FRIDAY

Christmas Service School children.....6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

B Basketball Tournament at Vianney for Girls and Boys

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.

MLHS NEWS

*2023 Advent Devotions from Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School are on the narthex desk.

*The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will present "The Joy of Christmas in Concert" on Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium in Northrop. The band will give a debut performance of a special piece commissioned exclusively for MLHS written by Kurt Heinecke, Veggie Tales composer. Heinecke will be the guest speaker at the concert and will give insight to the design of the piece. Elementary and high school musicians in band and choir will be under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation.

Amazing Grace

For by grace, you have been saved
through faith.

SPL School's Mission Statement:

To work
together with families and area
congregations to provide a quality
education in a Christian environment,
leading students to lives of service.

Our Goals: Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,
Pursue excellence.

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Lunch Menu

December 4-8

Monday – Pizza, Lettuce salad, Baby carrots, Pineapple

Tuesday – Meatballs, Spaghetti/sauce, Peas, Peaches,
Bread stick

Wednesday – Chicken nuggets, Mashed potatoes/gravy,
Green beans, Rosy applesauce, Biscuit/jelly

Thursday – Dorito bandito, Lettuce/cheese, Refried beans,
Tater tots, Pears

Friday – BBQ rib/bun, French fries, Carrots, Tropical fruit

SCHOOL REMINDERS

*Please remember that with basketball games starting, siblings of the players need to be in the gym cheering and watching the games, NOT running around the school building or outside unattended. Safety first!

*Friday, December 8th will be a fun-packed day here at St. Paul's. We will be singing at Profinium Bank in Truman around 1 p.m. Come by and hear your children sing their hearts out to God. Then at 6:30 p.m. is our Annual Christmas Service. Please invite family, friends, and relatives to this special evening event. If you know of people who are not happy at the school they are attending or are new to the area, please invite them to see St. Paul's in action.

*This past week Advent Calendars were sent home with the students, one for children and one for adults. Please use them to help with your preparation for Christmas. If you need more calendars, they are available on the desk in the Narthex of church.

SCHOOL NEEDS

The 5th & 6th grade classroom will be collecting clean, plastic caps of all shapes, sizes and colors. Please make sure that they are clean and dried and please - no metal caps or lids.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!

Next week, we are partnering with City of Lakes Family Dentistry (the dentist in town) with collecting food for their HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE. They are especially asking for breakfast cereals, soups, individual containers of kid meals, pasta and sauce, canned meats, hygiene products and cash donations. Please make sure that the food items have not expired. Please bring items that you like! People in need like those items as well. Bring the items to school next week and put them on the table in Mr. Miller's classroom.

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

Classroom News

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter K, number 10 and learned about the kookaburra bird. Please continue to work with your child on the Christmas program songs and poem. Kid quote of the week: (Kid slowly walking toward teacher) Teacher: What are you doing? Kid: Just stalking you.

Kindergarten: We have finished all of the Old Testament stories in our Bible Books, plus a few extra. The pictures are all hanging on our wall for us to reference as needed but will now come down. Our letters of focus for writing Vv & Ww. Word Family -all (ball, tall...). Math has us learning about tally marks & practicing addition. We are working hard on memorizing our songs for our Christmas service next Friday, Dec 8. Practicing at home is always a win with this teacher! :)

1st & 2nd: : What an awesome class! Memory and Spelling: Please check your child's folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: grin, spin, frog, split, strap, scrub, grab, three. Gr. 2: lion, try, mile, cry, pilot, nice, tiger, spider, fine, dry, prize, spice, giant, alike. We are working on the songs for the Christmas Service on Friday, December 8. Mrs. Geistfeld will give you more details about what to wear, when to be here etc. in this Saintinel! (Gr. 1 and 2 will be in costume for the whole service.) Our classroom Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 19. These families signed up to help us celebrate: Arndt, Sanders, Slabbert, and Stohs. I will be in contact with you! Thanks!

3rd & 4th: We have started our unit in Fairytales and Tall Tales for reading. Students will be working on their own stories soon. Our next states test is on Monday, December 11th. Our schedule will be very flexible this week since we have Christmas practice. Reminder that we are going to sing at Profinium on Friday, December 8th in the afternoon. I may be gone on December 7th for a Dr. appointment. I will know more on Tuesday, December 5th.

5th & 6th: On Tuesday we walked to TSL for our Eager Readers program. We had a great time reading to and visiting with our residents and then helping decorate the Christmas trees in the cafeteria and chapel. Remember to make sure that your child is getting 30 minutes of IXL in each week. Keep working on AR points. The deadline for getting points is coming fast. Keep up all of the hard work 5th & 6th grade! You are AWESOME!!!

7th & 8th: It was great to see everyone this past Monday and to hear that everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. Two book report papers were to be turned in today and the students signed up for their Book Talks for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. State Reports are to be "finished up" by Wednesday. The State Report Checklist was due today. Please be working on your parts for the Christmas Service. Hopefully today we organized our classroom Secret Angel activity. With basketball games starting next week, it is very important to be organized and even ahead of the game so you do not get behind. PLANNERS!!