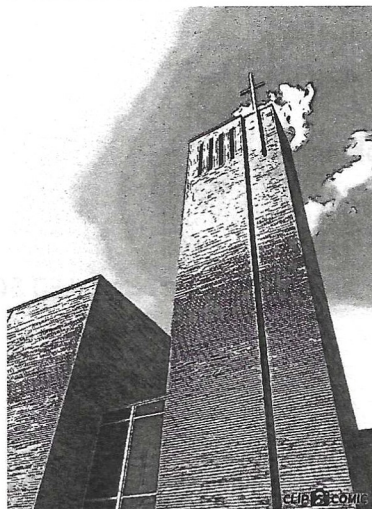


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November 19, 2023

+Order of Service+
November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting One
LSB 151

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Opening Hymn: Lord, to You I Make Confession LSB 608
Confession and Absolution LSB 151
Introit, Kyrie, and Hymn of Praise LSB 152 ff.
Collect of the Day LSB 156
Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near LSB 508
Sermon
Creed
Prayers of the Church
Offertory
Communion Liturgy LSB 160
Distribution Hymns:
The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord LSB 634
Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You LSB 668
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LSB 637

Nunc Dimittis LSB 164
Concluding Liturgy LSB 166

Closing Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow LSB 805

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister/ Norah, Maggie, Aaron, Annebelle Chase
Ushers: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly
Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

Introit Ps. 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

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First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. (8) And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. (9) On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. (10) "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. (11) Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. (12) At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' (13) Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." (14) The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. (15) A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, (16) a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. (2) For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (3) While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. (4) But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. (5) For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. (6) So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. (7) For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. (8) But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (9) For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, (10) who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. (11) Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. (15) To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. (16) He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. (17) So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. (18) But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. (19) Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. (20) And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' (21) His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (22) And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' (23) His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (24) He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, (25) so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' (26) But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? (27) Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. (28) So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. (29) For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (30) And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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.**



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

November 19, 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: 195
Communion: 106
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 3,258.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

†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
† Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth
† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler

LUTHERAN HOUR

Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Dean Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others. November 26 Message: "Loving Mercy" Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy 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 - Pancake Dinner 11-1 @ St. John's , Willow Creek
Saturday, December 9th, Cookie Walk 9-11 a.m. @ St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop

CHURCH NEWS

*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.

*Ladies Bible Study meets every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to come.

*Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas will take place SATURDAY December 2nd starting with coffee and donuts at 9:00 am. When finished, a light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Room. Please consider joining a morning of fun and fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent. Many hands, young and old, will make for light work.

*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. Question as Kerry Krenz

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

B Girls' BB Practice here.....3:30 p.m.
A Girls' & Boys BB Practice at Northrop
PTL.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10-11 a.m.
Thanksgiving Chapel.....11:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Feast..... 11:30 a.m.
B Boys' BB Practice here..... 3:30 p.m.
A Girls' & Boys' BB Practice at Northrop

WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving Vacation begins!!
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Worship..... 9 a.m.

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

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.

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

November 20 — PTL
November 21 — Thanksgiving Feast
November 22-26 — Thanksgiving Break

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Lunch Menu

November 20-30

Monday – Chicken patty/bun, Tri taters, Peas, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday – Sliced turkey breast, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Carrots, Peaches, Dinner roll

Monday – Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, Waffle fries, Baked beans, Peaches

Tuesday – Chicken strips, Tater tots, Carrots, Rosy applesauce, Wheat roll/jelly

Wednesday – Max stick/dipping sauce, Broccoli/cheese, Corn, Warm apple slices

Thursday – Italian pasta bake, Green beans, Pears, Bread stick

SCHOOL REMINDERS

*Band happens on Monday. Don't forget your instruments on Monday.

*No Piano next week due to no school on Wednesday. The Christmas Party is getting closer!!

*PTL on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

*Thank you to all who made it a priority to be here to sing, ring, or chime. The day was a beautiful praising of God.

*Everyone is welcome at Chapel at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

A huge Thank You to everyone who supported McTeacher night. Tips were \$ 520.42 and 10% was \$382.28 for a total of \$ 902.70. Thank You!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are always ways to become involved with our awesome school. Beside the ways listed below, simply ask a teacher what you can do for them.

- Collect Hy-Vee and Fareway Receipts
- Tell others about our school!

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

Classroom News

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter J, number 9 and learned about jellyfish. If you have not done so please send a sweatshirt that can stay at school for when they are a little extra chilly.

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we talked about David's son Solomon being a wise king & then on to the story of Elijah. If you have a chance read these whole stories from the Bible to your kids; the Bible references are found at the beginning of each of our stories in our Bible Storybooks. Our letters of focus for writing Rr & Ss. Word Family -op (top, pop...). We painted USA flags in honor of our country & our veterans. Remember, no school next Wed, Thurs & Friday. Count your many Blessings, name them together as a family.

1st & 2nd: What an amazing class! No Memory or Spelling next week! I will send home the lists for the following week, next week. I will also email the spelling words through Grade Link next week. We talked about quilts this week in Art. Thank you to the students that brought in a quilt to show us! See you at the Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday! Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

3rd & 4th: Thank you to all the parents who helped donate food, showed up to help, and got their kids to Just for CiCs this past Sunday. We had a blast and I heard nothing but wonderful things from the other teachers. Everyone should have received their shirts. Thank you to PTL for donating the money for them. We have some quizzes and tests coming up next week. Study guides will go home on Friday. Remember that the first states and capitals test is on Tuesday, November 21st. Band will be on Monday, November 20th. No school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next week.

5th & 6th: I have been blessed with such a great class!! Thank you for all of your hard work. This week we started "Gratitude Journals". It's a great way to remind us we have so much to be thankful for and help us to focus on being positive and showing kindness to others. There are papers (usually test papers) that come home in the green Take Home folder that are stamped with "Sign and Return". Parents - please be sure to sign these papers and return them with your child to school. They will need these to study for future tests. We have only two days of school next week and then Thanksgiving Break! I pray you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

7th & 8th: Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! You are all a hard-working bunch and I very much appreciate your efforts! Math test is due on Monday. Spelling will be covered on Monday and Tuesday. History Test was due today with one additional part due by Tuesday. If your State Report is under control, that is at a great breaking point and we will resume our work on it on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Relax over vacation and have an absolutely wonderful holiday and WORSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.