

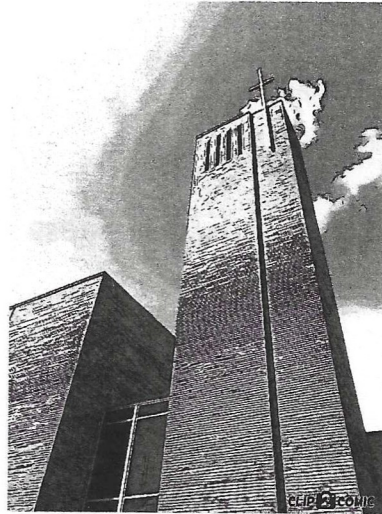
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Martin Luther High School

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December 31, 2023

+Order of Service+
December 31, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **Angels from the Realms of Glory** LSB 367

Confession and Absolution LBS 184

Collect of the Day LSB 189

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Epistle Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Let All Together Praise Our God** LSB 389

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

Once in Royal David's City LSB 376

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LSB 380

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice LSB 386

Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace** LSB 937

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: 9 - Sylvia Burmeister, 5 - Olivia Wedel/Maggie Chase

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

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson



Introit *Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon Is 52:10*

Pastor: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,

Cong: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!

Cong: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva-| tion for him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known his sal-| vation;

Cong: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.

Cong: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;

Cong: break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Pastor: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,

Cong: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (11) For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. (2) The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. (3) You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Epistle


Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, (5) to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (6) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (7) So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (23) (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") (24) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." (25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (26) And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (27) And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, (28) he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, (29) "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; (30) for my eyes have seen your salvation (31) that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, (32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." (33) And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. (34) And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (35) (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." (36) And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, (37) and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. (38) And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. (39) And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. (40) And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

 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 31, 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: 60
 Communion: 50
 Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 7,901.85

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † 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

Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't. January 7 Message: "As We Forgive"
 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:

CHURCH NEWS

*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.

*New Year's Eve will be going to the Seminary fund, unless specified otherwise.

*Ladies Bible Study will begin again on January 2nd.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship.....9 a.m.
 New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion.....5 p.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

Office Closed

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.

MLHS NEWS

National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on January 21-27, 2024. The theme is "Connected" based on John 15:1-5. Early bird student enrollment discounts for the 2024-2025 school year will apply until February 1st. All students are welcome to enroll and be blessed by what Christ in the curriculum gives. Call 507-436-5249.

All families are invited to The Children's Winter Carnival sponsored by the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop National Honor Society and Student Council on Sunday, January 21st from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5/child or \$15 per family. Parents are free. There will be Games, Prizes, Bouncy House, Snacks and a Parent Lounge.

Everyone is welcome to a fascinating history presentation on the Civil War by Arn Kind at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Tuesday, January 23. (Snow date is January 25.) History will come to life through this interactive lesson. Times are 9-11:15 a.m. for grades 5-8 and noon to 2:15 p.m. for grades 9-12. The event is sponsored by the MLHS Parent/Teacher League. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

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.

St. Paul's Lutheran
invites you to a

Winter WONDERLAND SOCK-HOP

\$10 a couple/\$20 a family
(Father/Daughter, Mother/Son,
couples, and Families all welcome!)

DJ * Dancing * Refreshments
Photo Booth * Door Prizes

❄ January 14, 2024 ❄

6:00pm - 9:00pm

St. Paul's school gymnasium
Truman, MN

As this is a Sock-Hop, please be prepared to take off
your shoes and dance in your socks. This is to
prevent damage to the new gym floor. Thank you!