

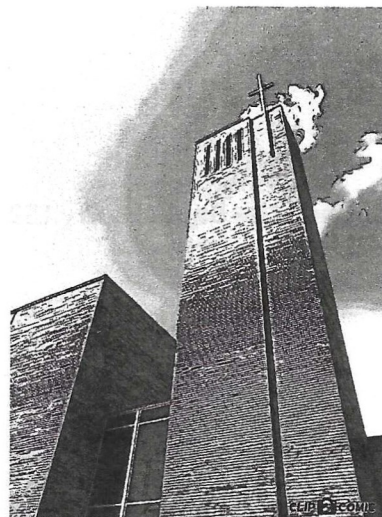
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Martin Luther High School

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December 10, 2023

+Order of Service+

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2nd Sunday in Advent

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **The Advent of Our King** LSB 331

Gloria In Excelsis - Omitted during the season of Advent

Collect of the Day LSB 189

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Epistle Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** LSB 344

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness LSB 636

Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725

Sent Forth by God's Blessings LSB 643

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord** LSB 352

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Heidi Koeritz

Ushers: Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

Advent Service: Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson



Introit *Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3*

Pastor: Restore us, | O God;*

Cong: let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

Cong: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Pastor: You brought a vine out of | Egypt;*

Cong: it took deep root and | filled the land.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. (2) Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. (3) A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (4) Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. (5) And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (6) A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. (7) The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. (8) The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (9) Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" (10) Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. (11) He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Epistle


2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (11) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (2) As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, (3) the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" (4) John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (5) And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (6) Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. (7) And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. (8) I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

 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 10, 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: 101
 Communion: 85
 Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 4,796.00

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

What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save. December 17th Message: "Life After Landing" 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

9:00 AM Christmas Day Service with Communion

*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.

*We will be doing the poinsettias again this year Please let the office know the names of the people you want in the bulletin by December 20. The names will be in the bulletin on December 24. Poinsettias can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Halverson 507-432-8248.

*Christmas Ever offering will be going to Martin Luther Student Aid, unless specified otherwise.

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- Worship.....9 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.
- Truman Christmas Parade.....5 p.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

- Janis Olson funeral.....11 a.m.
- Trustees.....7 p.m.
- A BB at Courtland.....4:15 p.m.
- B Girls' BB Practice.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Women's Bible Study.....10-11 a.m.
- Board of Education.....7 p.m.
- Elders.....7:30 p.m.
- B BB vs. SPL Fairmont HOME.....4 p.m.

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

- Blue Earth Pastors Conference.....10 a.m.
- B BB vs. Concordia Academy.....4 p.m.
- A BB Girls vs. Mt. Olive at SPL Fairmont

FRIDAY

- Piano Christmas Recital.....3:15 p.m.
- Boys' B BB Practice.....3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- MLHS Christmas Concert @ MLHS.....7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.
- Jennie Williamson Concert.....4 p.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

Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 5 p.m.
Piano Recital, Friday, Dec. 15 @ 3 p.m.
Jennie Williamson Concert Sun. Dec. 17 @ 4 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 18 @ 10 a.m.
Caroling around town Tues., Dec. 19 in the morning
Christmas Chapel Wed., Dec. 20 @ 10 a.m.
Dismissal for Christmas vacation after lunch

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Lunch Menu

December 11-15

Monday – Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, Potato salad,
Sun chips, Peaches
Tuesday – Cheese quesadilla, Broccoli, Baby carrots,
Pineapple
Wednesday – Hot dog/bun, Tri taters, Baked beans,
Tropical fruit
Thursday – Tater tot hotdish, Cottage cheese, Corn, Pears,
Bread stick
Friday – Chicken strips, Mac n cheese, Peas, Warm apple
slices

SCHOOL REMINDERS

*We are in the Truman Christmas Parade. Sunday evening
at 5 p.m. it starts at the high school parking lot. Please be
there to ride on the float by 4:45 p.m. Thanks for your
early support.

*Don't forget about the Jennie Williamson Christmas
Concert on Sunday, December 17th at 4 p.m. If you are
not in the Christmas Spirit yet, you will be after this
concert. The concert happens here at St. Paul's.
Don't forget about the Jennie Williamson School Concert at
10 a.m. on Monday the 18th. Come join Courtland, SPL
Fairmont, Northrop, Lakefield, and Vianney in a jam-
packed hour of praising God.

SCHOOL NEEDS

*We are extending the Food Drive through
MONDAY. Please bring food that you enjoy. Drop them
off on the table in Mr. Miller's classroom.

*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 meatal
caps or lids.

Classroom News

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter L, number
11 and learned about the Lionfish. Thank you to the
parents for helping your child learn their part and the
songs for the Christmas program. Kid quote of the week "Is
that on Youtube?"

Kindergarten: We reviewed the Old Testament stories as
we took the pictures off of the wall & then we started the
great Christmas story starting with Zachariah & Elizabeth.
Our letters of focus for writing Xx & Yy. Word Family -ig
(pig, wig...). We are singing at the bank at 1:00 p.m.
We'll see kindergarteners in our classroom on Fri. at 6:10.

1st & 2nd: : What a terrific class! Memory and Spelling:
Please check your child's folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1:
far, art, park, for, born, fork, shark, storm. Gr. 2: old, open,
road, broken, grow, hold, over, told, own, coat, below,
coach, follow, golden. Christmas Service: Friday,
December 8. Mrs. Geistfeld will give you more details
about what to wear, when to be here etc. in this Saintinell
(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: On Monday, December 11th, we will have our
second states and capitals test. Our AR party will be on
Monday, December 18th. Students need 20 points to
attend and 22 points to bring a drink. On Tuesday,
December 19th, we will have our class party. Thank you to
those who are planning it! Please remember to have your
kiddos bring hats, coats, and gloves. We try to go outside
as much as possible and want to make sure they are warm.
We are still working on our Fractured Fairy Tales.

5th & 6th: It's a busy time of the year in our classroom. This
week has been busy with practicing for our Christmas
Service. Remember to keep doing IXL and working on AR
points which are due Monday, December 11. Thank you to
Elaine Leider and Lynn Schweiger for subbing for me.

7th & 8th: The month is flying by. See you tonight at the
Christmas Service at 6:30 p.m. It will be wonderful. State
Reports are due Monday at 8:10 a.m. State Report
Presentations start on Monday. Ask your child when their
presentation is happening. Next Book Report will happen
after vacation. A Math test will happen next week. Be
prepared. Psalm 100 should have been learned this past
week. Did not get a lot of cooperation. Secret Santa for
7/8 will start on Monday. Let's have fun with
this. Blessings to you all!