

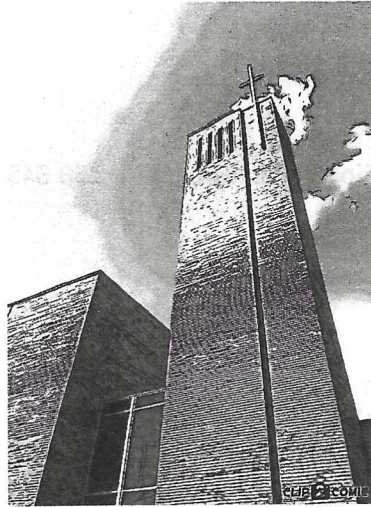
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**December 17, 2023**

**+Order of Service+**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **Hail to the Lord's Anointed** LSB 398

*Gloria In Excelsis* - Omitted during the season of Advent

Collect of the Day LSB 189

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Epistle Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Holy Gospel** John 1:6-8, 19-28

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding** LSB 345

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

**O Lord, We Praise Thee** LSB 617

**Children of the Heavenly Father** LSB 849

**Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior** LSB 619

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **On What Has Now Been Sown** LSB 921

**SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**Musicians:** Juleen Breitbarth

**Ushers:** Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly

Advent Service: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly

**Elder of the Month:** Scott Halverson





of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. (10) 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.

### Epistle


1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, (17) pray without ceasing, (18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (19) Do not quench the Spirit. (20) Do not despise prophecies, (21) but test everything; hold fast what is good. (22) Abstain from every form of evil. (23) Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (24) He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

### Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (7) He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. (8) He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" (20) He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." (21) And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." (22) So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" (23) He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (24) (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) (25) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" (26) John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, (27) even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." (28) These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

 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: 113  
 Communion: 80  
 Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 2,387.25

### 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

This Christmas Eve, God wants to be found in the human community gathered in the name of Jesus and in the conversation connected with Him. December 24  
 Message: "Community and Conversation" 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.
- \*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.
- \*Ladies Bible Study will begin again on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY

- Worship.....9 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.
- Jennie Williamson Concert.....4:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

- Jennie Williamson Concert.....10:00 a.m.
- B Basketball Games at Courtland.....4 & 5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

- Christmas Caroling around Truman in morning
- A Basketball Games vs. Worthington Christian at SPL Fairmont ..... 4 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

- Christmas Chapel.....10 a.m.
- School Dismissal.....12:30 p.m.
- Christmas Vacation Begins!!
- Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.
- Advent meal by Youth Group.....6 p.m.
- Advent Service.....7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

#### SUNDAY

- Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.....5:00 p.m.

### MLHS NEWS



# 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

Fun activities for next week:

Jennie Williamson Christmas Concert Sunday at 4 p.m.

Jennie Williamson School Concert on Monday at 10 a.m.

**If interested, bring money if interested in shirts and/or  
cds**

Christmas Caroling around Truman on Tuesday Morning

Christmas Class Parties on Tuesday afternoon

Christmas Chapel on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Early Dismissal on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

## THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

### Lunch Menu

December 18-20

**Monday** – Italian pasta bake, Baked beans, Peaches,  
Breadstick

**Tuesday** – Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, Tomato soup,  
Corn chips, Strawberry cup

**Wednesday** – Max stick, Dipping sauce, Tri taters, Corn,  
Mixed fruit

## SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please have boots, gloves, hats, and jackets at school for  
outside recess time.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK, PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME FOR  
AT LEAST 24 HOURS. NOTHING IS THAT IMPORTANT  
THAT THE CHILDREN NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL SICK.**

## SCHOOL NEEDS

\*The PTL requesting donations of Christmas trees to use as  
decorations at the 1/14/24 Winter Wonderland Sock  
Hop? We do plan to reuse these in future years so this  
would be a permanent donation.

\*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.

**Spirit Week: January 8 - 12:** Help us build school spirit for  
our SPL Basketball tournament by participating in these  
fun activities:

Monday: Sports Team Day (Vikings, Packers, Chiefs, Twins,  
Dodgers etc.)

Tuesday: Country Western or Cowboy Day (Dig out your  
western wear!)

Wednesday: Dress your Very Best Day!

Thursday: Pajama Day (You may bring stuffies, blankets,  
slippers etc.)

Friday: Blue and White Day (or Red and White)

## FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

### Classroom News

**Preschool:** This week we worked on the letter M, number  
12 and learned about manta rays. We will have a little  
party on Tues and note will be send later. Kid quote of the  
week "Flohrs I like you" that melted my heart.

**Kindergarten:** Jesus Time is all about Baby Jesus & God  
putting into action His saving plan. We have now practiced  
at least once the correct way of writing each letter. Word  
Family -ip (hip, chip...) they're doing a great job of adding  
blends to the beginning. Our newest secret story "a". We  
brought out the mini trampoline to wear out the wiggles  
with the bonus of cleaning out our lymphatic system! :D  
Math works... what number comes before & after a  
designated number. Caroling next Tuesday morning with a  
Birthday Party for Jesus in the afternoon.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** : What an amazing class! No Memory or Spelling  
next week! Next week I will send home the Memory and  
Spelling for the week of January 8th. I will also e-mail the  
Spelling words to you during vacation. Our classroom  
Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 19. Thank you  
to these families that will help us celebrate: Arndt,  
Sanders, Slabbert, and Stohs. Happy ½ Birthday  
Tyler! Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2024!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** Looking ahead to next week, we will have a  
Religion test and Social Studies test. The study guides will  
go home on Friday, so look for those. 30 minutes will be  
needed for next week and then over the Christmas break  
there will be NO IXL assigned. We will start again in the  
New Year. If you are looking for Christmas gifts to give your  
child, please check with them on school supplies. Lined  
paper, pencils, colored pencils, markers, and crayons make  
excellent gifts to start the New Year off right. We are  
finishing up our Fractured Fairy Tales. I hope to have those  
going home next week. They have worked really hard on  
them! May Christ be the center of all you do this  
Christmas season and I pray that you have a wonderful  
Christmas break!

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** Information about our joint Christmas party with  
7&8 will be sent home tomorrow. The party is on the  
afternoon of the 19th. Keep working hard on all your  
assignments. Have a wonderful Christmas break which  
starts next Wednesday at noon.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year  
to all of you!! Math test is due by Monday. Geography  
Project 8 is due by Monday. Your latest Rhetoric  
assignment is due by Friday. Hopefully the week has been  
full of fun items from their Secret Santa. I will be absent  
from school on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week due  
to the eye surgery being done on my left eye. It is being  
done in Sioux Falls on Tuesday. I have been told that I will  
love my doctor on Tuesday and not like him the days  
after. Please pray that all goes well.