

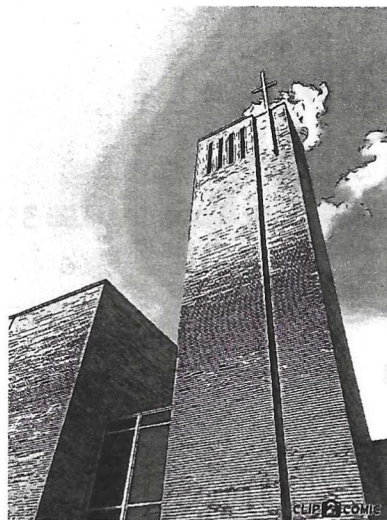
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Martin Luther High School

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December 24, 2023

+Order of Service+
December 24, 2023
4th Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** LSB 357

Gloria In Excelsis - Omitted during the season of Advent

Collect of the Day LSB 189

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Epistle Reading Romans 16:25-27

Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming** LSB 359

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table LSB 618

Prepare a Royal Highway LSB 343

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face LSB 631

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** LSB 338

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: 9 - Sylvia Burmeister, 5 - Juleen Breitbarth

Ushers: Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

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

Christmas Day: Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson



Introit

Ps. 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
Cong: and grant us your sal- | vation.

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*
Cong: let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.*
Cong: In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

Pastor: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
Cong: and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Pastor: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,*
Cong: and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*
Cong: let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, (2) the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." (3) And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." (4) But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, (5) "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? (6) I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. (7) In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' (8) Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. (9) And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. (10) And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place

and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, (11) from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. (16) And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages (26) but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— (27) to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (29) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (30) And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (32) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, (33) and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (34) And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" (35) And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. (36) And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. (37) For nothing will be impossible with God." (38) And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



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 24, 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: \$ 35,946.00

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

When life becomes an endless roundabout of regret, Christ is your entrance to forgiveness and a new start. December 31 Message: "The Exit from Regret" 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.
- *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 2nd.
- *The bell and the sign have been paid for. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.
 Christmas Candlelight Service.....5 p.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Office closed

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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Office closed

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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