

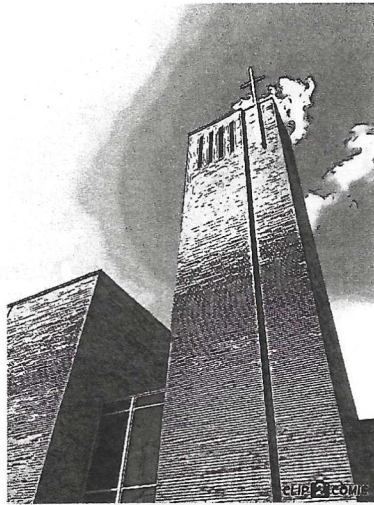
# **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School**

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January 7, 2024

**+Order of Service+**

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**The Baptism of Our Lord**

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **Arise and Shine in Splendor** LSB 396

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186-189

Collect of the Day LSB 189

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 1:1-5

**Epistle Reading** Romans 6:1-11

**Holy Gospel** Mark 1:4-11

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning** LSB 400

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

**To Jordan's River Came Our Lord** LSB 405

**God Loves Me Dearly** LSB 392

**As with Gladness Men of Old** LSB 397

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** LSB 394

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

**Musicians:** Sylvia Burmeister

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

**Elder of the Month:** Wade Krenz



**Introit** Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon Is 42:1a  
Pastor: Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,  
Cong: **my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

Pastor: I will tell of | the decree:

Cong: **The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,

Cong: **and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

Pastor: You shall break them with a | rod of iron

Cong: **and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."**

Pastor: Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;

Cong: **be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

Pastor: Serve the | LORD with fear,

Cong: **and rejoice with | trembling.**

Pastor: for his wrath is quickly | kindled.

Cong: **Blessed are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,

Cong: **my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (3) And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (4) And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. (5) God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? (2) By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? (3) Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? (4) We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (6) We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. (7) For one who has died has been set free from sin. (8) Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. (9) We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. (10) For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. (11) So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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." (9) In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (10) And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. (11) And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

January 7, 2024

**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: 85  
 Communion: 59  
 Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 27,509.51

### 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 explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice. January 14  
 Message: "How Could She Ever Forgive Him?" 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.

\***Attention!!** Today after Bible Class and Sunday School, the Christmas trees and decorations will be taken down. If you aren't staying for Bible Class, please return at 11:15 a.m. to help. A few tall men would be greatly appreciated.

\*New Church Directories are on the narthex desk.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY

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

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

B Girls' BB Practice.....3:30 p.m.  
 Trustees.....7 p.m.  
 PTL in the Fireside Room.....7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10 a.m.  
 B Basketball games vs Courtland HERE at.....4 p.m.  
 A Basketball games vs. Genesis Academy Girls at..... 4 p.m. at SPL Fairmont  
 Board of Education .....7 p.m.  
 Elders.....7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10 a.m.  
 Confirmation.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Quilting.....10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Blue Earth Pastors conference.....10 a.m.  
 B Basketball Girls' Practice.....3:30 p.m.  
 A Basketball Boys' Game at SPL Fairmont.....4 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

St. Paul's Lutheran Truman Invitational Tournament

#### SATURDAY

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#### SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.  
 Sock Hop.....6-9 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](http://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.

## **IMPORTANT SPL DATES**

January 8 – School Begins  
PTL & p.m.  
January 12 – Report cards come home  
January 12-13 – SPL Basketball Tournament  
January 14 – Sock Hop 6-9 p.m.  
January 15 – No School  
January 21 – Children sing in church

## **THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU**

### Lunch Menu January 8 – 12

**Monday:** Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, Tator tots,  
Tomato soup, crackers, Peaches  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, Mac n cheese, Green beans, Rosy  
applesauce  
**Wednesday:** Meatballs, Spaghetti/sauce, Baked beans,  
Fruit cocktail, Bread stick  
**Thursday:** Pizza, Tri taters, Baby carrots, Pineapple  
**Friday:** Sloppy Jo/bun, Corn ships, Broccoli/cheese,  
Carrots, Warm apple slices

### **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.

\*Just a reminder, there is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday,  
January 15th as we celebrate MLK Day.

**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:

### Kindergarten:

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: