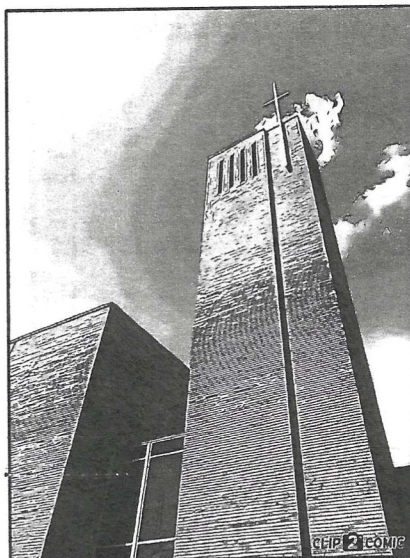


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**+Order of Service+**  
December 8, 2024  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star** LSB 872

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit and Kyrie LSB 186-189

*Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the Season of Advent*

Collect of the Day LSB 189

**Old Testament Reading:** Malachi 3:1-7b

**Epistle** Philippians 1:2-11

**Holy Gospel** Luke 3:1-14

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

**Your Table I Approach** LSB 628

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People** LSB 347

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing** LSB 643

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Prepare the Royal Highway** LSB 343

<b>SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE</b>
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**Musicians:** Heidi Koeritz      **Advent Service:** Olivia Wedel

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

**Advent:** Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

**Elder of the Month:** Scott Halverson



**Introit** *Ps. 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

P: The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

C: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

P: Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

C: O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

P: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.\*

C: Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

P: “But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

C: Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

P: Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*

C: that Israel would walk | in my ways!

P: The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

C: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

### Old Testament Reading

### Malachi 3:1-7b

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. (2) But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. (3) He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. (4) Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. (5) “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. (6) “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (7) From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts

## Epistle


## Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (3) I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, (4) always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, (5) because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (6) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (7) It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. (8) For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. (9) And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, (10) so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, (11) filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel

## Luke 3:1-14

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, (2) during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. (3) And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (4) As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (5) Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, (6) and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (7) He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. (9) Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." (10) And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" (11) And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." (12) Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" (13) And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." (14) Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

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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.

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; [spltruman.com](http://spltruman.com) or by simply scanning the following QR code.





# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

December 8, 2024

**Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am**  
**Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 6pm**

### BIBLE CLASSES

**Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School:**  
10:15-11:15 a.m.  
**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Wednesday After-School Confirmation:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 98  
Communion: 82  
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 4,710.00  
School Roof Fund: \$ 13,240.04 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

### IN OUR PRAYERS

† Alice Raddatz, John Matasovsky, Tom Koeritz, Marsha Miller, Marilyn Vogt, Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick Eckmann, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, and Larye Anderson

† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, and June Mausling

† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, and Cade Hotzler

### CHURCH NEWS

Advent Supper will be on Wednesday, December 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The menu for this week is: Sloppy joes with sides and dessert.

There are Advent Calendars of the narthex desk for children, teens, and adults. Take one if you would like one.

\*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 with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

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

Basketball Practice  
Trustees.....7:00 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.  
A Basketball Practice  
B BB HOME# vs. Vianney at 4 p.m.  
Board of Education.....7:00 p.m.  
Elders.....7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10:00 a.m.  
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3:00 p.m.  
Advent Supper.....5:00 p.m.  
Advent Service.....6:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Blue Earth Circuit Pastors here.....10:00 a.m.  
A Boys BB vs. Mt. Olive at Fairmont  
Basketball Practice

#### FRIDAY

School Christmas Service.....6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

B teams at Vianney Basketball Tournament  
MLHS Christmas Concert.....7:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.  
Jennie Williamson Concert.....4:00 p.m.

### LUTHERAN HOUR

#### December 15 -

"Assignment: Christmas - A Christmas Radio Special from Lutheran Hour Ministries"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

### MLHS NEWS

Please take home an Advent Devotion provided by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. They are available for pick-up on the narthex desk.

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Concert "Get a Handel on Christmas" at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Elementary and high school band students will be performing, and the high school choir will sing. Students are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free-will donation.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Yearbook Staff is selling RADA Cutlery online. To order online go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) and click on the Special Events tab. Orders will be shipped directly to you. Manufactured in Waverly, Iowa; these products make great Christmas gifts.

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Check the bulletin board for more information about these events.

St John's Antrim Church will be having their 8th annual Beef Commercial Meal **TODAY** serving in the church basement from 11:15 am-12:30 pm. To go orders will be available. This is a free will donation event. The Sunday School will also be having a Bake Sale during the meal downstairs.

Join us for the **6th Annual Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 14th, 9-11am, at St James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 108 S James St, Northrop. Goodies available to purchase by the pound. Containers will be provided, or bring your own if you wish. Pre-boxed "giftable" cookie batches will also be available.

# Faith, Hope, Love

And now abide Faith, Hope, and Love,  
these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

## 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

December:

- 13 – Christmas Program Service-6:30 p.m.
  - 15 – Jennie Williamson Christmas Concert-4:00 p.m.
  - 16 – Jennie Williamson School Concert-10 a.m.
  - 19 – Christmas Caroling in town
  - 20 – Christmas Chapel-10 a.m.
- School dismissed after lunch

### THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

**December 9-13**

- Monday:** Popcorn chicken, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Rosy applesauce
- Tuesday:** Sausage links, French toast sticks, Tri taters, Mixed berries
- Wednesday:** Birthday Menu – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, Dorito Bandito, Lettuce/cheese, Corn, Apples, Orange smiles, Sherbet
- Thursday:** Italian pasta bake, Carrots, Peas, Tropical fruit
- Friday:** Sub sandwich, Sun chips, Tomato soup, Baked beans, Mandarin oranges

#### **School Reminders:**

**Christmas Service Notes:** Our school Christmas Service will be on Friday, December 13th at 6:30pm. 7th & 8th grade handbell choir should be in the balcony ready to start practicing at 6:00 pm sharp. Students from the choir in grades 1-6 should meet in the Fireside Room at 6:15pm. **We ARE NOT wearing our black choir shirts.** Everyone is asked to wear nice Christmas "dressy" clothes for the service. There will be treats in the church basement following the service. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Geistfeld.

**Cookies!** St. Paul's Lutheran School Christmas Service - Friday, December 13th: Each school family is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies for after the service. Please have them in the church basement by 3:00 p.m. Thank You!

**Heggies Pizza Fundraiser:** Pizzas will be delivered on Monday, December 16th. Pizzas should be ready to be picked up by 3:00pm that day. Please plan to pick your pizza orders up ASAP as there is no freezer room available to store pizzas. If you have any questions please contact Corey Wiederhoeft or Mrs. Geistfeld. Thank you for the incredible job selling!!

Thanks to all who attended our singing at Profinium and attended the Piano Christmas Concert. Thanks especially to the students who did a fantastic job.

Christmas Service is Friday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Plan now to attend this wonderful event and bring friends and neighbors.

Jennie Williamson Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 15th at 4 p.m. Make plans now to enjoy this beautiful Christmas Event here at St. Paul's.

Plan now to attend the basketball games here at St. Paul's. The games are listed on the calendar. Come and enjoy our awesome food stand and enjoy some great basketball. We play Vianney on Tuesday here at St. Paul's at 4 p.m.

Basketball games added: January 9th HERE against Genesis. These will be Boys' Games only.

### FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Preschool:** This week learned about the kittiwake bird, worked on the letter K, and the number 9. The children decorated our Christmas tree, and they did not miss even one limb. The tree is loaded with decorations. Please continue to work with your child on our songs as the program is next week, Kid quote of the week "these shoes are growing out of me."

**Kindergarten:** In Jesus Time we are working on wrapping up the Old Testament with stories on David & his son Solomon, Elijah, The Firey Furnace & Daniel in the Lion's Den. Our word family is "ig" (pig, wig). We decorated our Christmas tree, she's a real beauty! Amongst all the Christmas busyness we are trying to do some assessing to conclude our quarter before break. We are working hard on our songs, feel free to practice at home :)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** What an amazing class! Memory and Spelling: Check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 2: cook, sick, cave, kiss, rock, cake, kick, lock, look, luck, dock, cast, bucket, carry. Gr. 1: her, girl, word, fur, bird, turn, burn, dirt. We are working hard on the Christmas service for Friday, December 13! Check elsewhere in this Saintinel for details about the time and location to meet etc. Our classroom will be in costume: angels, shepherds etc. for the entire service. Thinking Ahead: Christmas Caroling (a.m.) and our classroom Christmas party (p.m.) will be Thursday, December 19. More details soon!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** We will continue to read "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" this week. Students will get to try some Turkish Delight. Looking ahead next week, we will have two big tests to study for, and a quiz. Review sheets will go out on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please look for those. Thank you for all that you do!

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** Next Tuesday, Dec. 10 we have our Eager Readers visit at Heartland Senior Living. Friday, December 13th is our school Christmas Service at 6:30 pm in church. The deadline for AR points is approaching quickly. Read, read, read and take those tests at school. Remember our classroom Christmas party on the afternoon of the 19th. Let me know what treat you will be sending to share with the class and a present.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** It was great seeing everyone back this past Monday. Book Reports should be done. Book Talks assigned. In Their Sandals on the home stretch, and Algebra under control with substitution. With basketball picking up it is vital to write things down in your assignment books and plan things out. Remember that basketball is a privilege and not an expectation. Secret Santas should be in the hands of the students. Please stay under control with spending. Enjoy December!!