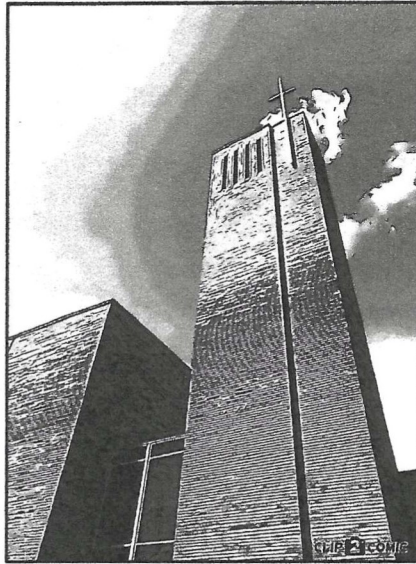


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December 22, 2024

+Order of Service+
December 22, 2024
4th Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** LSB 334

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: Micah 5:2-5a

Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10

Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** LSB 357

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

Not All The Blood of Beasts LSB 431

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending LSB 336

O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns** LSB 348

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE
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Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister **Christmas Eve** Juleen Breitbarth **Christmas Day** Olivia Wedel

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

Christmas Eve Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kuby

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

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson



Introit 1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47

P: My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*

C: and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior,

P: My mouth derides my | enemies,*

C: because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

P: There is none holy | like the LORD;*

C: there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.

P: The barren has borne | seven,*

C: but she who has many children | is forlorn.

P: The LORD kills and | brings to life;*

C: he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

P: The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*

C: he brings low and | he exalts.

P: My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*

C: and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior,

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (3) Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. (4) And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. (5) And he shall be their peace.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; (6) in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. (7) Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" (8) When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), (9) then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. (10) And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, (40) and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (41) And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, (42) and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (43) And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (44) For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. (45) And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."



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 or by simply scanning the following QR code.



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

December 22, 2024

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: 89

Communion: 70

Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 14,602.18

School Roof Fund: \$ 14,015.04 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Erika Lotheringen, Hannes Slabbert's sister, 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

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)

TUESDAY

No Women's Bible Study

Candlelight Service.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day Service with Communion.....9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor and I will be out of the office from December 24-27. We are going to spend the time with our families. If you need pastoral care, please contact your elder. Thank you.

Attention Voters! There will be a special meeting after the service **TODAY** to approve staff salary increases for the coming year. This was tabled at the October meeting but needs to be finalized before January 1st.

Christmas Open House: The Chase family would like to invite the congregation to our home **TODAY** from 2-4 pm. Enjoy a time of Christian fellowship and, of course, Christmas cookies! Come and go as you please.

2025 envelopes boxes are on the table in the narthex. If you did not get a box, please let an Elder know. I can make one for you.

*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

Thanks for all the cards, well wishes and most importantly prayers during my recent surgery and hospitalizations. God bless and Merry Christmas! John Matasovsky

LUTHERAN HOUR

December 29 - (Colossians 3:12-17)

"No Getting Better Than This"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

The Good Life--what is it? Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be.