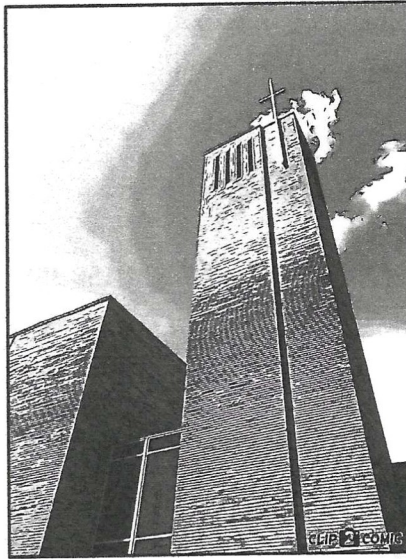


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January 5, 2025

+Order of Service+
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2nd Sunday After Christmas
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **Angels from the Realms of Glory** LSB 367
Confession and Absolution LSB 184
Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186 ff.
Collect of the Day LSB 189
Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15
Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14
Holy Gospel Luke 2:40-52
Creed
Hymn of the Day **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright** LSB 395
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 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising LSB 375
 O Sing of Christ LSB 362
 Joy to the World LSB 387

Concluding Liturgy LSB 199
Closing Hymn: **As With Gladness Men of Old** LSB 397

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Olivia Wedel

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

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson



Introit *Ps. 147:1,5,11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,
C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;
C: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

P: Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;
C: his understanding is beyond | measure.

P: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,
C: in those who hope in his | steadfast love
P: Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!
C: Praise your God, O | Zion!

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,
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Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. (5) At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." (6) And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. (7) And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. (8) And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. (9) Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" (10) It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. (11) And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, (12) behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. (13) I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. (14) And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." (15) And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (4) even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love (5) he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, (6) to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (7) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, (8) which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight (9) making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ (10) as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (11) In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, (12) so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. (13) In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. (41) Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. (42) And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. (43) And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, (44) but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, (45) and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. (46) After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (47) And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (48) And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." (49) And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (50) And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. (51) And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. (52) And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

L O R D S
S U P P E R

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.



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January 5, 2025

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: 108

Communion: 67

Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 2,156.00

School Roof Fund: \$ 16,740.12 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Erika Lotheringen, 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)

School begins

PTL.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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

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

CHURCH NEWS

***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.

LUTHERAN HOUR

January 12 (John 1:14)

"What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

MLHS NEWS

*When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Student Body and Staff will be attending the March for Life at the Minnesota State Capitol on Wednesday, January 22nd. Buses will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. We will attend the worship service at the Cathedral of St. Paul and then march to the state capitol. Limited seating is available for those who would like to join us. Please call MLHS at 507-436-5249 before January 15 to reserve a spot. Bring a sack lunch.

*The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Class of 2025 is having a Mac 'N Cheese Cook-off on Friday, January 24 from 5-7 p.m. during the JAGS home game. Bring your best recipe to win prizes. To enter the contest go to [www.martinlutherhs.com/Special Events](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/Special%20Events). Deadline is January 17th. Everyone is invited to sample and vote for their favorite. Cost is \$7. Proceeds will help fund the Senior Class Trip to Nashville.