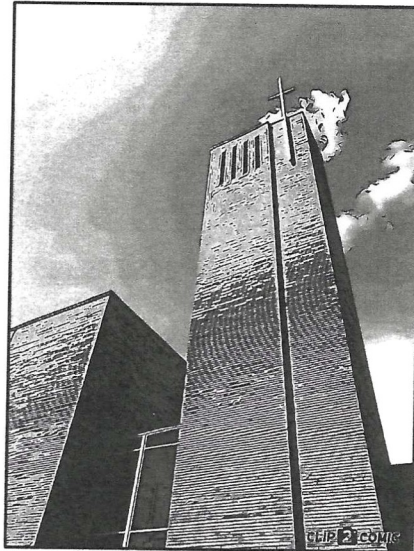


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**+Order of Service+**  
January 12, 2025  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184

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

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186 ff.

Collect of the Day LSB 189

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 43:1-7

**Epistle** Romans 6:1-11

**Holy Gospel** Luke 3:15-22

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **To Jordan's River Came Our Lord** LSB 405

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

**O Lord, We Praise Thee** LSB 617

**Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered** LSB 404

**God's Own Child I Gladly Say It** LSB 594

Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **The People That in Darkness Sat** LSB 412

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

**Musicians:** Heid Koeritz

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

**Elder of the Month:** Scott Halverson



**Introit** Ps. 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
**my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

I will tell of | the decree:\*  
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
**be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
**and rejoice with | trembling.**

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
**Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
**my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (2) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (3) For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. (4) Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. (5) Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. (6) I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, (7) everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

## 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

**Luke 3:15-22**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, (16) John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (17) His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." (18) So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. (19) But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, (20) added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. (21) Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, (22) and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**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](http://spltruman.com) or by simply scanning the following QR code.





# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

January 12, 2025

**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: 115

Communion:

Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 4,127.00

School Roof Fund: \$ 27,015.12 (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

### CHURCH NEWS

Quilting will be on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-3.

### 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)

A Basketball at Courtland at 4 p.m.

B BB Practice at St. Paul's

Trustees.....7:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

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

Four Home BB Games vs. St. Paul's, St. James

Board of Education.....7:00 p.m.

Elders.....7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

Girls' BB at Mt. Olive

#### FRIDAY

Truman Invitational Tournament

#### SATURDAY

Truman Invitational Tournament

Support our teams in the tournament.

#### SUNDAY

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

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

### LUTHERAN HOUR

January 19 - (John 2:11)

"He Made Me a Believer"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work.

### MLHS NEWS

\* The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School PTL is hosting an information seminar "Gen Z Mental Health Strategies for Parents, Adults and the Gen Z'er" lead by Kathleen von Kampen, MA, LMFT, LMHP, DCE Gracepoint Ministries Therapist & Professor of Psychology at Concordia University NE on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Babysitting will be provided with prior reservation by calling 507-436-5249 by January 10th.

\*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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/Special) Events. 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.

\*All families are invited to a Family Winter Carnival sponsored by the Student Council and National Honor Society students of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, January 26th from 1-3 p.m. in the gym. There will be a bouncy house, lots of inside games, prizes, snacks and a parents' lounge. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family (parents are free).

\*The Parent/Teacher League of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop is sponsoring a history presentation entitled "The Great Northfield Bank Raid--Minnesotans Foil the James/Younger Gang" by historian Arn Kind on Tuesday, January 28. Presentations are grades 5-8 at 9:00-11:15 a.m. and grades 9-12 at noon-1:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

\*In celebration of Lutheran Schools Week January 26-February 1st, Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School will be offering early bird enrollment discounts for new and returning students for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) for more information or call 507-436-5249 to speak with Principal David Stuckwisch.

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### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Check the bulletin board for more information about these events.

## 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

### THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

**Monday:** Sausage links, French toast sticks, Tri taters, Peaches

**Tuesday:** Popcorn chicken, French fries, Baked beans, Mixed berries

**Wednesday:** Kindergarten Choice

**Thursday:** Tater tot hotdish, Carrots, Cottage, Warm apple slices

**Friday:** Shrimp poppers, Mandarin oranges, Cream corn, Rosy applesauce

### School Reminders:

\*Spirit Week: January 13 - 17: Please help us build School Spirit for our tournament by participating in these activities:

Monday: Favorite Sports Team

Tuesday: Western Day: Wear western/cowboy clothes.

Wednesday: Dress your Best: Look really great for chapel.

Thursday: Pajama Day: Wear your P.J.s and bring a stuffie, slippers, blanket etc.

Friday: Blue/White or Red/White

Let's have Fun!

\*Our annual A-squad basketball tournament is next weekend on January 17th & 18th. We will be hosting five other schools! The PTL Kitchen Committee is looking for donations of ground beef, breakfast sausage and eggs for our breakfast and lunch menu items being served. If you are able to help in any way, please have all donations to school by Wednesday, January 15th. Contact Allison Slabbert at 612-655-8513 with any questions. Join us in cheering on our teams and we are so appreciative of your support!

### **\*St. Paul's Basketball Tournament (Jan. 17th & 18th)**

Next weekend is our basketball tournament. It should be a fun weekend of basketball and Christian fellowship. Attached to the school news is a copy of the tournament bracket. We will need the help of all parents to make this a successful tournament. In the near future there will be a Sign Up genius being sent out to parents. There are a lot of things to do (ex. scoreclock, work concessions and kitchen, prepare or send food, etc.!) Please check the sign up genius over and sign up for what you would like to do. Many hands make light work.

Everyone is to enter through the narthex doors of church for the tournament and not the glass gym doors. **Students are not to be running in the school hallways or church, hanging out on the catwalk or in classrooms during the games. We need to be an example for the other schools.** Let's have a great weekend!!

Thank you all for your help and cooperation!

~The Basketball Tournament Committee

### **Admissions:**

**\$5 (per day) adult, or**

**\$8 adult two day pass**

**\$2 (1st -12th grade)**

**Kindergarten and under free**

### **Rescheduled Basketball Games:**

From our December 17th Snow Day: January 27 at Lakefield  
December 19th Snow Day. Not yet.....

\*With basketball getting going big time, whether the games are at home or away, please keep your families with you at games. Please do not let them run around. Please have them stay with you and enjoy basketball games. We heard a complaint from Fairmont that our students were running through their Daycare. Please be considerate of others.

\*Achievement Testing takes place the first week in February. Please make sure the students are here and rested.

\*Please send your students to school with proper outside clothing so we can have recess outside.

**ENJOY SPIRIT WEEK!!**

### FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Preschool:** We had a sleepy start to this week but we still worked on the letter M, Simeon and Anna in Jesus time, continuing with scissors, and fine motor skills. Kid quote of the week "you don't need to learn things before you teach us".

**Kindergarten:** In Jesus Time we've talked about the wise men, their gifts, mean King Herod, God keeping Jesus safe & then silence until Jesus is 12 yrs old in the temple. We *tried* to finish assessing before Christmas but... that is not a good time of year for that! : / So we finished this week. Report cards will be in backpack folders on Friday. If it's signed I'll know you've had a chance to look at it.

**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: birds, boxes, eggs, glasses, boats, dishes, boys, foxes, girls, wishes, apples, benches, radishes, trucks. Gr. 1: came, name, same, game, gate, gave, tame, ape. Spirit Week: January 13 - 17: : Check elsewhere in this Saintinel for the schedule: Let's have some fun! We had a wonderful Classroom Christmas Party: Thank you to these families for making it happen: Meyer, Reinke, Sanders, Stohs, and Wiederhoeft! Have a Blessed 2025!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** We are back into the swing of things after being out of school for two weeks. Next week is our Spirit Week for our school's basketball tournament. Look at other places in the newsletter for dress up days. "Just for Cics" is this Sunday, January 26th from 1-3 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fairmont. Thanks for all that you do!

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** It's great to be back after break and we are slowly getting into the swing of things again. We set our 3rd quarter AR goals on Monday. They are due by 3pm on Monday, March 10th. The AR book challenge begins on January 20th. We are scheduled to go to Heartland Senior Living next Tuesday, Jan. 14th for Eager Readers. Next week is also Spirit Week so check the schedule of how to dress each day. Keep working on IXL. Science Fair project proposals were due in November....please get them in if you haven't already.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** Happy New Year! It was absolutely wonderful to see everyone this past Monday. Hope everyone had a great Christmas Break. Next Book Talk Book will be due after MLK Day. We are working on two different rhetoric assignments. Please stay caught up. Science Project Proposals should be organized by Friday. Finishing up Christmas Carol and beginning Tom Sawyer. Algebra and English keep on happening. Please stay caught up and make sure Progress Reports are returned in on Tuesday. We keep working!!