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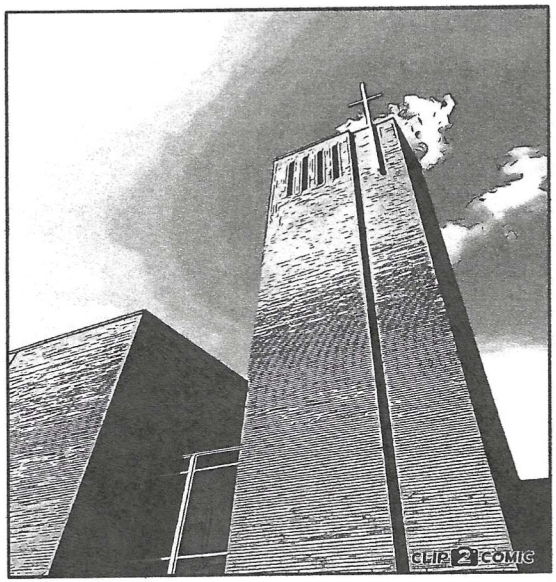

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Martin Luther High School
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November 30, 2025

† Order of Service †
November 30, 2025
Ad Te Levavi – The 1st Sunday of Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

Opening Hymn **#341, Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**
Confession and Absolution, p.184
Introit, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, p.186ff
Collect of the Day, p.189
Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8
Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9
Nicene Creed, p.191
Hymn of the Day **#332, Savior of the Nations, Come**
Sermon
Offertory, p.192
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#798, The God of Abraham Praise
#398, Hail to the Lord's Anointed
#331, The Advent of Our King
Concluding Liturgy, p199ff
Closing Hymn **#515, Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister
Ushers: Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Ken Urban, Dan Wedel

Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

INTROIT PSALM 25:1-5,21-22

P To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
C O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;
P Let not my enemies triumph over me.
C Let no one who waits on You be ashamed.
P Show me Your ways, O Lord;
C teach me Your paths.
P For You are the God of my salvation;
C on You I wait all the day.
P Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
C for I wait for You.
P Redeem Israel, O God,
C out of all their troubles.
P To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
C O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;
P Let not my enemies triumph over me.
C Let no one who waits on You be ashamed.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – JEREMIAH 23:5-8

5"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for
David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and
shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In His days Judah will be
saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will
be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' 7"Therefore, behold, the days are
coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives
who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' 8but 'As the
LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of
the north country and out of all the countries where He had driven them.'
Then they shall dwell in their own land."

EPISTLE READING – ROMANS 13:11-14

[11]Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. [12]The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13]Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14]But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 21:1-9

[1]Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. [3]If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." [4]This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, [5]"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" [6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. [8]Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!"

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
November 30, 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.
MONDAY
Pastor Bennett's Office Hours.....8:00-11:00 a.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 p.m.
Advent Service @ Willow Creek.....6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
Office Closed
SATURDAY
Decorate Church.....9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.
Dueling Pianos @ MLHS.....2:00 p.m.
Jennie Williamson.....5:00 p.m.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 117
Communion: 97
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 3,850.53
School Roof Fund: $ 44,198.27 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
PTL will be adding: $ 13,033.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 42,500.00
Organ Fund: $ 11,875.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

†Braelynn, daughter of Steven and Chloe Schrunk, Ted Geistfeld, Dan speland, Marsha Miller

†Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, June Mausling, Kathy Meinert, Jan Firchau, Carl Vogt, Alice Raddatz, Marilyn Vogt, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick & Pat Eckmann, Larye Anderson

CHURCH NEWS

Attention Voters! A special meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14th, following the Worship Service. Business being forwarded from the Council: Motion to grant a 3% wage increase to salaried staff and $.50/hour increase to hourly staff for the 2026 calendar year.

December Dates for Church Services

12/3 Advent Willow Creek.....6:30 p.m.
12/10 Advent St. Paul's.....6:30 p.m.
12/17 Advent Willow Creek.....6:30 p.m.
12/24 Christmas Eve Willow Creek.....5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve St. Paul's.....7:00 p.m.
12/25 Christmas Day Service St. Paul's.....9:00 a.m.
1/1 New Year's Day Willow Creek.....9:00 a.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR

December 7 (Romans 15:7)

"Chosen for What?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

God calls believers to trust and follow Jesus--chosen, but chosen for what?

SCHOOL NEWS

*Begin your Christmas celebration with the Jennie Williamson Christmas Concert on December, 7th at 5 p.m.

MLHS NEWS

Everyone is invited to get into the Christmas spirit at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School! Don't miss this debut of Midwest musical gifts on the stage at the **Spectacula Virtuoso Dueling Pianos Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m.!**

Christmas treats and beverages will be provided. There will also be a "Festival of Trees" contest. Tickets are $15 when purchased before November 30 online at www.martin lutherhs.com. After that date, they will be $20.00 from the MLHS office.

*The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will present a ***Cacophony Christmas Concert "A NOT So Silent Night"*** on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Students in the Elementary Band, Junior High Choir and Handbells, and High School Band and Choir will perform in the MLHS Gymnasium. Students are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult and Mrs. Hannah Northwick. Admission is a free will donation.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

***St John's Antrim Church will be having their 10th annual Beef Commercial Meal**

Sunday Dec. 7th, 2025, we will be serving the meal in the church basement from 11:16 am-12:35 pm.

To go orders will be available.

We will once again be doing Pies for your holiday celebrations or just enjoy a homemade pie! Pre-orders for whole pies, (Apple, Pecan, Cherry, Blueberry, and special again this year we will be offering peanut butter silk) can be made by calling 507-236-7292. Orders for the pies are due by Thurs. Dec. 4th. You can pick up the preordered pies on the day of the meal.

Suggested donation for the pies is $10.

This is a free will donation event.

The Sunday School will also be having a Bake Sale during the meal downstairs.