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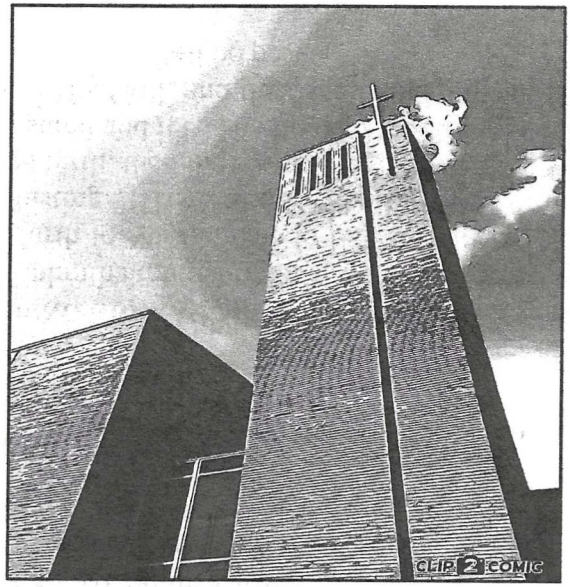

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† Order of Service †
December 28, 2025
1st Sunday after Christmas
Divine Service Setting One
LSB 151

Opening Hymn **#897, Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly**
Invocation, Confession and Absolution, Kyrie, p151ff
Gloria in Excelsis, p154
Salutation and Collect of the Day, p.156
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5
Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:1-7
Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Apostle's Creed, p.159
Hymn of the Day **#352, Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**
Sermon
Offertory, p.159
Offering
Prayers of the Church
Communion Liturgy, p.160ff
Distribution Hymns
#384, Of the Father's Love Begotten
#358, From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
#389, Let All Together Praise Our God
Concluding Liturgy, p164ff
Closing Hymn **#362, O Sing of Christ**

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Olivia Wedel
Ushers: Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson

INTROIT PSALM 93:1-5

P Your testimonies are very sure;
C holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.
P Your throne is established from of old;
C You are from everlasting.
P The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
C The LORD is clothed with strength.
P Surely the world is established,
C so that it cannot be moved.
P The floods have lifted up their voice;
C the floods lift up their waves.
P The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,
C than the mighty waves of the sea.
P Your testimonies are very sure;
C holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.
P Your throne is established from of old;
C You are from everlasting.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH 11:1-5

[1]There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. [2]The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. [3]His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; [4]But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. [5]Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

EPISTLE READING – GALATIANS 4:1-7[1]Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, [2]but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. [3]Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. [4]But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, [5]to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. [6]And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" [7]Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 2:22-40

[22]Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord [23](as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), [24]and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." [25]And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26]And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27]So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, [28]he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: [29] "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; [30]For my eyes have seen Your salvation [31]Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, [32]A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." [33]And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. [34]Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against [35](yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." [36]Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; [37]and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. [38]And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. [39]So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. [40]And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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 28, 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 Weeks's Calendar

SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.
MONDAY
Pastor Bennett's Office Hours.....8:00-11:00 a.m.
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
New Year's Day Service @ Willow Creek.....9:00 a.m.
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.

Offering and Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 112
Communion: 95
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 6,470.28
School Roof Fund: $ 50,203.62 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
PTL will be adding: $ 13,033.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 51,500.00
Organ Fund: $ 36,725.00

In Our Prayers

†John Jans, Norman Wiederhoeft, Braelynn, daughter of Steven and Chloe Schrunk, Ted Geistfeld, Dan Espeland, 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

Lutheran Hour

January 4 John 17:3

"Knowing and Being Known in a New Year"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved.

Early enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will open on January 25 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School for new and returning students in grades 7-12. Discounts will apply until March 1. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com.