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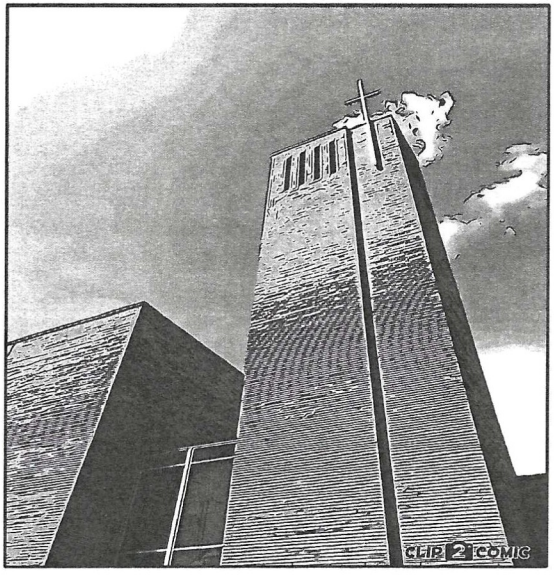

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December 21, 2025

† Order of Service †
December 21, 2025
Rorate Coeli – The 4th Sunday of Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

Opening Hymn **#333, Once He Came in Blessing**
Confession and Absolution, p.184
Introit & Kyrie, p.186ff
Collect of the Day, p.189
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-28
Nicene Creed, p.191
Hymn of the Day **#365, The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**
Sermon
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Offering
Prayers of the Church
Communion Liturgy, p.194ff
#514, The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us
#818, In Thee is Gladness
#344, On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Concluding Liturgy, p199ff
Closing Hymn **#353, Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring**

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister, **Christmas Eve** - Olivia Wedel,
Christmas Day - Juleen Breitbarth
Ushers: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glen Kubly
Christmas Eve - Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glen Kubly
Christmas Day - Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: Scott Halverson

INTROIT *ISAIAH 45:8; PSALM 19:1,4-6*

P Rain down, you heavens, from above,
C and let the skies pour down the Righteous One;
P Let the earth open her womb,
C and bring forth Salvation.
P The heavens declare the glory of God;
C and the firmament shows His handiwork.
P Their voice is gone out into all the earth,
C and their words to the end of the world.
P In the heavens He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
C which is like a Bridegroom coming out of His chamber.
P His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
C and his circuit unto the end of it.
P Rain down, you heavens, from above,
C and let the skies pour down the Righteous One;
P Let the earth open her womb,
C and bring forth Salvation.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH 7:10-14

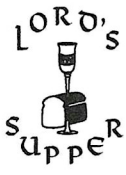
10 Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from
the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." 12 But Ahaz
said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" 13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house
of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God
also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

EPISTLE READING – PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness
be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 1:26-28

[26]In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27]to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28]And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" [29]But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30]And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31]And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS. [32]He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, [33]and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." [34]And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" [35]And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [36]And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37]For nothing will be impossible with God." [38]And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



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 21, 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: 71
Communion: 58
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 4,713.10
School Roof Fund: $ 49,938.62 (Total cost: $95,000.00)
PTL will be adding: $ 13,033.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 51,500.00
Organ Fund: $ 36,625.00

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

December 28 (Luke 12:36-37)
Get Ready for the Best"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros
Christ will return–maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year.
Luke 12:36-37

This Weeks's Calendar

SUNDAY

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.

Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.

Youth Group Bake Sale after the service

MONDAY

Pastor Bennett's Office Hours.....8:00-11:00 a.m.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Office closed for the rest of the week

Christmas Eve Service @ Willow Creek.....5:00 p.m.

Christmas Candlelight Service @ St. Paul's.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Christmas Day Service @ St. Paul's.....9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.

*Everyone is welcome to bring a poinsettia for the church. Please wait to put it in the sanctuary until the weekend before Christmas. Thank you. Any questions, call Dawn Halverson.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
and School Staff
would like to wish your family
a Blessed Christmas

Church times:
December 24 - 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
December 25 - 9:00 AM Christmas Day Service

Cindy Fitzner
Kerrie Bennett
Danielle Hall
Christine Steinfeldt
Marty Mills
Michelle Flores
Heidi Johnson
Cindi Reeve
Pastor Bennett
Teri Watt

Dates for the First week back:

Jan. 5	**School begins**
	PTL 7:00 PM
Jan. 7	Chapel

St Paul's Lutheran Church & School
Truman, MN
Special Voter's Meeting
Sunday, December 14, 2025

- Meeting was called to order by President Scott Halverson

Two items on the agenda

1st item - Moved, seconded and passed to grant a 3% wage increase to salaried staff and $.50/hour increase to hourly staff for the 2026 calendar year

2nd item - Moved, seconded, and passed to give Kerry Krenz & Larry Hintz legal signing status with the realtor trying to sell the parsonage

Moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Wessel