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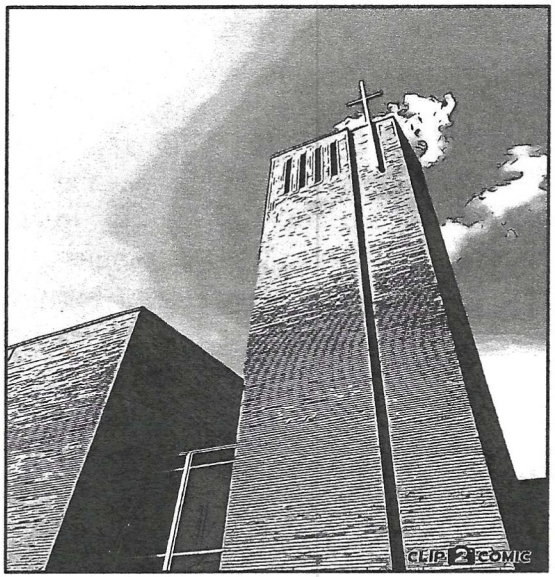

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January 4, 2026

† Order of Service †
January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

Opening Hymn **#397, As with Gladness Men of Old**
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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
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Nicene Creed, p.191
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#810, O God of God, O Light of Light
#410, Within the Father's House
Concluding Liturgy, p199ff
Closing Hymn **#400, Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning**

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

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

Elder of the Month: Dan Wedel

INTROIT LITURGICAL TEXT; PSALM 72:1-2,10-11

P Behold the Lord, the Ruler, has come,
C and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.
P Give the king Your judgments, O God,
C and Your righteousness to the king's Son.
P He will judge Your people with righteousness,
C and Your poor with justice
P The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents;
C the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.
P Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;
C all nations shall serve Him.
P Behold the Lord, the Ruler, has come,
C and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH 60:1-6

[1]Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. [2]For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. [3]The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [4]"Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. [5]Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. [6]The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

EPISTLE READING – EPHESIANS 3:1-12

[1]For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— [2]if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, [3]how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, [4]by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), [5]which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, [7]of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. [8]To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9]and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; [10]to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

[11]according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12]in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 2:1-12

[1]Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." [3]When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. [4]And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5]So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: [6]"'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " [7]Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. [8]And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." [9]When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. [10]When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. [11]And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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
January 4, 2026

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.
School begins
PTL.....7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
Office Closed
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Sunday School & adult Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.
Divine Service & Holy Communion.....10:15 a.m.

Offering and Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday:
Communion:
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: $ 36,925.00

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 11 (Romans 6:5)
"Solidarity"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Solidarity is how Christians understand their relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, went where we had gone so that we might go where He goes.

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.

We will **celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord with a Divine Service at 6pm on Tuesday, January 6th at Zion Lutheran Church, 1623 170th St, Fairmont.** Following the service, we will burn the Christmas greens in the Zion parking lot, and then enjoy time together in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring your Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, and greens (real!--no plastic!) to add to the bonfire, and also bring any leftover-but-still-fresh Christmas baked goods to share.