



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✚ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.



- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.



- Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Wayne Boese. Sponsored by Helen Boese and family.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Women's Bible Study will NOT meet in December** as we can attend Advent services and have other opportunities to focus on the Christmas message throughout the month of December.
- **Volunteers are needed for Characters in scenes for Live Nativity.** If interested contact Dale Rudolph or the church office. Thanks
- Located at the front and back of church you will find **ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONALS and Arch Books.** If you would like to take one, please feel free to do so. Free will donations will be accepted for these. Containers will be by the books.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Poinsettias will be sold at the back of church on Sunday December 3rd, 10th. Price for poinsettias this year are \$15.00. Checks can be written out to Julie Poehler.
- **Christmas time is approaching and Scrip cards make great stocking stuffers.** Remember to get those orders in sooner than later. Thanks for your continual support.
- **Thank you to Hannah and Jen LaCroix** for their musical talents shared with us on Thanksgiving Day.
- **ADVENT SERVICE** Wednesday December 6th @6pm. Meal hosted by Mission Trip Team at 4:30-5:45pm. Menu: Chicken, potatoes, veggies and dessert

As We Gather:**Look Up! The Star of Peace Draws Near**

The season of Advent is filled with the relentless seeking of things. Shopping is in full swing, and we hear the promise again and again: If we have all the right stuff, buy all the perfect gifts, attend all the posh parties, and decorate with all the trendy decorations, then we will feel complete and at peace. Counter this line of thinking with what God's Word teaches us about contentment. The apostle Paul writes, "Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8). As we pause during this first week of Advent and pray for the Lord to stir up our hearts for the arrival of His Son, we remember the story of the ancient Magi, who followed the star and found contentment in the King who had been born to save them. Jesus now invites us also to follow Him and receive from Him that same peace, that "godliness with contentment," which the Magi also received.

Prayer for Advent One

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners. Because of our transgressions, we justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan. Therefore we bless and praise You forever, that in Christ Jesus, You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We earnestly pray for You to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to our righteous King and Savior. By the same Holy Spirit keep us from, after the manner of the world, being offended by His humble form and despising His Word. Rather, keep us firmly believing in Him, that we may obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7; antiphon: v. 7



- P** Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
- C** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,*
stir up Your might and come to | save us!
Restore us, | O God;*
let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!
O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will You be angry with Your | people's prayers?
You have fed them with the | bread of tears*
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.
- P** You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

- P** Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Choral Piece: Peace Came to Earth

St. Paul Choir

- 1 *Peace came to earth at last that chosen night
When angels clove the sky with song and light
And God embodied love and sheathed His might.
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!
Who could but sing: Immanuel!*
- 2 *And who could be the same for having held
The infant in their arms, and later felt
The wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled.
Who could but sigh: Immanuel!
Who could but shout: Immanuel!*
- 3 *You show the Father none has ever seen,
In flesh and blood You bore our griefs and pain,
In bread and wine You visit us again.
Who could but see Immanuel!
Who could but thrill: Immanuel!*
- 4 *How else could I have known You, O my God!
How else could I have loved You, O my God!
How else could I embrace You, O my God!
Who could but pray: Immanuel!
Who could but praise Immanuel!*

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Readings

First Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–9

P A reading from 1 Timothy, the sixth chapter.

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1–2, 9–10

P A reading from Matthew, the second chapter.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

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Responsory for Advent
Office Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 230
397

Sermon

Canticle

LSB 231

Offering Music

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 233

Lord's Prayer

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Collects

LSB 233

Closing Hymn: Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

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We would like to thank everyone for all that you did for Esther. She loved being a part of this family, and we always knew she was being taken care of by all of you. Thank you. The family of Esther Dietrich

OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home:

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder

Hospitalized: Orville Proechel

Prayer for continued recovery and healing: Jacob Williams

Medical Procedure: Stan Stiernagle, Karen Thompson

Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson)

Treatment: Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen,

Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)



Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

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Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

The Lord's Supper

We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, *(For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)*

The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. *(Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)*

Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank You.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: November 26th - December 3rd, 2023

Sunday (3rd):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

Monday (4th):

10 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (5th):

1:00 pm Quilters

6pm **Elder's and Stewardship Meeting**

Wednesday (6th):

3:30 - 5pm 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation

4:30-5:45pm Advent Meal hosted by YMTT

6pm Advent Service

7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (7th):

6am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

Friday (8th):

5p-7p **Hot Beef Commercial Drive**

Sunday (10th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and **Voter's Meeting** and Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: December 3rd, 2023:

Wed. Dec. 6th

NEXT WEEK: December 10th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

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ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross

Kameron Kunkel

ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/ Bob Roemhildt and Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

Geri Kuschel

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24th: 91

Nov. 24th General Fund: \$1,145.00 Organ Fund: \$50.00 Handicap Entrance: \$50.00

Sunday November 26th: 125 Bible Study: 26 Sunday School: 25

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$12,882.60

Organ Fund: \$81.00 and \$10.00 in memory of Craig Berberich Handicap Entrance: \$1,000.00

*** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00***