

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

#### 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.

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis

Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046 Email: revgrannis@gmail.com In Loving Memon

**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 Ron and Mildred Kuschel. Sponsored by Mary and Jim Wyffels 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.

We are looking for **Volunteers to greet and assist our members at the Handicap Entrance**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator. Thanks for your assistance.

**Christmas Eve Services**: December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm a Christmas Sing-a-long and 6pm for the Candlelight service.

Christmas Morning service: December 25th at 9am with Holy Communion

The church office will be closed Monday December 25th, 2023.

Waseca Circuit will be hosting an **Epiphany Service** here at St Paul on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm followed by a meal. The offerings from the service will go to the Circuit Mission Projects and the free will offering from the meal will go to the Higher Things Convention for youth.

There will be a **Live Nativity end of event potluck** on Wednesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for all those who helped with this year's event.

#### The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh

When King David "lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies," he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary" (Apostles' Creed). That holy child, the incarnate "Son of the Most High," receives "the throne of his father David" and begins to reign "over the house of Jacob forever" (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is "the mystery that was kept secret for long ages" but is now "made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God" in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

### Hymn of Invocation: Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

LSB 900

## Confession and Absolution Divine Service Setting Four

LSB 203

### Service of the Word

### Introit:



Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;\*

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

- which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,\* and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\*

and there is nothing hidden | from its heat

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.

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;\*

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

**Kyrie** 

LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

#### **Old Testament Reading**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, <sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** 

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.\*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

**Epistle** 

Romans 16:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings

has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

Hymn of the Day: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

<u>Sermon</u>

Offering Music: For All the Faithful Women

St. Paul Senior Choir

### Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

**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 auilty 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.

Preface Lord's Prayer	LSB 208 LSB 209	
Pax Domini		
Agnus Dei	LSB 210	
<u>Distribution Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</u>		LSB 621
Distribution Hymn: Arise, O Christian People		LSB 354
Distribution Hymn: The Night Will Soon Be Ending		LSB 337
Distribution Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name		LSB 549
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211	

**Post-Communion Collect** LSB 212

Benedicamus

**Benediction** 

LSB 384 Hymn to Depart: Of the Father's Love Begotten

#### **DUR PRAYERS:**

Called Home:

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder

Hospitalized:

Prayer for continued recovery and healing: Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Orval Proechel

Medical Procedure: Gary Ross, Jess Klinger, 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

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 24th - December 31st, 2023

### Sunday (24th):

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

10:15 am Coffee hour and Bible Study NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

5: 30 pm Sing a long and 6pm Candlelight service: Acolyte: Nalyce Quillen

Facebook:

## Monday (25th): OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TODAY

**NO** Prayer Team

9am Christmas Morning Service: Acolyte: Alex Bethke

Facebook: Geri Kuschel

## Tuesday (26th):

**NO** Quilters

### Wednesday (27th):

NO

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8th grade Confirmation

Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble NO

6:00 pm Live Nativity End of the Year project potluck

## Thursday (28th):

6am

Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

### Friday (29th):

### Saturday (30th):

### Sunday (31st):

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

10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

### **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

THIS WEEK: December 24th, 2023:

NEXT WEEK: December 31st, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood **ACOLYTE**: Mason Precher

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

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood** 

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

#### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on: Wednesday December 13th: 53 General Fund: \$310.00 aturday December 16th: Sunday School Christmas Program: 102 General Fund: \$269.00

ınday December 17<sup>th</sup>: 103

Bible Study: 20

Sunday School: 22

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Improvement Fund: \$350.00

Building Fund: \$25.00

gan Fund: In Memory of Lorraine Brase \$600.00 Radio Ministry: \$200.00 in memory of Lee Williams

# Hymn of Invocation: Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love



oth - er names a-bove, won-drous love, Name all 1 Je - sus! Name of maid-en moth-er told, de - creed of old. To the 2 Je - sus! Name the earth of price - less worth To fall - en 3 Je - sus! Name the of

4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



in deep hu - mil - i - ty. which must knee Bow ev - 'ry Un - to an - gel Ga - bri - el. low - ly cell, By the Kneel-ing in her gave, "Je - sus shall His peo-ple save." prom - ise that it For the here be - low. He tast - ed hu-man woe First When the cup of

- Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
  Under all the mighty heav'n
  Whereby those to sin enslaved
  Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand



5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

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thee,

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Shall come

(Refrain)

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

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el!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind: Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. (Refrain)

# Distribution Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

Tune: French, 17th cent. Text and tune: Public domain



Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607-62; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt. Tune: New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein, 1598, Hamburg, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn: The Night Will Soon Be Ending



Text: Jochen Klepper, 1903-42; tr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007

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Tune: Public domain



All hail Je - sus' name! Let the pow'r of an - gels pros-trate fall; 2 Crown Him, ve mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call: Ye Is - rael's cho - sen race, seed of Ye ran - somed from the fall.

4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of Hail all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Ex - tol Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him The God Lord of all.

- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
  The wormwood and the gall,
  Go, spread your trophies at His feet
  And crown Him Lord of all.
  Go, spread your trophies at His feet
  And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
  On this terrestrial ball
  To Him all majesty ascribe
  And crown Him Lord of all.
  To Him all majesty ascribe
  And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
  We at His feet may fall!
  We'll join the everlasting song
  And crown Him Lord of all.
  We'll join the everlasting song
  And crown Him Lord of all.

Text (sts. 1-5): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.; (sts. 6-7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.

Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765–1844 Text and tune: Public domain

## Hymn to Depart: Of the Father's Love Begotten



Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V Text and tune: Public domain

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