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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)

○ 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School

○ 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

- *Welcome* **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.
- **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.*



- **Brenten Andrew Hanks**, the son of Damian Hanks and Cheyenne Rosenthal, will be baptized today. Sponsor/Witnesses: Dustin Cate, Amber Vogel. Welcome into God's family.
- **Wednesday December 14th** 29er's will meet at 11:30am for a potluck hosted by Lila Schaal and Judie Waters
 - **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
 - **Adult Bible Study** will not meet this Sunday due to Voter's Meeting. **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** will be ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall today.
 - **Women's Bible Study** will not meet in December. In January we plan to meet as usual on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 -- January 4 and January 18.
 - **There will be NO Prayer Team on December 26 or January 2.**
 - **There will be NO Quilters on Dec 13th, 20th and 27th. We will see you all back in January.**
 - **Secret Sisters**, please remember to send a card with a note to your Secret Brother or Sister this month and continue to pray for him/her. This is the month to let your 2022 Secret Brother or Sister know your identity.
 - **St Paul will be hosting the Community Wide Christmas Day Dinner this year (GWMA).** Volunteers are needed!!! Please contact Judie Waters or the church office if you can help.
 - **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one, they will be sold on Sunday December 4th, and December 11th at the back of the church with Kathy Flogstad. The price is \$15.00 for each plant and check should be made payable to Julie Poehler. Poinsettias will be delivered December 16th.
 - **There will be NO New Years Eve service Saturday December 31st, 2022.**
 - **Voter's Meeting** Sunday December 11th for 203 budgets and board elections following services
 - **Sunday December 18th 9am** Children's Christmas Program with Birthday Cake for Jesus following in the Parish Hall. Children be in your classrooms by 8:30am.
 - **Leo Prechel** is back home and his family is looking for a caregiver 7:30am – 9am and 6:30pm – 8pm. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Advent Meals 2022, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm:
Wednesday December 14th: Chicken Wild Rice Soup and Vegetable Beef soup, bread,
Desserts. Hosted by Cotta Guild.
Church services will follow each meal at 6pm.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

New Life, New Hope

ENTRANCE HYMN "Hark the Glad Sound"

[LSB 349]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Psalm 146:5

People: **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

Psalm 146:7b-8a

Pastor: Holy and gracious God, I confess that I am a sinner and am guilty before You, O Lord, of all my sins. I confess that I have lived as if I mattered most. I have not hallowed Your name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let Your love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed.

People: **I am mindful of those whom I have hurt by my words and actions and those whom I have failed to help. I am truly sorry for all of this and ask for grace to forgive my sins and the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6* The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BAPTISM: Brenten Andrew Hanks

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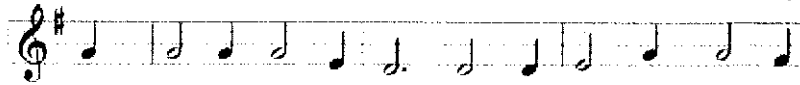
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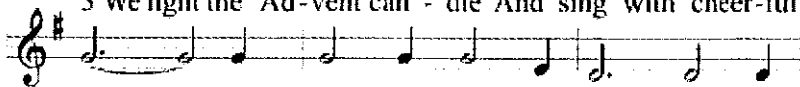
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Lisa M. Clark

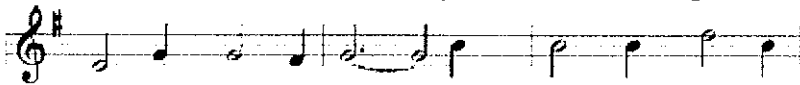
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
Swedish, 17th century.



1 We light the Ad-vent can - dle And wait for Christ to
2 We light the Ad-vent can - dle And thank the Lord for
3 We light the Ad-vent can - dle And sing with cheer-ful



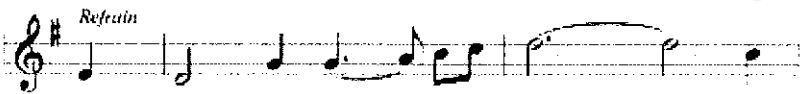
come. With hope, we trust the pro - mise That
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heart. With joy, we spread the mes - sage That



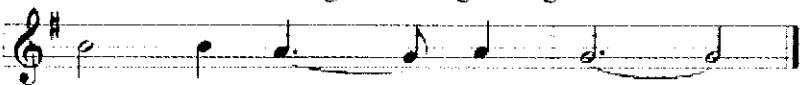
He will bring us home. Our hope is in our
come to be our guest. This peace be - yond all
God would us im - part. Our joy is nev - er



Sav - jor Who wins for us God's fav - or.
know - ing With - in our hearts is glow - ing.
end - ing; The Son to us is send - ing.



We wait with grow - ing light Till



God makes all things right!

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+ LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD +

SALUTATION and COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:1-10 (*The ransomed of the LORD shall return*)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE James 5:7-11 (*Be patient until the coming of the Lord.*)

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA and VERSE *Matthew 11:10b*

**Alleluia. Behold, I send My messenger before ' your face,
who will prepare your way before you. ' Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-15 (Go and tell John what you see and hear.)*

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Advent of our King"

[Sts. 1,2,3,6 LSB 331]

SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed (as found on the back page of the hymnal)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy....

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

People: To You, O Lord. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You do not desire that we fall into despair and hopelessness, but instead that we abound in hope. You have made that hope possible by sending into this world the One who is the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*p.161 in hymnal*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not left us in our sin and without hope. Instead, out of love for the world, You sent One mightier than John the Baptist—Your Son Jesus Christ. Through this root of Jesse's stump You give new life and living hope.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*) Our Father...

AGNUS DEI HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" [Sts. 1- *LSB* 435]

DISTRIBUTION

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"	[Sts. 2-4 <i>LSB</i> 435]
"We Welcome Him"	Senior Choir
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"	[<i>LSB</i> 636]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us a hope, not from ourselves, but from You, in the body and blood of Your Son. Having received forgiveness, strengthen us to share the hope of Christ with the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

Assisting Minister: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: " Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" [LSB 393]

PASTOR: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

PEOPLE: Thanks Be to God!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! In the winter months, the handicap entrance gets very slippery and dangerous for our elderly members and anyone else who use this entrance. Would anyone like to volunteer to help keep this entrance clean and our members safe??? Please contact the church office if you can help out. Thanks

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Marvin Kormann (brother to Beverly Maass)
 - **Hospitalized:**
 - **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
 - **Up Coming Surgeries:**
 - **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Leo Prechel, LeeAnn Paulson, Kathy Lenz, Adam Denn, George Denn, Geri Kuschel, Tony Jelinek (son in law to Vivian Bohmbach)
 - **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm)
 - **For those with Covid-19**
 - **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
 - **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, 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)
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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **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.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** please join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

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: December 11th - December 18th, 2022

Sunday (11th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Voter's Mtg (Budget and Boards)

Monday (12th):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (13th):

1:00 pm Quilters

3:30-4:30pm Adult Confirmation

Wednesday (14th):

3:30 -4:30pm Confirmation 6th – 8th grade

4:30-4:45p Advent Meal Hosted by Cotta Guild

6pm Advent Service

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (15th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Friday (16th):

5pm – 7pm Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru

Saturday (17th):

Sunday (18th):

9:00 am Divine Service/ Children's Christmas Program

10:30 am Birthday Cake for Jesus following Children's Christmas program

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: December 11th:

ORGANIST: Matt Groskerezutz

ACOLYTE: Ellie Hoban

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

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Doug Draeger

December 14th 6pm

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte: Peyton Ross

Facebook: Cindy Gilmore

Reader:

NEXT WEEK: December 18th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Children's Service

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on November 30th: 47

December 4th: 91 **Bible Study:** 16 **Sunday School:** 12

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) November 30th: \$ 715.00

November 27th: \$ 2347.00 **Improvement fund:** \$100.00

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **December 16th** from 5pm to 7pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



Community-wide Christmas Dinner: St. Paul Lutheran will be serving the community-wide Christmas Dinner this year; Drive up meal from 11am to 12 pm on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2022. Menu: Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, corn, salad, and dessert. Limit of 5 meals per household. Free-will offerings accepted. Sign-up by calling St Paul's Church Office (835-2647) by December 19th. Sponsored by the Greater Waseca Ministerial Association.
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!



*Advent begins November 30th thru December 14th, 2022. Advent meals will be served from 4:30pm to 5:45pm with Advent Service following at 6pm.
Wednesday Dec. 14th: Meal served by Cotta Guild*



2022 Board Nominations & Budget Meeting: will be held today, Sunday, December 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the parish



Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday December 18th at 9 am. All Students should report to their classrooms by 8:30am.



*Worship Services for Christmas Eve will be December 24th 4pm and 6pm. Christmas Day, Dec 25th at 9am. **THERE WILL BE NO New Years Eve service as originally planned.***



The Church office will be closed Friday December 23rd and Monday December 26th 2022.

