

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Last Sunday in the Church Year

November 26, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Clayton and Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Dora Lane, Sally Kushman, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, Cora Burrer, Jerald Loeb, Phyllis Hite, Lowell McIntire, Geraldine McIntire, Martha Jerke, Stuart Quam, Sandy Wolf, Barb Wacholz, and Gloria Anderson.

Please inform the Pastor or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Advent Daily Devotions – *Peace Came to Earth* is the Advent daily devotion for this year's Advent Season. Devotional booklets are in the South Narthex. **Advent begins Sunday, Dec. 3rd and Advent Wed. services begins Dec. 6th** at 12:15pm and 6:15 pm. Soup and sandwiches after the 12:15pm service and prior to the 6:15 pm service.

Vocal Choir practice on Tuesday's, at 6:45pm. We will be preparing for Advent and Music Sunday (Dec. 10th). Anyone interested in singing is welcomed.

Christmas Bible Study (December 6, 13, & 20) - Join us for our Christmas Bible study on the Lukan birth narrative. We will meditate together on the birth of Christ as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. This story was written so that you may believe. Come and hear the Word of God and receive this gift of faith. The Bible study will be held on Wednesdays at 7 PM, livestreamed and in-person. Led by DCE Michael Leapey.

Thank you!

The Lighthouse Preschool would like to thank everyone who blessed us with their donations at our door offering this past Sunday. Your generous donations helped us to raise \$3800 to help us meet our year-end obligations. Without the help of your generosity, the preschool would not be able to achieve our mission of sharing the Gospel with so many preschool families. Thank you for all you do! I pray you all have a very blessed Christmas season!

No quilting on Nov. 30th.

Funeral Planning Sheet- Feel free to pick one up in the narthex, fill it out, and turn it back into the office. This gives you and your family a way to not only plan the readings and hymns at your funeral but to discuss what a Christian funeral should look like and the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Donations Wanted!

Caiden Siebert, son of Jenelle Siebert, will be building a music wall for the preschool as his final Eagle Scout project. He is looking for donations of any unwanted kitchen pots, pans, baking sheets, muffin tins, metal lids, utensils, etc. These items will be used to make musical instruments for the preschoolers to practice their creativity, work on their gross motor skills, and experiment with different sounds as part of their outdoor recess activities. Please have all donations brought to the preschool or left with Cindy by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you!

Organist: Sunday - Sue Ellingson **Wednesday –** Cindy Jung

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Dec 3, 2023 *"Before The Call"* The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Offering: November 13, 2023 - \$11,139.25

Coffee - \$106.71 Sunday School - \$17.00

Offering: November 19, 2023 - \$8,149.00

Coffee - \$115.00 Sunday School - \$10.00 Missions - \$90.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Year-to-date: Expenses - \$507,650.00 Income - \$510,208.00

Sunday Attendance: November 12, 2023:

8:00am – 88 10:45am — 121 **Wed -** 30

Sunday Attendance: November 19, 2023:

8:00am – 80 Communed - 70 10:45am — 97 Communed – 66

Thanksgiving Day - 88

Bible Study: Wed: 10am - 4

Please sign the fellowship booklet attendance.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Nov. 26 – Dec 3)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

Tue 6:45 pm Vocal Choir practice

Wed 10:00 am Bible study
5:15 pm Women's Bible Study
6:15 pm **Worship Service**
7:00 pm Confirmation

Sat 9:00 am Circuit Youth Retreat @ St. Paul's

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship Service

Introit *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C: the home of righteousness.

P: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

C: let me know how fleeting I am!

P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

C: and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

P: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C: My hope is in you.

P: Deliver me from all my transgressions.

C: Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

C: For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C: the home of righteousness.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of

Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his

feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31–46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’

⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Catechetical Review

The Close of the Commandments

P: What does God say about all these commandments?

C: He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Exodus 20:5–6)

P: What does this mean?

C: God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.