

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

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## **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 22, 2024**



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**PRAYER LIST:** Please pray for Roger Blum, Barbara Dahme, Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Clayton and Karen Johnson, Sally Kushman, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Dora Lane, Martha Jerke, Sandy Wolf, Barb Wacholz, Dee Hettick, Joyce Dahme, Eunice Guerin, Nels Olson, Mary Casanova, Phyllis Hite, Norma Miller, Eric Gerth, Hunter Wilkie, and Roger Drevlow.

**Please inform the Pastor** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you would like to add your name or remove a name to the above prayer list, please contact the church office.

**Offering envelopes for 2025** are on the table at both narthexes.

**Our condolences** to the family of Daniel Lingor, whose funeral was held at St. Paul's on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Lutheran Witness** – The December issue of the Lutheran Witness is on the table in the South Narthex.

**Poinsettia Plants** – Plants may be purchased for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Please bring or have them delivered to church the week of Christmas.

**Rejoice Ornaments** – On the Christmas tree in the South Narthex are "Rejoice" ornaments. Each family may pick an ornament and take home to place on your tree. We thank the LWML ladies who made these ornaments.

**The next meeting of St Paul's Men's Club** will meet at Santo Tequila Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Following dinner we will return to St. Paul's and have a short devotion/Bible study covering the 1st chapter of the book "Man Up" by Jeffery Hemmer. Let Shane know if you need a copy of the book. Following our study, cards or other activities. All manly men are welcome to attend, hope to see you there!

In His Service, Shane

**Organists: Sun.:** Geraldine McIntire

**Donations for Journey Home** - On the fourth Sunday of each month, the grocery cart will be in the Narthex to collect donations of non-perishable items for the Journey Home. There will also be a collection box in the North entrance. Thank you for helping the less fortunate.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Dec. 29, 2024** “No Getting Better Than This” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. 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.

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Dec. 29, 2024** FOX This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “Puzzle Club Christmas” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. David Strable presents a message titled “Waiting.” The sermon is based on Luke 2:25 For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Preschool Christmas Door Offering** On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a free will door offering for the preschool. Please consider donating to the preschool as part of your gift giving this year. The preschool is grateful for your prayers and the support that you have given us throughout this year. Being able to share the Christmas message and the Gospel of Jesus with students and families is truly a blessing. Merry Christmas to all and prayers for a blessed New Year!

**Sunday Attendance: Dec. 15, 2024 –**  
8:00am - 70    Communed - 65    10:45 - 174  
Wed.: 12:15 pm - 42    6:15 pm - ??  
Bible Study: Sun: 59    Wed: 11am – 8    5:15pm - 6

**Offering: Dec 15, 2024 - \$13,388.00**  
Coffee - \$74.00    Sunday School - \$14.00    Missions - \$90.00

**Amount to meet budget: \$12,569.00 per week**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Dec 22– Dec. 29)**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Donuts and Coffee</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Donuts and Coffee</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>



**Called by Christ  
To Serve**

**Psalm** *Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

P: <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine  
forth.**

P: <sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might

**C: and come to save us!**

P: <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;

**C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: <sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,

**C: how long will you be angry with your people's  
prayers?**

P: <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears

**C: and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

P: <sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

**C: and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

P: <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us  
by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down  
may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for  
You live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Micah 5:2–5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the  
strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be  
great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

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

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

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

**C: righteous and having salvation.**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**Epistle** Hebrews 10:5–10

<sup>5</sup> When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**Holy Gospel** Luke 1:39–45

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.