

# *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*"Proclaiming and Serving CHRIST  
In the Heartland and Beyond"*

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## *Second Sunday of Advent*

**December 08, 2024**

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

*To aid in your worship at St. Paul's, the following services are available. Just contact an usher.*

**Large Print Music.**

**Children's Busy Bags.**

**Listening devices for the hearing impaired.**

**The Fellowship Hall serves as our nursery**

*St. Paul's celebrates Holy Communion at each Worship Service. All who stand in need of God's forgiveness, grace and love are invited to receive this great gift of the Sacrament.*

***You have a place at this Lord's Table!***

*(Gluten free wafers available.)*

*(at this table red is wine, white is grape juice)*

Our Contemporary Order of Worship was written by Pastor John Monson.

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A synopsis of this Contemporary Service is printed inside this leaflet. We have listed the location of the Bible readings and song pages for easy reference.

Hymn Selection comes from the Green Celebration Hymnal

(unless otherwise indicated).

# Contemporary Worship Monson

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Blessing

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn      “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *Red Vs 1,2,4,5*      #249

“Song of Confession”

Litany of Absolution

“Forgiven”

Litany of Praise

Song of Praise      “Dance with Creation”

Choir Anthem

Choir

Reading

*Mal 3:1-4*

Psalmody

*Luke 1:68-79*

Hymn

“Wait for the Lord” *Red*

#262

Reading

*Phil 1:3-11*

“Gospel Acclamation”

Gospel

*Luke 3:1-6*

“Gospel Response”

Sermon

*Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day

“Prepare the Royal Highway” *Red*

#264

Affirmation of Faith

Offering

“There Is Joy”

Prayers of People

Sharing of the Peace/ Words of Institution/Lord’s Prayer

The Invitation

“Come, Sons and Daughters”

Communion Hymns

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” *Red*

#488

Blessing

Sending Song

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Red Vs 1&4*

#631

Dismissal

# St Paul's Calendar for the Week

|           |       |                                    |   |
|-----------|-------|------------------------------------|---|
| Monday    | 12/09 | 9:00 a.m.                          | Quilting  |
| Tuesday   | 12/10 | 11:30 a.m.                         | Staff Meeting   |
| Wednesday | 12/11 | <b>3:30 pm</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b> | Choir<br><i>Advent Service @ UCC</i><br><i>Soup and Sandwiches to Follow</i>        |
| Thursday  | 12/12 | 9:30 a.m.                          | WELCA Christmas Party<br>Bring a friend/ Lunch provided                             |
| Friday    | 12/13 | 9:00 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.             | Heartland Quilters<br>Christmas concert @ UCC                                       |
| Saturday  | 12/14 |                                    |   |
| Sunday    | 12/15 | 9:00 a.m.                          | Worship with Communion<br>Third Sunday of Advent<br>Blessing of the Christmas Gifts |



WELCA Christmas Party  
Thursday, December 12th at 9:30 am  
*Lunch Provided*  
Come and bring a friend  
**CHRISTMAS ATTIRE ENCOURAGED!**

Last one leaving?  
**Make sure the Deadbolt is  
in Place.**





## Christmas Concert



Friday Dec. 13th 7:00 p.m.

UCC

401 Lake Ave Hackensack

Featuring

Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

**Intermission with snacks &  
drinks**

**Free-will offering**



## Community Advent Services

St. Paul's will be hosting

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

We are in need of Soups! Please sign up, if you have a delicious soup you wish to share. You only need to make enough soup to fit in a crock pot. We need a variety. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

We need bars too.

If you prefer you can use the kitchen to create your wonderful soup...

## Christmas Eve Services



**December 24, 2024**



**5:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Service**



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**



220 Third Street  
Hackensack MN 56452





*Dec. 15 during our Service*



## *We Have Butter Braids*

Apple, Bavarian Crème,  
Blueberry Cream Cheese,  
Raspberry, Strawberry Cream  
Cheese and Caramel Rolls

These pastries are so easy to enjoy. Simply thaw them on your counter overnight, then bake for 30 minutes in the morning. It can't be easier, or more delicious! They are only \$14 per package.

## *Visitation*

*"I was sick and you visited me..."*

*Matthew 25:36*

If you or someone you know would like a home visit from the Pastor, please call the office or Pastor Leif personally. Office: 218 675-6335  
Cell: 210 773-8500



# Stories Behind Our Favorite Hymns



## Advent Schedule

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

December 11, @ UCC

December 18, @ St. Paul's

Soup & Sandwiches to follow

