

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Red* #254

“Song of Confession”

Litany of Absolution

“Forgiven”

Litany of Praise

Song of Praise “Dance with Creation”

Choir Anthem

Choir

Reading

Micha 5:2-5a

Psalmody

Luke 1:46b-55

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” *Red* #279

Reading

Heb 10:5-10

“Gospel Acclamation”

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

“Gospel Response”

Sermon

Pastor Leif Espeland

Hymn of the Day

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *Red Vs 1-4* #295

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

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” *Red* #242

Blessing

Sending Song

“Joy to the World” *Red Vs 1,2,4* #267

Dismissal

St Paul's Calendar for the Week

Monday	12/23	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Tuesday	12/24	5:00p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	12/25		<i>Christmas Day Office Closed</i>
Thursday	12/26		
Friday	12/27		
Saturday	12/28		
Sunday	12/29	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion First Sunday of Christmas Noisy Offering

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



The church library in the conference room is full of many Christian novels



that you might enjoy reading. Take the ones you want to read and return them when finished.



Offering Envelopes

Are here!

Pick them up in the box on the table
in the Narthex

Church Committee Chairs
Annual Reports Due 12-31-2024
Thank you!



Annual reports will be available on
January 19th.

An electronic copy can be sent to those who attend
by zoom.

Please contact the office.



Christmas Eve Services



December 24, 2024



5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service



St. Paul's Lutheran Church



220 Third Street
Hackensack MN 56452



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

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
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- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

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