

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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Christ The King

November 23, 2025

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.

TODAY'S Hymn Selection comes from the ELW (Red) Hymnal

Contemporary Worship Monson

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” Vs 1,4,5 **#634**

“Song of Confession”

Litany of Absolution

“Forgiven”

Litany of Praise

Song of Praise “Dance with Creation”

Reading *Jer 23:1-6*

Psalmody *Ps 46*

Hymn “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” **#599**

Reading *Col 1:11-20*

“Gospel Acclamation”

Gospel *Luke 23:33-43*

“Gospel Response”

Sermon *Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Vs 1-4,6 **#502**

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

Communion Hymns “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep” **#490**

“Beautiful Savior” **#838**

Blessing

Sending Song “O Christ the Same” WOV **#778**

Dismissal

Hymnal not available Use PP

St Paul's Calendar for the Week

(also on website calendar)

Monday	11/24	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Study Zoom
Tuesday	11/25	9: 00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens Property Committee to Follow Staff meeting
Wednesday	11/26	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	11/27		Thanksgiving Office Closed
Friday	11/28		
Saturday	11/29		
Sunday	11/30	9:00 a.m.	1 Sunday of Advent Setting: setting 3

This Week's Texts: Christ the King

(also on web calendar)

Jer 23:1-6 Ps 46 Col 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Lay Reader: Laura R.

Next Week's Texts: First Sunday of Advent

(also on web calendar)

Isa 2:1-5 Ps 122 Rom13:11-14 Matt 24:36-44

Lay Reader: Sharon S.

2025 Community Advent Services

Hope



Join members of Union Congregational Church, Lighthouse Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and friends from the wider community at 5:00 on Wednesday evenings during Advent to experience Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. As in years past, dinner will follow the service

Peace



Love



Joy



December 3rd St. Paul's followed by a Soup supper
December 10th Lighthouse followed by Soup Supper
December 17th Union followed by Soup Supper

Christmas Eve will be at our respective Churches



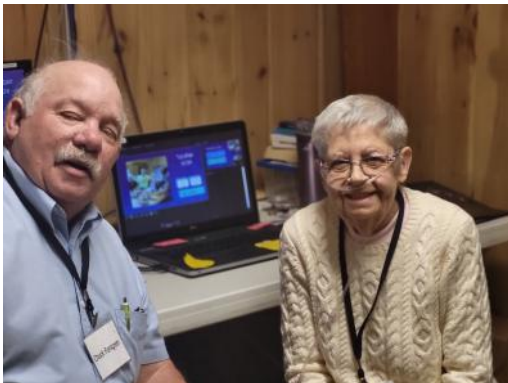
November 25th 9:00 a.m.

Please come Help

We need Help!

**In the Tech Room to help stream our
Sunday services.**

**If you would like to give it a try please see
Chuck or Tammy.**

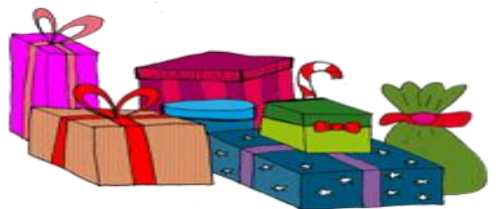


Christmas Families 2025

Once again, St. Paul's will be getting names from Family Safety Network of several local families that can use our help. Last year, through your generosity, we were able to provide some joy to make Christmas special for several families.

Thank you!

*If you would like to make a contribution for this year's families please mark your donation Christmas Families. Donations will be taken until the first week in December. If you would like to shop for a family please contact
Laura R.*



Upcoming Church Council Elections – 2025 Annual Meeting (Feb 15, 2026)

At this year's Annual Meeting, we will be electing several key leadership positions: President, Vice-President, and two Council Members at Large.

President (2-year term)

- Presides over congregation and council meetings
- Ensure resolutions and duties are carried out
- Signs official documents and provides leadership to all committees and the Pastor
- Conducts meetings according to Christian principles and parliamentary procedure

Vice-President (2-year term)

- Acts in place of the President when needed
- Becomes President if the position becomes vacant

Council Members at Large (3-year term)

- Provide general oversight of the congregation's life, worship, mission, finances, property, and staff
- Help guide long-term planning and annual budgeting
- Meet monthly (or as needed), including via remote options
- Limited to two consecutive terms

If you're interested in serving or nominating someone, please speak with a member of the St Paul's Council