

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 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 Order of worship is from the booklet "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen. © Copyright 1990 by GIA Publications, Inc. International Copyright Secured All Rights Reserved.

A synopsis of this Order of worship is printed inside this leaflet. We have also listed the location of the bible readings and song pages for easy reference. Music is from the ELW (Red Hymnal) unless otherwise indicated.

Now the Feast and Celebration Order of Worship

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Blessing

Confession and Forgiveness *p. 2*

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

Kyrie *p. 3*

Canticle of Praise “Now The Feast” *p. 4-5*

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson *Isa 7:10-16*

Psalmody *Ps.80: 1-7, 17-19*

Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Green Hymnal **#244**

Second Lesson *Romans 1:1-7*

Gospel Verse *p. 8*

Gospel *Matt 1:18-25*

Sermon *Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **#631**

Apostles’ Creed *p. 9*

Prayers of Intercession

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering “As The Grains of Wheat” *p. 10*

Great Thanksgiving *p. 11*

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Holy *p. 11-12*

The Lord’s Prayer *p. 13*

Communion “Lamb of God” *p. 14*

Communion Hymn “The King Shall Come” **#260**

“Holy Child within the Manger” *Hymnal not available use P.P.* **WOV #638**

Blessing

Sending Song “O Come, O Come, Emanuel” Vs 1,2,6,7 **#257**

Dismissal *p. 16*

St Paul's Calendar for the Week

(also on website calendar)

Monday	12/22	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Study Zoom
Tuesday	12/23	11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
Wednesday	12/24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday	12/25		Christmas Day Office Closed
Friday	12/26		
Saturday	12/27		
Sunday	12/28	9:00 a.m.	1 Sunday of Christmas Setting: Setting 1

This Week's Texts: Fourth Sunday of Advent

(also on web calendar)

Isa 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 Rom 1:1-7 Matt 1:18-25

Lay Reader: Mona W.

Next Week's Texts: First Sunday of Christmas

(also on web calendar)

Isa 63:7-9 Ps 148 Heb 2:10-18 Matt 2:13-23

Lay Reader: Diane Z.



Annual Committee reports are
Due the 9th of January

(Annual report must be available by February 1st)

Christmas Eve Services



December 24, 2025



5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service



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Annual reports will be
available on February 1st.

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

Please contact the office.

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 for Pastor Leif
Office: 218 675-6335
Cell: 210 773-8500

Sunday morning treats

Coffee and treats are available before and after church each Sunday. .(Purchased or home-made). Contact Deloris R. Can you help out by donating an item for all to enjoy?

We have a
puzzle exchange
on the shelves
in the narthex.

Take a couple
home to enjoy!



10:30 AM – Noon

2nd Tuesday of each month

There is no cost to attend and registration is not required. Enjoy

Christmas Families 2025

Thank you!

If you would like to make a contribution for families please mark your donation Christmas Families. Donations will be taken until the end of December.



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