

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 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 and Music is from the Celebration Hymnal (green)

The Power Point presentation is Holy Communion, Setting One, pages 94-115.

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.

The Order of Worship S1

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* **#258**

Greeting/Kyrie *p. 98*

Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” *p. 101*

Prayer of the Day

First Reading *Isa 63:7-9*

Psalmody Ps 148

Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Vs 1,2,5 **#259**

Second Reading *Heb 2:10-18*

Gospel Acclamation *p. 102*

Gospel *Matt 2:13-23*

Sermon *Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” Vs 1-3 #251

Apostles' Creed/Prayers of Intercession

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving/Preface/ Words of Institution *p. 107-108*

The Lord's Prayer/Invitation to Communion *p. 112*

Communion/Song	Lamb of God	<i>p. 112</i>
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Communion Hymns “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” #267

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” #273

Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song "What Child Is This" Vs 1,3 #281

Dismissal *p. 115*

St Paul's Calendar for the Week

(also on website calendar)

Monday	12/29	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Study Zoom
Tuesday	12/30	11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
Wednesday	12/31		
Thursday	01/01		New Years Day Office Closed
Friday	01/02		
Saturday	01/03		
Sunday	01/04	9:00 a.m.	2 Sunday of Christmas Setting: Monson

This 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.

Next Week's Texts: Second Sunday of Christmas (also on web calendar)

Jer 31:7-14 Ps 147:12-20 Eph 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Lay Reader: Holly Lee B.



Annual Committee reports are
Due the 9th of January

(Annual report must be available by February 1st)

Annual meeting

Sunday Feb. 15th Following
Service in person and on
Zoom

Please notify the office if you are
attending!

(To make quorum requirements.)

If you are attending via zoom then
we can send invite.



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

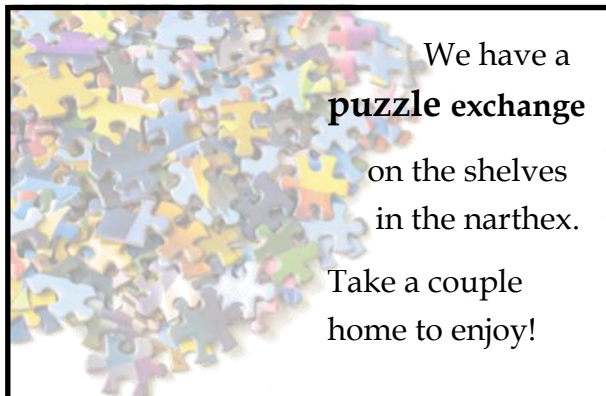
"I was sick and you visited me..."

Matthew 25:36

If you or someone you know would like a home visit from the Pastor, please call the office for Pastor Leif

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We have a **puzzle exchange**

on the shelves
in the narthex.

Take a couple
home to enjoy!

TEEN AND ADULT
CHALLENGE
CONCERT

During
Service
Sunday
Feb. 8



Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota

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