

Scripture Readings

Dec. 3	First Sunday in Advent	Is. 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7	1 Cor. 1:3-9	Mark 11:1-10
Dec. 10	Second Sunday in Advent	Is. 40:1-11	Psalm 85	2 Pet. 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 17	Third Sunday in Advent	Is. 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	1 Th. 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28

REMINDER!!!!

Offerings for 2023 must be received on or before the last service of the year, (December 31) for 2023. A contribution received after that date is counted as a contribution for 2024 for income tax purposes, even if the check was written in 2023.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. The children in Hand-Chime Choir need to report to the preschool area around 8:45 AM. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.**

A very special thank you to those that came to decorate the church for Christmas. Your hours of love and labor are greatly appreciated!

This Week's Schedule - December 2 through December 10

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (Preschool - 8th grade)
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Advent Service - 12:05 PM & 7:30 PM Midweek - 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM
Thursday	Food/Bake Sale & Soup Supper - 4:00 PM
Next Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
For 135 years!!!
OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

December 2 & 3, 2023

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

Although we pray that God "would rend the heavens and come down" (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves "have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment" (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for "a long time, and shall we be saved?" (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4-8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are "enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge," and so He will "sustain you to the end" (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although "heaven and earth will pass away," His words "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He "send out the angels" to gather us and all of His elect "from the ends of the earth" to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Pam Fajen -
In Memory of John and Marie.
The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

WELCOME to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

First Sunday in Advent
Hymn #s - 349, 332, 624, 335, 709, 711, 333
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers	Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow
Greeters	Jerry & Betty Siebold
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Isabel Mesalles, Mckennon Lehman
Communion Assistant	Dave Jermark, Craig Parry
Altar Guild	Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale, Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright
Fellowship	Marty Stenzel

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)
1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)
4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle Room (West Wing)
7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)
Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
Nov 18 & 19	26	113	139
Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Eve			53
Nov 25 & 26	19	72	91

Family Education Attendance	Total
Nov 12	26
Nov 26	23

Sign up sheets are now in the Narthex for volunteers to help with the Soup Supper on Dec. 7th.

Pies for the soup supper and food/baked goods for the Bake Sale from congregational members will be greatly appreciated.
 Bring them to church on Dec. 7th by 4pm.

The Preschool Thanksgiving Offering Newsletter is in your church mailboxes .
 Please prayerfully consider a thank offering in response to the blessing of the Christian Preschool of St. Paul Lutheran.
 Deadline for the thank offering is Sunday, December 3rd.

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe, Jack Wilder-Advena; Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Lola Lehman-Liberty Place.

Health concerns: Roger Hageman, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, Dee Noffsinger, and Ann Worley.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, St. Paul Preschool, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Rev. Robert Mann, Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Jody Cott, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

Military: Kyle, David, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

2023 Poinsettia Order
 There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion.
 The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer list.

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2024. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!

New Evangelism Booklets & Devotional Material - "The Word in Season", "PORTALS of PRAYER", and "My Devotions" (Daily Readings for Young Children)
 devotion books are in!!
 Feel free to take one or more for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro.