

## Scripture Readings

Dec. 15	Third Sunday in Advent	Zeph. 3:14-20	Psalm 85	Phil. 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)
Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Psalm 80:1-7	Heb. 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)
Dec. 29	First Sunday after Christmas	Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15	Psalm 111	Col. 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40

There will be a **special Voter's meeting on December 8 at 2:00 PM.** The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on either calling a seminary candidate or requesting a new call list from our District Office. Please pray for a God pleasing decision as we move forward and meet the ministry needs of St. Paul.

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

2024 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.

This Week's Schedule - December 7 through December 15	
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Voter's Meeting - 2:00 PM Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (Preschool - 6th grade)
<b>Monday</b>	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Advent Services - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM Midweek - 6:00 PM
<b>Next Saturday</b>	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 7:30 AM
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Christmas Program - 6:00 PM

## Welcome

to

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"  
 For 136 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 7 & 8, 2024

### **The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord**

The preaching and Baptism "of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "see the salvation of God" (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He "will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3-4).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Sharon Carlson -  
 In Memory of Loved Ones.  
 The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.  
 A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

**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!

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**Hymn #s - 344, 343, 349, 637, 732, 636, 357**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson  
**Ushers** Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette  
**Greeters** Gary & Marty Stenzel  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Acolyte** Maizy Gurney, Isabel Mesalles  
**Communion Assistant** Dave Jermark, Todd Pfizenmaier  
**Altar Guild** Kristi Hager, Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale, Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright  
**Fellowship Host** The Baxter Family

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

**Preschool - Kindergarten** - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)  
**1st Grade - 3rd Grade** - meet in Library Room (West Wing)  
**4th Grade - 6th Grade** - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)  
**7th Grade - 8th Grade** - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)  
**9th Grade - 12th Grade** - meet in High School Room (Basement)  
**Adult** - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
November 23 & 24	41	126	167
November 27 - Thanksgiving Eve			68
November 30 & December 1	32	127	159

Family Education Attendance	Total
November 24	11
December 1	39

**Men's breakfast fellowship**  
 Our next men's breakfast fellowship is scheduled for December 14 at 7:30 am. We will meet in the basement fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Caleb Davis so we can prepare the proper amount of food. Text or call Caleb at 785-447-1694. Join us for this relaxed and enjoyable event!

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, December 10  
 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
 Greatest of All Gifts  
 The Lord Jesus Christ  
 Please join us & bring a friend & a treat to share!

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.  
 Thank you!

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**Congregational Members**

**Remembering our shut-ins:** Bonnie VonLehe-Advena, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

**Health concerns:** Kayla Wang, Mary Ann Mall, Dottie Scriptor, Gary & Sharon Wachsnicht, Mary Brown, Dena Hillman, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Mark & Janet Thurlow, and Larry Rakowsky.  
**Our outreach programs:** Small Group Ministry, Christian Preschool at St. Paul, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

**Larger Community Members**

**Healing:** Jill Sanneman, Keith Hageman, Chuck Fickes, Gary Voelker, Greg Baehr, Jackie Monroe, Arnold Pittenger, Hank Stellner, Sandy Abeldt, Taylor, Arnie, William, Steve, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Brian, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner  
**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

**REMINDER!!!!**  
 Offerings for 2024 must be received on or before the last service of the year, (December 31) for 2024. A contribution received after that date is counted as a contribution for 2025 for income tax purposes, even if the check was written in 2024.

**Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul**

Hope House; 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**

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2025. 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!

Please check your box at the back of the Sanctuary to pick up your 2025 Offering Envelopes.

**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.