



# LESSONS & CAROLS

## **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

## **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!**

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

## **ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

## **PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...**

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms •

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
First Sunday after Christmas January 1, 2023  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)  
Service of Lessons and Carols

+Indicates to rise as you are able.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

**WELCOME**

**CHRIST CANDLE CAROL**

*“O, Come All Ye Faithful” ELW #283, vv. 1 and 2*

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| 1) O come, all ye faithful,<br>joyful and triumphant!<br>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;<br>come and behold him,<br>born the king of angels:<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>Christ the Lord! | 2) The highest, most holy,<br>light of light eternal,<br>born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;<br>Son of the Father<br>now in flesh appearing!<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>Christ the Lord! |
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**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*Throughout the season of Advent, candles are lit around the wreath in hopeful expectation of the return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, with tradition holding that they symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love respectively. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we light the Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath celebrating that hope becomes peace, peace becomes joy, joy becomes love, and love becomes Christ. The wait is over—Jesus, our Emmanuel, has come.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:1-4)

## CHRIST CANDLE CAROL

*“O, Come All Ye Faithful” ELW #283, vv. 3 and 4*

3) Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

4) Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: attr. John Francis Wade

## +CALL TO WORSHIP

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.**

## +GATHERING HYMN

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ELW #270*

## OPENING PRAYER

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 9:2-7

## FIRST CAROL

*“Joy to the World” ELW #267*

**SECOND LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-9 Children’s Bible Page 172**

**SECOND CAROL**                    *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ELW #272, vv. 1 and 3*

**THIRD LESSON – Micah 5:2-5a Children’s Bible Page 194**

**THIRD CAROL**                    *“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ELW #279, vv. 1 and 4*

**FOURTH LESSON – Luke 1:26-38 Children’s Bible Page 196**

**FOURTH CAROL**                    *“Away in a Manger” ELW #277*

**FIFTH LESSON – Luke 2:1-7 Children’s Bible Page 212**

**FIFTH CAROL**                    *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” ELW #282, vv. 1 and 2*

**SIXTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-12 Children’s Bible Page 218**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE + MESSAGE**

**SIXTH CAROL**                    *“What Child Is This” ELW #296*

**+APOSTLES’ CREED**

*In holy baptism the triune God adopts us as children and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition concludes:*

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

### **+PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and financial resources. These offerings support the ministry of the church—bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SEVENTH LESSON – John 1:1-14 Children's Bible Page 234**

### **SEVENTH CAROL**

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” ELW #288*

### **+THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **+OUR MISSION**

What is the mission we share together?

**Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service;  
and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.**

### **+BLESSING AND SENDING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**

You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

**We live with joy and go now in peace.**

Almighty God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **+SENDING SONG**

*“Angels We Have heard On High” ELW #289*

### **+DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. To love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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## **POINSETTIAS 2022**

The poinsettias and donations to Garrison Area Resource Center (GARC), have been generously given in memory and honor of loved ones as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### **The Matt Chase Family**

*In Memory of:* Michael Sayler, Curt Giffey

### **Eleanor Mehlhoff**

*In Memory of:* Bonnie DeHaven and Edmund Mehlhoff

### **Shannon and Loree Jeffers**

*In Memory of:* Kermit and LaVonne Ulrich  
Charlene Hill, Seth Ulrich and James Ulrich

### **Richard and Marian Lehnherr**

*In Thanksgiving*

### **Doris Taylor**

*In Memory of:* Alan C. Taylor

### **Robert Zieman**

*In Memory of:* Shirley Zieman  
*In Honor of:* All of our children!

### **Duane and Judy Betz**

*In Memory of:* Jamison Betz, Elsie and Jim Willits, Russell Willits, Rudy and Pauline Betz

### **John and Lisa Haugen**

*In Thanksgiving*

### **Linda and Arley Heer**

*In Memory of:* Loved Ones

### **Claryce Johnson**

*In Memory of:* Darwin Johnson  
*In Honor of:* My Family

### **Geniece Holst**

*In Honor of:* Tucker and Harper

### **Joan Zimmerman**

*In Memory of:* David Zimmerman

### **The Klemisch Family**

*In Memory of:* Paul and Mary Hinderer, Don and Frances Merriman, Vi and Morris Baye, Bob and Delores Klemisch and David Klemisch

### **Vicki Fure**

*In Memory of:* Bill Fure, Harald, Arlin, Wade and Amy Graeber and Irene Graeber Srb  
*In Honor of:* Wendi Fure

### **Flath Family**

*In Memory of:* Jake and Ella Flath

### **Juanita Grosz**

*In Memory of:* Leland and Mark Grosz

### **Dan and Joleen Splichal**

*In Memory of:* Benjamin Splichal Larson

### **Jan Norenberg**

*In Memory of:* Ken Norenberg and Becky Wyman

### **Virginia (Jena) Belle**

*In Memory of:* Susan and Kristi Belle

### **Mark and Pat Larson**

*In Honor of:* Our Children, Kendra Larson and Andrea and Nathan Hoffenbecker

### **Janis and Laura Sloka III**

*In Honor of:* Our Children, Noah, Hannah, Lexi, and Candela

### **Marlyn Zimmerman**

*In Honor of:* Volunteers at GARC

### **Margie Nelson**

*In Memory of:* Norlan Nelson, Barry Nelson, Bonnie Nelson-McCurdy and Ankur Tanna

The arrangement on the piano is shared in memory of Ken Norenberg and Becky Wyman.

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to worship! We are happy to have you with us! Happy New Year!**
- **Poinsettias:** Thank you to all that shared poinsettias with us at Christmas. You can pick your plant up anytime.
- **Heart River Lutheran Church:** is a congregation that has worship every Sunday at the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center in Mandan. They have a program called "Bridges of Hope" that is working to care for the spiritual needs of the young people who have "graduated" from the Youth Correctional Center. We are going to collect items for their backpack ministry in January and February. These items provide youth with a new start when they are released from the center. Your donations will help support this important ministry.
- **Church Supper Raffle:** If you would be willing to donate items for the Women's Church Supper Raffle in March, please contact Loree Jeffers and let her know what items are being donated.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.
- **Jesse Tree:** The name for the Jesse Tree comes from Jesse, the father of the great Jewish King David. One prophecy in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah 11:1, says: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots, a Branch will bear fruit." During Advent the children of the church, with help from our members, will have a leafless tree branch to help come alive with color. That color will be winter hats, scarves, and gloves. **the Garrison Pantry is in real need of mittens and gloves for all ages.** They will then be donated. Today is the last day for donations.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring in a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, [stpaul@restel.com](mailto:stpaul@restel.com). Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for 2022 are still available for designation through February 2023.
- **Pastor Sloka will be out of the office** from Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Erin Gullickson will be on call for him. Please contact Pastor Erin or the office for assistance.

**In Our Prayers:** Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Wayne Klemisch, Travis Kolden, Barb Ferguson, Heidi Smith, Gladys Vanderwerff, Pastor Erin Gullickson, Betty Iglehart, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Lu Graeber, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Phil Olstad, Terry Metz, Keith Bjornson. The families of Ida Engel, Jim Iverson, Bill Fure, Gordon Metz, Bill Carlson, Jan Bjerke, Susan Johnson.

**In Thanksgiving:** for a blessed 2023!!!

**Birthday Wishes This Week To:**

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 – Kathy Baer        | 4 - Lorraine Flath  |
| 2 - Claryce Johnson   | 5 - Sharon Schwarz  |
| 3 – Tyler Syvertson   | Dawn Kolden         |
| Shelby Schenfisch     | 7 – Lyndy Macheledt |
| Pastor Annie Langseth |                     |

**Year to date financial report:**

**January 1-December 27, 2022**

2022 Income	\$176,989.92
2022 Parsonage Principle	\$ 7,670.74
2022 Expenses	\$188,961.29
Difference	<b>(-\$19,642.11)</b>
Transferred Contingency Funds	\$ 8,472.70

***If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to visit with Andrew Haugen, Holly Klemisch or Pastor Sloka.***



## **This week at St. Paul's:**

<i>Sun.</i>	9:45 a.m.	New Years Day Worship/ Lessons & Carols
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship – bring leftover goodies
<i>Tues.</i>	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Exercise Videos
<i>Wed.</i>	9:30 a.m.	Women's Circle
	3:00 p.m.	K-2 Sunshine Friends
	6:00 p.m.	Social Action Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Sweet Sounds Practice
<i>Thurs.</i>	10:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study at The Meadows
	5:00 p.m.	Exercise
<i>Sun.</i>	9:45 a.m.	Worship – Sweet Sounds
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
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	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice

**Deadline for Annual Reports from committees, Sunday School, Youth, Council is January 9<sup>th</sup>!**



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Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.

## SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Andrew Haugen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church &amp; Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Superintendent</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Organist</i>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Readers</i>	Marian Lehnherr, Stu Merry
<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	Jan Norenberg, Marian Lehnherr
<i>Acolyte</i>	Marian Lehnherr

## MISSION STATEMENT

As we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.