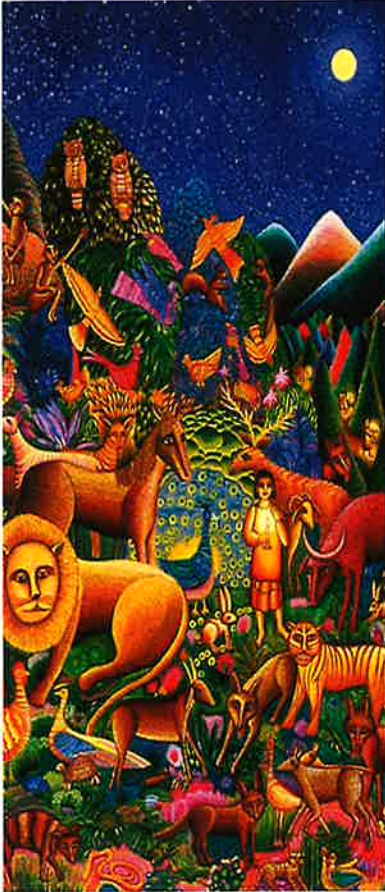


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



A little
child
shall lead
them

ISAIAH 11:6

*The Second Sunday
in Advent*

Sunday, December 7, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome & Announcements

Service Prelude

Jared Hall, Organist

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn

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“On Jordan’s Banks” #36



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

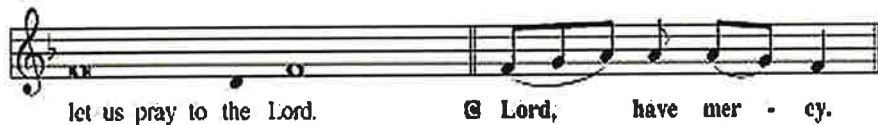
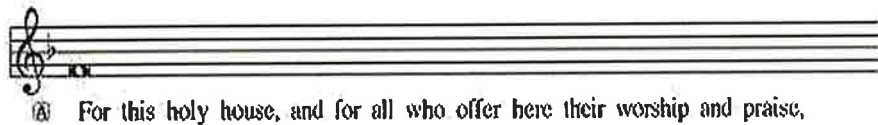
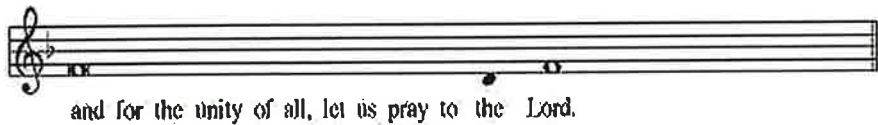
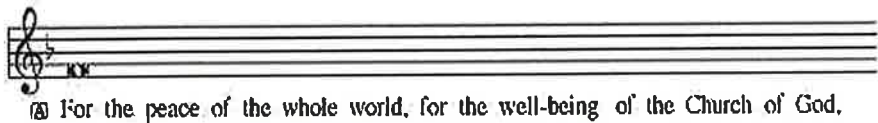
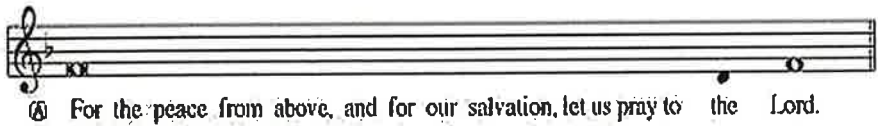


for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

The Kyrie



Prayer of The Day & The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Today, We Welcome of New Member
Ms. Misti Martinez to St. Paul's

- 1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's
den.
- 9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to
the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwell-
ing shall be glorious.

Here Ends the First Lesson

Psalm Hymn

“St. Paul’s”

William B. Clarke, Jr.

William B. Clarke, Jr.

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Come you child - ren of sal - va - tion, Come and sing and ral - ly round.
Saints be - fore, whose lives have led us, To the church tri - um - phant gone.

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B

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Chal - lenge met and chal - lenge con - quered, Weak - ness shall not put us down.
Mark we now their tasks com - ple - ted, Thanks we give for ev - ry - one.

9

Turn we now to goals to strive for, Turn we now to work be - gun. Faith in God our
Sing we all to God the Fa - ther, Sing we to His on - ly Son. Sing we to the

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dri - ving mot - to, Him our Ho - ly Guide 'till done. Three in One.
Ho - ly Spi - rit, Prai - ses to the

1. 2.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

1 Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 2 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 3 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 5 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors 6 and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

7 and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

8 and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

9 and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

10 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here Ends the Second Lesson



P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the Third chapter.



1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” 4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P The Gospel of the Lord



The Sermon Hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” #29



1 “Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row’s load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God’s peo - ple now pro - claim that God’s par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Apostles' Creed

+ 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**

The Prayers of The Church

The Lord's Prayer

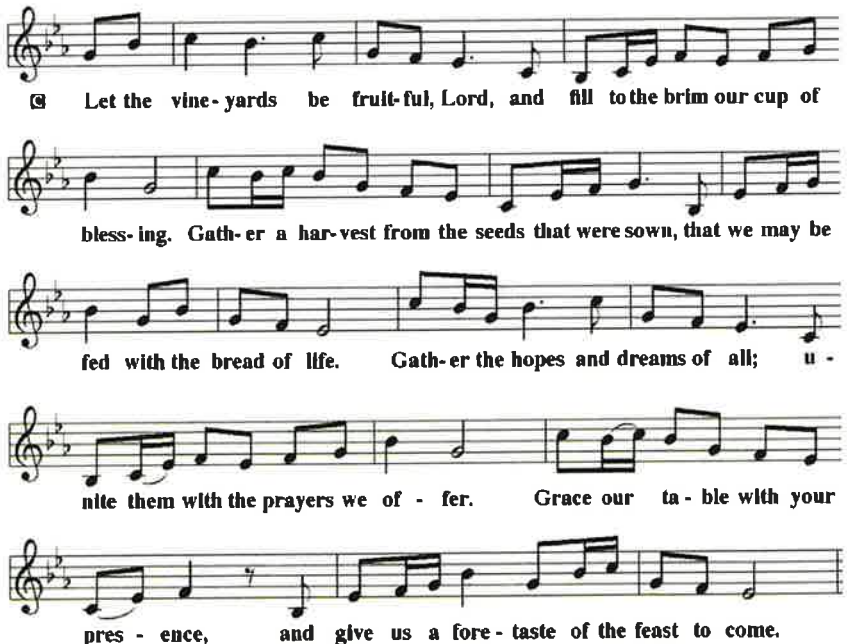
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

P The Peace of The Lord Be with You.

C And Also with You.

Sharing of The Peace & Chancel Choir Anthem

The Offering



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let Us Pray

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Words of Institution


The Communion



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re- joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al- le- lu- ia. Al- le- lu- ia.

Benediction

P The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon You with Favor, and Give You Peace.



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The Closing Hymn

“The First Noel” #56

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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

Postlude Jared Hall

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**We Welcome You to
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time. Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Kristen Aspaas, Kevin Boatright, Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, George Flathmann, Mike Frederick, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Mike Hatfil, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Dianne Martin, Mario Morin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward, Joe Whitaker and Alan Wyatt.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2025 Offerings

\$8,200.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week:

\$5,806.00

Received From Christmas Angels Last Week:

\$1,000.00

Christmas Angels To Date:

\$1,000.00

Worship Statistics Last Week:

10:00 AM - 70 Facebook Broadcast - 110

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**The Sixty-Fifth
Tri-Church Christmas Festival**

Sunday December 14th

at 4PM O'clock in the Afternoon Here in the Sanctuary

Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

Senior Pastor... The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
Director of Music & CFO ... Donald R. Martin, Jr.
Senior Organist & Choir Accompanist ... Jared Hall
Organ Curator ... James Freeman - Callahan, Florida
Office Administrator ... Fran Snipes
“The Epistle” ... Betsy Martin
Facebook Live ... Lisa B. Martin, Emma Levy, George Wiggins
**Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader &
Assistant Choral Director ...** Anthony Broadnax
Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ... Evelyn Thomas
Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ... Allan Berry, II
Resonator Guitar ... William Pan
Pre-School Director ... Gina Johnson
Assistant Pre-School Director ... Cynthia Thomas
Parish Housekeeping ... April Reilly

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Our Lector Today Chuck McCallar

Altar Guild

Natasha Smith, Lisa Neville & Donna Wall

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Levy, Carol Stemsrud & Donald Martin

Communion Assistants

Michelle & Jim Ward

Narthex Greeter

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ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO BENEFIT PARK PLACE OUTREACH INC.

Park Place provides emergency shelter, meals and counseling to at risk youth and their families. Park Place Outreach provides a safe, secure and loving temporary home for teens who are homeless, runaways or victims of abuse, and also for youth in DFCS and DJJ custody as a preferable alternative to foster care detention. Park Place Outreach is the only facility in the area where homeless or runaways can self report without an agency or family referral. If you can help, please take a tag from the Christmas Tree and return the tag and gift card under the tree by December 9, 2025.

St. Paul's Christmas Angels

As we approach the End of the Year, I once again am looking for "Angels" to offer an extra \$1,000 Gift above their regular levels of giving to help me close the year in the "positive." However, any gift is accepted and no one will ever know the amount of your additional sacrifice. Thanking you for another Great Year of Blessings! **Donald**



25-26 Seasonal Worship Offerings

Wednesday December 3rd, 10th & 17th - Advent Services
11:00 am Advent Services in the Henry J. Black Chapel

Sunday December 7th - Advent 2

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday December 14th - Advent 3

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

4:00 pm 65th Annual Tri-Church Christmas Festival & Reception

Sunday December 21st - Advent 4

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Play

5:00 Annual Family Advent Night - Soup & Sandwich Dinner

Wednesday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services

6:30 & 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Services
w/ Organ, Piano, Choirs & Brass

Sunday December 28th

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Lessons & Carols Service with the Choir

Sunday January 4th - 2026

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion



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