

# *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

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

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## *Third Epiphany*

*January 26th, 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 is from the booklet "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen. © Copyright 1990 by GIA Publications, Inc. International Copyright Secured All Rights Reserved.**

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.

# Now the Feast and Celebration Order of Worship

## Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness *p. 2*

Opening Hymn "We Gather Together" *Green* #790

Kyrie *p. 3*

Canticle of Praise "Now The Feast" *p. 4-5*

## Salutation

### Prayer of the Day

First Lesson *Neh 8: 1-3,5-6,8-10*

Psalmody *Ps 19*

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" *Green Vs 1,3,4* #375

Second Lesson *1 Cor 12:12-31a*

Gospel Verse *p. 8*

Gospel *Luke 4:14-21*

Sermon *Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Green* #139

Apostles' Creed *p. 9*

### Prayers of Intercession

### The Sharing of the Peace

Offering "As The Grains of Wheat" *p. 10*

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The Lord's Prayer *p. 13*

Communion "Lamb of God" *p. 14*

Communion Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" *Green* #676

## Blessing

Sending Song "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Vs 1,2,3,5 Green* #21

Dismissal *p. 16*

## *St Paul's Calendar for the Week*

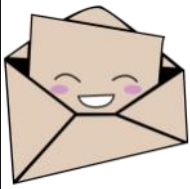
Monday	01/27	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Studies (Zoom)
Tuesday	01/28	11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
Wednesday	01/29	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	01/30	11:00 a.m.	Columbarium Committee
Friday	01/31		
Saturday	02/01		
Sunday	02/02	9:00 a.m.  <b>To Follow</b>	Worship with Communion Presentation of Our Lord 4th Epiphany <b>Annual Meeting</b>

Annual reports available in Conference  
room

An electronic copy can be sent to those who attend  
by zoom.

Please contact the office.





## Offering Envelopes

Are here!

Pick them up in the box on the table  
in the Narthex

## 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 or Pastor Leif  
personally. Office: 218 675-6335  
Cell: 210 773-8500

## Annual Meeting

Sunday Feb. 2nd @10:15

is in person and on Zoom

Please notify the office if you are attending!

(To make quorum requirements.)





## What is a Prayer Chain?

If you have a special issue or know of someone in need of many prayers, or if you would like to pray for those with special issues in their lives, then perhaps the Prayer Chain is what you would like to learn more about.

The St. Paul's Prayer Chain is simply a group of people who willingly pray for someone who is hurting. To get your name on the prayer chain list you need to contact Pastor Leif first. He will then notify the person in charge of the prayer chain.

Any names can be kept anonymous if you prefer, but the prayers will still be made!

If you wish to be a prayer chain warrior, Contact the office and we will get you on the list that prays for those that are hurting.



## We Have *Butter Braids*

Apple, Bavarian Crème,  
Blueberry Cream Cheese,  
Raspberry, Strawberry Cream  
Cheese and Caramel Rolls

These pastries are so easy to enjoy. Simply thaw them on your counter overnight, then bake for 30 minutes in the morning. It can't be easier, or more delicious! They are only \$14 per package.

The church library in the conference room is full of many Christian novels



that you might enjoy reading. Take the ones you want to read and return them when finished.



JANUARY 2025

[ELCA.org/wildfires](http://ELCA.org/wildfires)

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster

Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.**

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**YES, I WANT TO HELP!**

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Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0077

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