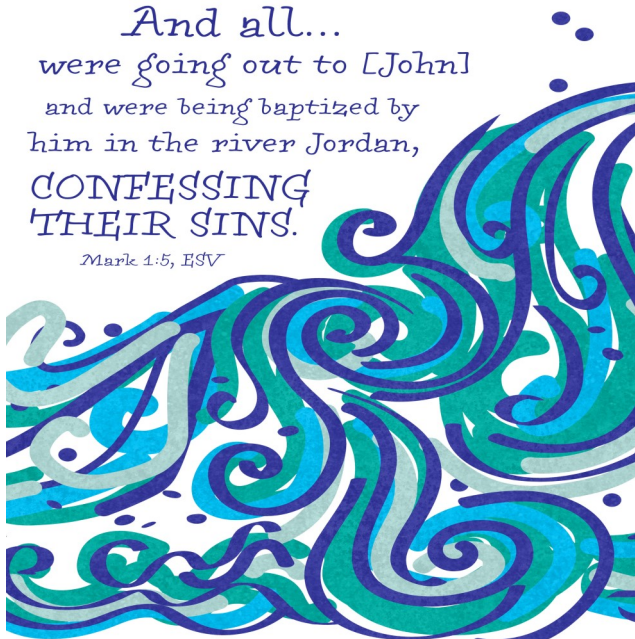


# **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School**

And all...  
were going out to [John]  
and were being baptized by  
him in the river Jordan,  
**CONFESSING  
THEIR SINS.**

*Mark 1:5, ESV*



## **Baptism of Our Lord (Observed) January 13th & 14th, 2024**

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## **TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY**

*Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler ~ “How Could She Ever Forgive Him?”*

Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it’s not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice. (Matthew 18:27)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** with today’s order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers’ cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers’ cabinets or an usher after the service.

**THIS MONTH’S BIBLE REFERENCES** are sponsored by Deb Swanson and family in loving memory of Roger Swanson, whose birthday was January 17th. **Now accepting 2024 sponsors.** Months available: Feb., Mar., Aug., and Oct. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at [splcoffice@splfairmont.org](mailto:splcoffice@splfairmont.org) or 238-9491, ext. 101.

**OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST** at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is sponsored by Deb Swanson and family in loving memory of Roger Swanson, whose birthday was January 17th. **Sponsors needed!** Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at [splcoffice@splfairmont.org](mailto:splcoffice@splfairmont.org) or 238-9491, ext. 101. **2024 dates are:** Feb. 11, 18; Mar. 31; Apr. 7; May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 23; July 14, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15, 29. The cost is \$40, payable to LWML.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. Attendance/communion registration forms are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. Check the box next to your name if you are communing.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** **ill**—Linda Bicknase, Marianne Hagen, Bev Brinkman, Richard Wolner, Dan Yahнке, Beth Malo, Mike Thompson (Norm & Vi Gratz’s son-in-law), Steph Johnson (daughter-in-law of Richard & Shirley Johnson), Esther Lund, Warren Tabatt, Nicholas Moeller, Roger & Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s daughters), Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—John Huttemeier, Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke, Roger Fritz, Ty Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s grandson); **having/recovering from surgery**—Robert Anderson (Mary Westcott’s brother-in-law), Lois Thiesse, Calvin Bremer, LaVon Rippentrop, Dolores Baarts; **in hospice**—Richard Johnson.

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## **Confession and Absolution — Page 184**

**Hymn of Invocation: All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

*LSB 601*

*Stand*

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution: Page 184**

## **Service of the Word — Page 186**

**Introit:** Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



**P:** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.  
I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

**C:** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

**P:** You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

**C:** Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

**P:** Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,

**C:** for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**All:** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P:** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

**Kyrie: Page 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis: Page 187**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle: Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia: Page 190**

## **Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*sung*)

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sung*)

## **Nicene Creed: Page 191**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

*LSB 406*

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory: Page 192**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

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*Sit*

## **Distribution Hymns:**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

*LSB 394*

**God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

*LSB 594*

**Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters** (*Or Closing Hymn*)

*LSB 598*

*Stand*

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**Preacher:** Rev. Michael Holmen  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Anthony T. Bertram  
**Organist:** Richard Eyerly

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**NEXT WEEK** at our Saturday and Sunday services we will begin a three-week series on marriage, sexuality, and various questions and issues that go along with these topics. Pr. Bertram and Pr. Holmen are hopeful that the next three weeks' readings and sermons will be helpful for you to know what is right and true in this area of life, and that all of us sinners will find refuge in the forgiveness that Jesus gives.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED** to attend our quarterly Congregational Assembly meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at 7pm. **Chairman/Secretary of Boards:** a synopsis is needed for October, November, and December. Please bring to the church office in time for copies to be made for the meeting.

**RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEKEND** by transfer from St. John's Lutheran in Sherburn was Barb Hagen. Welcome!

**SINCERE THANKS** to all of you who have contributed to mites. It is amazing what your donations can accomplish. Our congregation raised \$2,895.90 in 2023. This amount, added to what other congregations raise, enable the LWML to give thousands and thousands of dollars in grants to many wonderful mission projects around the world. As another reminder, the large mite box is by the Welcome Center the first weekend of each month. If you haven't donated to mites in the past, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so in order to help the wonderful work of the LWML going forward. *Kathy Eyerly, mite chairman*

**THE GALA COMMITTEE** wants to express their sincere thanks for those who attended the Gala, made monetary donations, and donated items to the silent and live auctions. Your generosity helped raise \$22,461.76. The money raised will be divided between the St. Paul Lutheran School's Anna Keck Fund and LWML mission projects. The date for next year's Gala will be Friday, November 15, 2024. Please mark that date on your calendar. *Give thanks with a grateful heart.*

**"YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN, FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE.** So glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING** that gave \$8,721.00 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund for the 4th quarter of 2023. *Thank you, St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund*

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Robert & Carolyn Seidel  
Emmy Simmering  
Kent & Julie Small  
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Tony & Jan Stadler  
Joe & Nancy Stauffer  
Lois Thiesse  
Lorraine Thomas  
Rob & Ruth True  
David & Kathleen Van Iten  
Alphonse & Janet Verrett III  
Harland Wedel  
Mary Westcott

**HEAVEN'S TABLE FOOD SHELF:** St. Paul Lutheran Layman's League, with your assistance, continues to supply food items to **Heaven's Table Food Shelf**. Nonperishable items may be placed in the boxes located in the foyers. Monetary contributions are also welcome (checks payable to Heaven's Table Food Shelf). For more information, please contact Tyler Garrison at 236-6823. Thank you again for your support!

**IN CELEBRATION OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK,** St. James Lutheran Church & School, 108 S. James St., Northrop, will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 28th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The SJL Board of Christian Education will be serving pancakes (gluten-free available), sausage, applesauce, and beverages for a freewill donation to support our bus replacement fund. Please join us in celebrating all the blessings of Christian Education.

**RIDER SCHWIEGER IS A 2009 GRADUATE OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL.** On Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Rider woke up with a headache that caused continuous vomiting. He went to the ER and it was discovered that he had a brain tumor and three cysts. The largest cyst was the size of a clementine. Rider had a ten-hour surgery on Wednesday, November 22nd. He then spent about three weeks in the critical care unit. They needed to hourly monitor the amount of fluids being drained from his brain. Too little or too much could be fatal. From there, Rider went to rehabilitation for a few days. While there, fluid started to build up. A second surgery became necessary. This five-hour surgery was to put in a shunt. With this in place, Rider can have the drain adjusted as needed. Rider spent a total of 26 days in the hospital. He continues to improve with weekly OT, PT, and speech therapy. To help with the high medical expenses Rider has incurred, we have designated all money raised during our National Lutheran Schools' Week penny wars to go to him. Containers will be placed outside the school office from January 22-26. Any coins or paper money may be given. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to Rider Schwieger and turn it in to the school office or Mrs. Abel. If you would like to send Rider a card, his address is: Rider Schwieger, 1813 Gibson St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

**ISSUES, ETC. UPCOMING TOPICS:**

- Jan. 14 .....John 10:1-21—"I Am the Good Shepherd," Dr. Bill Weinrich
- Jan. 21 ..... Pastoral Visitation, Dr. Tyler Arnold
- Jan. 28 .....Witnessing to LGBTQ People, Dr. John Bombaro
- Feb. 4 ..... Your Unanswered Bible Questions,  
Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier
- Feb. 11 ..... The Ash Wed. Hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee," Dr. Arthur Just
- Feb. 18 ..... Evangelicalism and Culture, Aaron Renn
- Feb. 25 ..... Responding to Listener Email and The Issues, Etc. Comment Line

**MLHS NEWS:**

**Office Hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; **Phone:** 507-436-5249.

**This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee** is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.



# Our Faithful Servants: Jan-Feb 2024

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at [www.spffairmont.org](http://www.spffairmont.org)

## Altar Guild

Jan. 13-14.....	DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert
Jan. 20-21.....	Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett
Jan. 27-28.....	Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke
Feb. 3-4.....	Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich
Feb. 10-11.....	DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert (Ash Wed.)
Feb. 17-18.....	Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke
Feb. 24-25.....	Jan Bremer, Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka

## Ushers

**YEAR-ROUND: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.**—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart. **JAN: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Dylan Kallemeyn, Joe Kallemeyn, Doug Abel, Tadd Abel, Charles Maday, Jackson Utermarck, Jim Utermarck, Kent Milbrandt, Jon Eversman, Dan Driscoll, Jeff Eversman, Nicholas Eversman, Jacob Taylor, Tom Taylor. **FEB: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Tyler Garrison, Parker Garrison, Chuck Northwick, Dan Simmering, Jim Harley, Duane Rieland, Nathan Anders, Roger Carlson, Spencer Chirpich, Dennis Hagen, John Preuss.

## Worship Service Assistants

Sat., Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m. ....	Charles Northwick, Jim Utermarck
Sun., Jan. 14, 9:00 a.m. ....	Dylan Kallemeyn
Sat., Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m. ....	Matthew Northwick, Jon Eversman
Sun., Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m. ....	Richard Behrens
Sat., Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m. ....	Matthew Northwick, Chuck Northwick
Sun., Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m. ....	Josh Laven
Sat., Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m. ....	Rob True, Larry Behrens
Sun., Feb. 4, 9:00 a.m. ....	Justin Jobe
Sat., Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. ....	Jim Harley, Jeff Eversman
Sun., Feb. 11, 9:00 a.m. ....	Merle Boesch
Wed., Feb. 14 (Ash Wed.), 6:30 p.m. ....	Rob True
Sat., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. ....	Jon Eversman, Dave Kumm
Sun., Feb. 18, 9:00 a.m. ....	Joe Kallemeyn
Wed., Feb. 21 (Lent Midweek), 6:30 p.m. ....	Richard Behrens
Sat., Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m. ....	Matthew Northwick, Charles Northwick
Sun., Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m. ....	Merle Boesch
Wed., Feb. 28 (Lent Midweek), 6:30 p.m. ....	Joe Kallemeyn

## Acolytes

January .....	Tyson McKean, Malana Nigon
February .....	Allison Steuber, Adylen Laven

## Sunday Greeters

Jan. 14 .....	Kent & Erlene Milbrandt, Amy Brinkman
Jan. 21 .....	Dennis & Marianne Hagen, Dawn Waterbury
Jan. 28 .....	Greg & Jill Denton, Shirley Roloff
Feb. 4.....	Jim & Sara Utermarck, Lori Chirpich
Feb. 11.....	Russ & Joan Luedtke, Deb Bertram
Feb. 18.....	Rod & Peggy Elbert, Marv Goebel
Feb. 25.....	Norm & Vi Gratz, Amy Brinkman

## Fun Bags

**Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below**

1st Sunday/Mo.....	Sarah Becker	2nd Sunday/Mo. ....	April Tordsen
3rd Sunday/Mo.....	Chris Engelby	4th Sunday/Mo. ....	Angela Preuss
5th Sunday/Mo.....	Joan Abel or Lisa Rosburg (School Year); Ruth Engelby (Summer)		

## Attendance Cards/Pencils

**Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)**

Deb Eversman and Amy Anders ~ Subs: Ruth Engelby, Richard Schultz

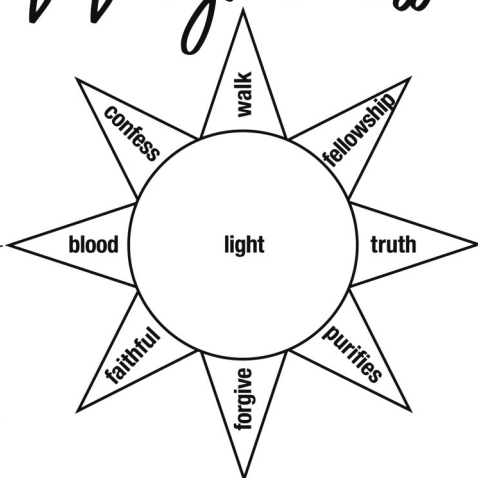


# The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?

## Directions:

Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.



But if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, as he is in the \_\_\_\_\_,  
 we have \_\_\_\_\_ with one another, and the \_\_\_\_\_  
 of Jesus, his Son, \_\_\_\_\_ us from all sin. If we claim to be  
 without sin, we deceive ourselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us.  
 If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is \_\_\_\_\_ and just and will  
 \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV**

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

### **A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week**

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.*

**INVOCATION:** "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let all say, "AMEN!"

**CONFESS** the Apostles' Creed

**RECITE** the Verse of the Week: James 5:16—Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**PRAY** the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 139:13-16

**READ** from Small Catechism—The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: (3rd+) *How can water do such great things?* Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: (K+) He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, (1st+) whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, (2nd+) so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

**READ** from God's Word:

Mon .....Romans 7:1-20

Tues .....2 Kings 5:1-14

Wed.....Joshua 3:1-17

Thurs.....1 Peter 3:18-22

Fri.....Jonah 1:1—2:10

Sat.....Genesis 1:1-5

Sun.....Mark 1:4-11

#### **THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER**

**Pray for...**

**S:** the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

**M:** faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

**T:** deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

**W:** marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

**Th:** the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

**F:** the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

**S:** faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

**OUR PRAYERS at St. Paul's (see bulletin).**

**PRAY** the Lord's Prayer.

**PRAY** Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

**SPEAK OR SING** the Hymn of the Week:

**LSB 825**

Rise, shine, you people!

Christ the Lord has entered

Our human story;

God in Him is centered.

He comes to us,

by death and sin surrounded,

With grace unbounded.

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**  
**Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 98**  
**Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 157**

Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$105,857.92  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$24,428.75  
December 31, 2023 Deficit ..... \$43,909.81  
Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$2.94

**MEMORIALS:** Lois Johnson—\$100.00, Sanctuary Repairs. Donald Ziegler—  
\$25.00, School Endowment Fund.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM**  
**(Subject to change)**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	6:30 p.m.	Junior Youth, Fellowship Room
		<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Monday:</b>		<i>SPLS—No School</i>
		<i>Church Office Closed (Vac.)</i>
		Pastors' Day Off
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:30 p.m.	Weekday Catechism
	5:30 p.m.	Deacons, Fellowship Room
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
<b>Friday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
<b>Saturday:</b>	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Channel 12
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
<b>Next Sunday:</b>		<i>Lutheran Schools Week Begins (Jan. 21-27)</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	1:00-3:00 p.m.	<i>MLHS Family Winter Carnival</i>