ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am. **Holy Communion**: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church. We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship. Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

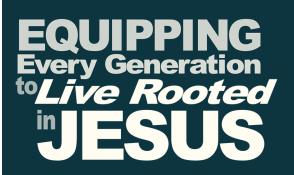
> **Traditional Worship** *Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am, 11am

Contemporary Worship *Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at: splgrafton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson Pastor: Jacob Schultz Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prahl Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf Principal: Michael Yurk Director of Music: Valerie Bremer DCE: Tracy Krueger





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 1, 2024

HOPF I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line,

who will do what is just and right in the land. Jeremiah 33:15

AS WE GATHER...Though a full month remains before we turn our calendars to 2025, today we can wish a "happy new year" in the life of the church. The Advent season begins a new church year and is a time of preparation, as the Latin "Adventus" means an arrival or coming of someone. More than preparing for the coming of just anyone, here we prepare for our Savior. As we get hearts and minds ready for the Christmas crescendo to come celebrating Christ's humble birth, we also remain prepared in this season and always as He promises to come again.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?

2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?

3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?

4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

If you are not in agreement with these questions, please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES–Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn.)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

BAPTISM (11am) Charlotte Rae Maassen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH John 1:5, 9; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 33:20–22

- Pastor: Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- Pastor: The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophesy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.
- People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Pastor: Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: "Our soul waits for the LORD;

- People: He is our help and our shield.
- Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
- People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You."
- HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357, St. 1-2

- CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8–9; Jeremiah 33:14, 16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Luke 21:28
- Pastor: As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God's great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Pastor: The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, "The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"
- People: We confess we have not rightly rejoiced in the promises that the Lord made and fulfilled and have instead found our fulfillment in the temporal things of our lives and this world. We have sought our own rightness instead of the Lord's righteousness. Forgive us.
- Pastor: Paul prays, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, ... so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus."
- People: We confess our hearts are full of blame and unholiness. Our love has been misguided and our actions have been self-serving. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.
- Pastor: As Jesus speaks of the time of His return, He calls His followers to "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- People: We confess we have not remained ready for Your return, nor realized time is short for the work You've called us to do. We have prioritized other matters instead of Your Word, relied on other things instead of Your presence, and in our thoughts, words, and actions have chosen to live our way instead of by Your commands. Forgive us.
- Pastor: The Lord is our righteousness. He alone establishes hearts blameless in holiness at His coming. Redemption draws near. We are declared righteous, blameless, and redeemed because of the living, dying, and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

LSB 334, St. 4-5

LSB 334, St. 1,3,6,7

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (11am) "Emmanuel Rejoice," Handbells

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:14–16 The Lord's eternal covenant. (Holy Bible p. 841) Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

People: righteous and having salvation.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: From the house of the Lord we bless You.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 Lives of the faithful made ready for Jesus' return. (Holy Bible p. 1256) Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE Mark 13:13b

Pastor: Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, **People: that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25–36 Ready and watching for the Son of Man. (Holy Bible p. 1120)
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.
People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

SERMON "From Jeremiad to Joy!" by Pastor Maschke based on Jeremiah 33:14-16.

NICENE CREED (5pm, 8am: see screens or back cover of LSB)

OFFERTORY HYMN "What Shall I Render to the Lord" LSB 159

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. We thank You for all the work of Your hands and for all the words You have spoken and kept, as You come to us still now with Your healing grace through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see screens or LSB 179)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (see screens or back cover of LSB)

PEACE Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.	People: Amen.
AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"	LSB 163
PREPARATION (see screens or top of Page 2)	
DISTRIBUTION Common cup and individual cup are offered on Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for c served in individual cups in the center of the tray. "The Advent of Our King" "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"	
DISMISSAL	
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"	LSB 164
POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (see screens)	

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

LSB 341

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LSB 161

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE "Psalm 65 (Hope has an Answer)"

WELCOME (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song.)

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "The Lion and the Lamb"

BAPTISM Shane Lamar Gasparich Jr.

SONG "Holy Forever"

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "Holy Forever"

WORD OF GOD Luke 21:25-36 (Holy Bible p. 1120)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "Living Hope;" "Jesus Saves" / Dismissal

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD Jeremiah 33:14–16 (Holy Bible p. 841)

SERMON "From Jeremiad to Joy!" by Pastor Maschke based on Jeremiah 33:14-16.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Psalm 65 (Hope has an Answer)"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE STUDIES & MORE



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR 9:30am–Family Life Center

December 1: Joshua 1-2: Faith-filled Courage Dr. Jim Pingel

December 8: Looking at Today's World Through The Lens of Psalm 46 Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade.

12/1: No Sunday School this week.

12/8: This week's Bible story is from 2 Samuel 9, King David is kind to Mephibosheth. We will be learning that God is kind so we're kind.

Questions? Tracy Krueger at <u>tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</u>

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for Middle School Youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 3-4:30pm in the Youth Room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year.

12/8: This week we will have a Christmas party with cookies, gifts, devotion, and more. Sign up here to join us in December: **tinyurl.com/MSYDec24.**

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS Topic: Hebrews Led by: Bob Kasten

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30am **Location**: Front Conference Room

VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families of all ages are invited to come join us on **Friday, December 6** from **6-7pm** as we watch The Toy that Saved Christmas. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream.

Signup here to join the fun: tinyurl.comVeggiesDec24

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH SCRIP



With gift cards from more than **750 top brands**, find gifts for everyone on your list! **The travelers** (Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil, Speedway). **The foodies** (Culver's, Noodles, Qdoba, Panera,

Eaton's, Buffalo Wild Wings). The caffeine aficionados (Starbucks). The trendsetters (TJMaxx, Ulta, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart). The home improvement DIYers (Home Depot, Menards, Fleet Farm) and the on the fly-ers (Amazon). Plus so much more! Our final order before the Christmas holiday will be placed on Friday, December 20 at 8:30am!

Questions? Contact Meagan Steinke at 262-377-4659.

REMINDER

Don't forget to pick up your Advent and Christmas Schedule and your copy of the Advent Devotional in the back of Church.

DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES

The deadline for bulletin announcements will be changing throughout the next two months due to the schedule of our printer. Here are the changes for December:

December 8: Due Monday, December 2, 10am December 15: Due Monday, December 9, 10am December 22: Due Monday, December 16, 10am December 29: Due Monday, December 16, 10am January 5: Due Monday, December 16, 10am Thank you!

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON December 5 at 12pm in the FLC

Entertainment is Living Word Choir. Any questions contact Eva at 262-377-4321.



'TIS THE SEASON

The Christmas season is a time of joy & happiness as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Sadly, as many of us celebrate, there are many local families that are struggling to have what they need for winter, much less purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Your support and

generosity are greatly needed. The gifts this year will go to several local families, children from Benediction Church, as well as Ozaukee Family Services and Place of Refuge Women's Shelter. The Giving Tree and tags can be found in the carport entrance. Please turn in the gifts (left unwrapped) by **Monday**, **December 9**, and please attach the tag to the gift when dropping off the items. Items can be turned in to the school office or under the tree to be collected daily. Questions? Please reach out to Samantha McCarthy at samccarthy09@gmail.com or 262-227-4777 or Nora Brooks at norabeth219@yahoo.com.

BASIC LERT TRAINING

A Basic Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training class will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 730 County Road PPP Sheboygan Falls, WI Saturday, December 7; 9AM -2pm. Participants will be introduced to the LCMS Disaster Response program, learn basic nature of disasters, the opportunities to respond to personal needs in disasters, and how Christians can support families, congregations and the public as the hands and feet of Jesus during trying times of natural disasters. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$35.00. For St. Paul Grafton members, the registration will be reimbursed. SIGNUP: <u>tinyurl.com/BASICLERT</u>

REMINDER: 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please stop by the tables in the Gathering Hall to pick up your **2025 Offering Envelopes.** If you have any questions please contact Martha Witt in the Church Office at 262-377-4659, Ext. 332

LWML THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards to share the blessings of faith and the joy and peace of Christmas are available in the Gathering Hall while supplies last! Support the LWML mission grant with your purchase of these cards.



STRENGTH IN UNITY Benefit for Brian Schroeder & Family

Come out to support St. Paul members Brian and Traci (Trombley) Schroeder as Brian battles Leukemia.

A benefit will be held on **Saturday**, **December 7 from 12pm to 5pm** at Circle B in Cedarburg. There will be lots of food, music, silent auction items and other surprises, including a visit from Santa!

SENIOR MINISTRY EVENT OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET BUS TRIP TO OSTHOFF RESORT IN ELKHART LAKE Monday, December 9

We will depart Providence Place at 10:30am and depart for home at 1:30pm. The market has a wide variety of vendors and delicious food to try. Cost: \$10/ person – includes admission and transportation. Seating is limited, contact Jenny at Providence Place at 262-377-9900 to reserve your spot!!

SENIOR MINISTRY EVENT THE EVE OF ST. NICK PIZZA & LIVE MUSIC BY THE STRING ALONGS Thursday, December 5 @ 5pm Providence Place—Cost \$15 / person

RSVP to Jenny at 262-377-9900 by Monday, December 2

NOTICE: CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Please remove your summer/fall floral arrangements from the St. Paul Cemetery **prior to December 5**, **2024**. After December 5, old arrangements will be removed to make room for the Christmas/Winter seasonal flowers. Please call Jean in the Church Office if you have any questions. Music: Valerie Bremer Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Sharon Hawkins Sermon: Rev. Timothy Maschke

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	B. Dorn / J. Wegner / C. Meunier / R. Schultz / M. Yurk	B. Hadler
Sun., 8am	R. Wellman / M. Young / L. Kiener / G. Krueger	R. Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	R. Klotka / W. Cheeseman / M. Benson	D. Schmidt
Sun., 11am	M. Papcke / J. Schroeder / B. Marien / R. Wellman	M. Stec

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Pamela Anschuetz*; *Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Steve Beidenbender*; *Jason Boesch* (son of Cheryl Boesch); *Charles Dietrich; Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prahl); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Carol Klug* (daughter of Evelyn Klug); *Ron Kuta; Aiden Onopa; Dale Poisson; Michelle Reedy* (daughter of Beverly Kelling); *Marion Spiekerman*; *Jean Stickney*; *Darlene Sukowski; Sara Vanhimbergen* (niece of David Scherzer); *Audrey Wollner*; *Wendy Zettinig*

Long Term Illness / Treatment: Samuel Becker (grandson of Lucille Becker); Christine Capstran (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber);); Tom Fitzgerald (friend of Tom Lubner); Dan Haupt (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); Daniel Kekic (nephew of Paulette Rammel); Tom Miller; Andy Panasa (friend of Dennis Kranz); Kay Ryder (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); Brian Schroeder, Patrick Swan (friend of Liz Dehmel); Bob Willegal (friend of Tom Lubner)

FLOWERS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given in memory of *Richard and Joanne Wolf's* 61st wedding anniversary.

Flowers next to the lectern are given to the glory of God for blessings received by Jodi Nelson.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Shane Lamar Gasparich Jr.*, born May 17, 2024, son of Shane and Anna Marie (Brauer) Gasparich, will be baptized during the 9:30am worship service on December 1, 2024.

Baptism: *Charlotte Rae Maassen*, born September 29, 2023, daughter of Zach and Shannon (Greeley) Maassen, will be baptized during the 11am worship service on December 1, 2024.



Our family would like to thank the congregation, and Women's Guild for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness during Delores's illness and passing. Your calls, cards and prayers brought her comfort. We are deeply grateful for your care and compassion.

The Lorenz Family

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the Give Now! Button

- **Plate**: Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- Mail/Drop-Off: 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- VancoOnline Electronic Giving: Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- Vanco Mobile App: Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- Text-to-Give: Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- Text-to-Give directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund: Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.

ST. PAUL DAY OF GIVING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3



St. Paul Day of Giving is a chance to give back and help grow our ministry at St. Paul! Every gift, big or small, makes a meaningful difference, and we invite you to be part of this special day!

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION: For all church and school families who are **first-time givers** to the Ministry Expansion Building Campaign, the St. Paul Endowment Fund will provide a 1:1 matching gift! Your contribution—no matter the size—will be doubled, doubling the impact of every dollar. *Every gift counts!*



Give securely with **Venmo**: https://venmo.com/u/SPL-Grafton



Give securely with **Vanco:** secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15565

Day of Giving Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Women Rooted In Christ

Please note "Day of Giving" in memo. You may place them in the collection box near the exits.

Rooted Women Advent by Candlelight

Sunday December 8, 2023





Join us as we prepare our hearts & minds this Advent as Dr. Paavola speaks on "The Gifts that Last"

Please Sign Up Here: https://tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight24

We will have refreshments, cocoa, coffee, tea, and a whole lot of Jesus! Feel free to bring a dessert to share if you wish, but not mandatory. Sign up at: **tinyurl.com/AdventbyCandlelight24**



WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES 6:30pm

December 4; Grades 5-8 December 11; Grades 3-4 December 18; Grades 1-2

> NEXT Weekend is Lessons & Carols



Mark your calendars and come early to see the beautifully decorated and delicious selection of cookies, candies, & treats. Containers will be provided for you to choose your own items. **\$12 per container.** Bring your friends and family and get into the Christmas spirit. You can get all of your holiday treats for the season at the Cookie Walk! The varieties will be endless & will include gluten free and nut free options.



GENEROUS LIVING



GRATITUDE

Thank you for your generosity in donating supplies, money and talents for filling 300 lunch bags for the needy in Milwaukee last week. You have made the people who received these lunch bags know that people do care for them.

