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Thanksgiving & Eve SERVICE

12:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wed., Nov. 26, 2025
Sermon: Pastor James Travis (12:15 p.m.)
Pastor David Doellenger (6:00 p.m.)



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- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

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Servants of God's House Today:

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. James Travis (12:15 p.m.)

Guest Pastor: Pastor David Doellenger (6:00 p.m.)

Organist: Marcus Klassen

Ushers: Steve Segebart (12:15 p.m.); Doug Lehr & Tim Draube (6:00 p.m.)

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Elders: 12:15 p.m. Randy Johnson; 6:00 p.m. Dallas Schulz

Readers: 12:15 p.m. Doug Lehr; 6:00 p.m., Dallas Schulz

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1 NIV). As you prepare for the worship you may desire to meditate on Psalm 100 or 136 found in the front of the hymnal. The Lord's richest blessings to you as He enriches you through His Word this evening.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Hand of Fellowship

LSB 892

The Invocation

P: We thank God the Father who created the heavens and the earth.

C: We thank God the Son for redeeming us from the power of sin, death, and the devil.

P: We thank God the Holy Spirit for dwelling in us from the time of our Baptism and enabling us to live for the Lord.

C: Lord, God, Holy Trinity we thank-you for being our God. You alone are worthy of thanks and praise. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord God, before we continue giving you thanks, listen to our cry for mercy.

C: Hear my cry for mercy, as I call to you for help.

P: as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place:

C: Lord, I am a poor, miserable sinner, my sins deserve punishment. I have not been fully thankful of You. I have loved myself more than You and my neighbor. I have given myself credit rather than giving you the glory for all which I have. I am truly sorry for my self centeredness and lack of thanks. I desire to change my ways and I beg You, out of Your unlimited mercy which comes through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to forgive me.

P: People of God, the Lord has heard your cry for mercy this night. Be thankful for you are forgiven. Sing and shout because Jesus took your sins upon himself and was punished for them. Jesus rose from the dead and will raise each of you who believe in him just as you were raised in your Baptism.

Psalm of Thanksgiving

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

P: Know that the LORD is God.

**C: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: give thanks to him and praise his name.

P: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn of Thanks

"We Praise You, O God"

LSB 785

Prayer:

P: We pray.

C: Lord of seed time and of harvest, we thank you for the blessings you grant to the earth in each season. We rejoice in the wonderful richness of the land and in the astounding variety of food it produces to delight and satisfy us. We ask for one thing more, the willingness to share our blessings, so that all the earth can rejoice in your generosity. This we ask in the great name of Jesus. Amen.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not

swell these forty years.

⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-20

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for

me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases

to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.	¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he	saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."
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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*Sung*)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

LSB 894

Sermon

12:15 p.m. Pastor James Travis ; 6:00 p.m. Pastor David Doellenger

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the basket as it passes by.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Creed/Catechism:

P: Give us this day our daily bread.

P: What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: What is meant by daily bread?

C: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Prayer of the Church

P: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time; You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. For the gift of this day and the opportunity to give You praise:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

P: For the love and warmth of family and friends, both those gathered here and those gathered elsewhere, and most of all for those gathered to the Eternal Home:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

P: For the good gift of children and grandchildren to nurture in Your love and fear; for the blessing of hearth and home:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

P: For the joyful noise of infants cooing and children at play and for the honor of serving them, knowing they are beloved by You:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

P: For the food You so graciously provide us and for the joy of feasting and playing together:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

P: For the sufferings You are pleased to send us, for they purify us from selfishness and remind us of the one thing needful, Your eternal kingdom:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

P: For those who have requester our prayers tonight: Alan Seymour, Leroy Zeising, Ralph Modlin, Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Patty Murphy (on Hospice), Deb and Julian Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr. We boldly ask God to bringing healing and for restoration. In peace let us pray to the LORD:

C: LORD have mercy.

P: And finally for those things for which we are most thankful: the sweet comfort of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of all our sins by the blood of our Lord Jesus, the promise of our resurrection to eternal life; for the joyful companionship afforded by the Church; for Your Word that is a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for the gifts of Baptism and the Eucharist; for our pastors and everyone who faithfully serve to us Your best and highest gifts:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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Words of our Lord

Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord *John 20:19*

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.** (sung)

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (Sung) *John 1:29*

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

"Amazing Grace" LSB 744

(Stand as you are able)

Thank the Lord (Sung)

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C: **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: 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.

C: Amen. (Sung)

The Closing Hymn

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

LSB 893

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Announcements

Church Christmas Decorations: We will put up the Christmas decorations inside the church this coming **Saturday, November 29th**, at 9 a.m. We are looking for anyone who would like to help. Come in the 7th St door.

Tour of Steeples: This year St. Paul's is participating in the tour of Steeples. We will only be participating on **Friday, Dec. 5** from 4:00 –7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping us host this great event which is open to the public, please contact Marlis Hilden. This is a free event with over 20 different churches in the Siouxland area opening up their beautiful churches for people to tour with free-will donations all going to the Warming Shelter and the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. For more information about the Tour of Steeples you click on the link on our home page of our website.

Regular Voters' Meeting: There will be a voters' meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 7** at 2:00 p.m. to approve the budget and discuss future projects. Please make plans to attend.

School Christmas Program: We want to invite you to our School Christmas Program on 8

Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. in the church sanctuary. The Youth will be serving a dinner following the program in the school gym.

Advent & Christmas Services: will only be at 12:15 p.m. here at St. Paul's Lutheran this year. If you want to attend an evening service on Wednesday nights, please visit Calvary Lutheran Church (4400 Central St. Sioux City, IA 51108) at 7:00 p.m.

- 12:15 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17**
- 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 10** School Christmas Program (The youth will host a dinner following the School Christmas Program)
- 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, December 24** Christmas Eve Services ***
- 9:00 a.m. **Thursday, December 25** Christmas Day Service
- 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 31** New Year's Eve

****Additional services on Christmas Eve will be held at Calvary Lutheran at 5:00 & 11:00 p.m.