

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

(LCMS)

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Hymns from the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We're using Divine Service, Setting 3, pg 184 in the front section of the hymnal. (♪denotes responses that are to be sung.)

(P= Pastor; C= Congregation)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hymn 516: "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit: (*Psalm 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b alt.*)

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

C: Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

P: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

C: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie: ♪

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect ♪

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: And with thy spirit.

P: 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.

♪C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days

that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse ♪

C: Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, twenty third chapter.

♪ **C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (said by all)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible,

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontious Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 332: "Savior of the Nations Com"

Sermon

Offertory

♪ C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Congregational response after each petition: **"Hear our prayer."**

At the conclusion: **"Amen."**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface: ♪

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary..... praising You and saying:

Sanctus: ♪

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord ♪

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini ♪

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ♪

C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,

that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Hymn 334: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Hymn 348: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

Hymn 331: "The Advent of Our King"

Nunc Dimittis ♪(Song of Simeon)

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving 🎵

♪P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray...

♪ C: **A---men.**

Salutation 🎵

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction 🎵

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Departing Hymn 515: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

***Please greet each other as you exit.*

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Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or at home: Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Pat Nave; Carline Mencl; Connie Hartig; Duane Delozier; Marge Itzen; and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). ****Please contact the church by Thursday morning if you have a prayer request or when you no longer wish to be on the prayer list.**

Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, or interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

Communion Guidance: Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. Our summary of faith is available on our webpage and in print in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to participate in communion.

Pastor Karl Hollibaugh, our Interim Pastor, is at church Wednesday afternoons to commune shut-ins and evenings for confirmation class. If you'd like to see him please call him at 225-361-5121 to schedule an appointment.

Serving Today:

Elder: Steve Sandman

Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

Organist: Arvid Wiest

Reader: Shari Pack

Greeters: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen

Acolytes: Miley Loomis, Mia Holthus

Ushers: Wayne Schulz, Ron Buss, Duane Delozier, Lon Duensing

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Charlie & Barb Rose's 60th Wedding Anniversary which was November 27.

Children's Bulletins this quarter are sponsored by Jared & Hannah Himmelberg in honor of Everett's Oct 7 Baptism Anniv (*Sponsorships are available of broadcasts (\$100), bulletins (\$25) & children's bulletins. Call the church office to schedule.*)

Birthdays this week: (*if yours is missing, let us know!*)

Nov 30: Chloe Oltmans

Dec 3: Roberta Creek, William Lux, Renee McAllister,
Greg Penner, Linda Taylor, Brooks Tegtmeyer

Dec 4: Wade Oestreich

Dec 6: Dallas Burroughs, Holly Carpenter

Dec 7: Adrianna Eisele, Cassandra Hicks

Anniversaries this week: (*if yours is missing, let us know!*)

None

Happening this week:

Sunday, Nov 30	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week 9:00 am Divine Service: Advent begins. 10:15 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 11:30 am Decorating the church for Advent & Christmas. Your help is welcome!
Tuesday, Dec 2	2:00 pm LWML Executive Mtg 6:30 pm Boards/Committee's meet
Wednesday, Dec 3	10:30 am & 5:30 pm, Advent service with meals following 1 pm Dorcas Society 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Thursday, Dec 4	9:30 am Ruth Circle
Saturday, Dec 6	11-1, Christmas Tea for all! Sponsored by LWML
Sunday, Dec 7	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Come One, Come All (and bring a guest!) to a Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 6, 11 am- 1 pm in the church fellowship hall! A light lunch will be served before Brian and Carissa Hoops present a program on their trip to the Holy Lands, highlighting the sites around Jesus' birth. Get in the Christmas Spirit with this program and with a beautiful display of nativities. A freewill offering be taken to benefit Mercy Meals and LWML Mite projects. (Sponsored by LWML)

The theme for Advent 2025 Wednesday evening services is based on the first stanza of the Advent/End Times hymn, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers":

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers
And let your lights appear:
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing night.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle:
At midnight comes the cry.*

The lyrics encourage us to be Up! For Advent...and to 'pray and watch and wrestle.' Each Wednesday in Advent, we will consider what these calls mean in the context of this holy, anticipatory season of the Church. Please join us!

Congratulations to our Lead Teacher, Mrs. Jonetta Hagemeier. She has received the annual Beatrice Educational Foundation Clabaugh Family Outstanding Educator Award! This is the first year the award has been given to a parochial school teacher. God has truly blessed our school through her.

Confirmation Class Pictures wanted! We are looking for group pictures of the confirmation classes of 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 for the display in the basement. If you have any of these, would you be willing to put it in an envelope and leave it in the church office? We would appreciate it if you could name the youth in the picture. We will make a 5 x7 copy of the picture and return yours to you. Thank you!

December Chapel Offerings are for the Coat Closet at First Christian Church. New and gently used coats, gloves, hats and monetary donations will be collected. If you want to donate, you can put a designated offering for school chapel in the offering plate or take coats to the school.

Our school saves **Russ's Market Register Receipts** (from September through March), **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. Please turn them in at the school or to the box in the church narthex. Thank you for helping with these collections. Currently our Russ's receipts total \$129,056.25.

School's Ongoing Scrip Card Fundraiser: Order your gift cards through St. Paul's Lutheran School "Script Card" Program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Order forms are located at the school office and on our school website. Orders will be placed December 8. Order Forms with payment can be turned in at the school.

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped make the Harvest Blessings Dinner and Auction a success! Thank you for coming, sponsoring, donating, buying, and supporting your church, school, and child care center.

School Prayer Families this week are John & Anna Francis, Travis & Heidi Gregory, and Mike & Jessica Grotz.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Middle and High School groups meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at school from 5-7 pm for a meal, Bible Study, and some fun activities! Questions? Contact leaders Joanna Gellerman-Long (425-591-5318) or Jessica Leseberg (402-230-0988).

****We sell discounted Car Wash Tokens** for Super Wash: 5 for \$20! They are available in the church office or from school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Homestead Harmonizers and Beatrice Regional Orchestra Christmas Concert December 7, 2:00 pm at the Hevelone Center at the Beatrice High School. Adults \$10, students free.

Your Elder through December 31:

Jared Himmelberg, 402-416-3004.....Adam to Carpenter
Greg Penner, 402-806-3576.....Carel to Fisher
Kevin Ankersen, 402-239-5870.....Ford to Holle
Chuck Baker, 714-232-2794.....Holthus to Kuhlmann
David Doering, 402-223-5123.....Kumm to Mentgen
Andrew Landon, 402-520-1326.....Meyer to Porter
David Oltmans, 402-223-8713.....Prall to Schouboe
Matt Helmke, 402-239-4879.....Schroeder to Thomas
Steve Sandman, 402-239-7060..... Thomas to Zimmerman

If you are unable to get to church and desire communion, or have a church concern or question, please contact your Elder.

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Lead Teacher: Jonetta Hagemeyer

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- **Need to reserve the church or school?** Call Wayne Oestreich. (402-440-5054).
 - **Large print hymnals** are in the back pew and near the elevator.
 - **Busy Bags** for kids are in the narthex under the bulletin board.
 - **Church office hours** vary at this time. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com.
 - **For immediate or pastoral assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden: 402- 239-5305 or Elder Dave Doering: 402-806-1015.
 - **December's newsletter & calendar** are available in the narthex.

Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday, Nov 30, (1st Sunday in Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, Dec 3, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm, followed by meals

Sunday, December 7, (2nd Sunday in Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, Dec 10, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm, followed by meals

Sunday, Dec 14, (3rd Sunday in Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

3:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec 17, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm, followed by meals

Sunday, Dec 21, (4th Sunday of Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, Dec 24, 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm, Divine Services

Thursday, Dec 25, 9:00 am, Divine Service

Sunday, Dec 28, 9:00 am Divine Service

Wednesday, NY's Eve, Dec 31, 7:00 p.m. Divine Service