

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

### **TODAY** (Dec 7) **WORSHIP & Sunday School**

Dale (Shut in cookies due today)..... 8:30 am

Larsen (Church Christmas decorating follows worship) ..... 10:00 am

### **MON** (Dec 8)

Women's Fellowship (pack cookies) ..... 1:00 pm

St Paul Council ..... 6:30 pm

### **TUES** (Dec 9)

Pastor circuit meeting-Immanuel, Waupaca ..... 10:00 am

St. Peter's Zoom Confirmation Class..... 6:00 pm

### **WED** (Dec 10)

St. Paul Confirmation Class ..... 5:00 pm

### **THURS** (Dec 11)

Bible Class (St. Paul) ..... 10:00 am

Care Partners-Hortonville service..... 1:30 pm

**SAT** (Dec 13) Apple Valley Food Pantry collection ..... 9:00 am

### **NEXT SUN** (Dec 14) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sunday School**

Dale..... 8:30 am

Larsen (Bible Class follows service) ..... 10:00 am

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

N926 Dale Ave.

Dale, WI 54931

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

8630 County Rd. MM

Larsen, WI 54947

Rev. Paul Ibisch, Pastor

Carole Kennedy, Organist

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, please wish them a "Happy Birthday" **Dec 8** – Barbara Roesler

### **WELS APPLE VALLEY PANTRY NEWS:** (St. Paul)

The December collection for the pantry will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

The following is a list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Adult cereals, chunky soups, chilis and stews, canned corn, peas, carrots and mixed veggies, canned tomato (sauce, diced, stewed), canned chicken noodle and tomato soups, 14 ox boxes instant rice, boxed/bagged mashed potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, and bathroom cleaning supplies. Thank you for your continued support of the pantry.

**MEDITATIONS** – The December-March edition is available in the basket in the entry for all members and guests.

**FORWARD IN CHRIST** – the December issue is on the counter for the subscribers.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – if you haven't done so, please take your 2026 offering envelopes pack with you today. They are available in the entry.

### **Welcome to our Guests—**

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

**St Paul restrooms** are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall.

There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. **St. Peter's unisex restrooms** are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

## BELLS & WELCOME

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** *Blue CW hymnals* without *Communion* "Setting Two" using pages 172, 176-181 and 171

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** blue hymnal

#310 Arise, O Christian People

#497 O Light of Gentile Nations

#512 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#608 vs 3-4 Glory Be to God the Father

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** **PSALM OF THE DAY:** Hymn 320 sung in place of a Psalm "*As Angels Joyed with One Accord*" (at St. Peter's the St. Peter's singers will assist.)



**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*)

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD +

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;

**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** *Based on: Romans 15:4-13 NIV*

## "Uniter-in-Chief"

1. Purpose of the Old Testament
2. Accepting like Christ
3. Outsiders to glorify God

AFTER THE SERMON-The Apostles Creed

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORDS PRAYER

**HYMN:** #512 "*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*"

## PRAYER & BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN:** #608 vs 3-4 "*Glory Be to God the Father*"

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

## MONTHLY ALTAR FLOWERS/POINSETTIAS

- (St. Paul) There is a signup chart available on the entryway counter for anyone interested in providing the monthly altar flowers for 2026. If we could get January and February filled before the end of this year that would be appreciated.
- (St. Paul & St. Peter's) There is also a signup sheet available to provide poinsettias for Christmas as we have in the past. Poinsettias need to be at church no later than December 23 for St. Paul. These are nice ways to help beautify our church as well as commemorate special events or express gratitude for blessings received.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;  
the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Hymn 320 sung in place of a Psalm "*As Angels  
Joyed with One Accord*" (at St. Peter's the St. Peter's singers will assist.)

**SECOND READING** *Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so  
that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they  
provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the  
same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup>so that with one  
mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring  
praise to God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on  
behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be  
confirmed <sup>9</sup>and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.  
As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing the praises of your name."

<sup>10</sup>Again, it says,  
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,  
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;  
let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again, Isaiah says,  
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in  
him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Luke 3:4,6*

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor speaks: Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. And  
all people will see God's salvation.

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea  
<sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is he who  
was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.' "

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around  
his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from  
Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their  
sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he  
was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee  
from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not  
think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that  
out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The ax is already  
at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be  
cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is  
more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he  
will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up  
the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #497** "*O Light of Gentile Nations*"