



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
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**January 11, 2025**  
**Third Sunday after Christmas**

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:** Church Attendance: 31  
Money Market Interest 1/1: \$ 49.13  
Contributions: General Fund 1/4: \$ 1,447.00  
Total: \$ 1,496.13

**For all spiritual needs please call an elder.**  
Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144  
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**Happening this Week...**

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Worship Service 9 a.m. with communion

**Birthdays:** 16- Ariana Gumm. **No Wedding Anniversaries.** If anyone has been missed let the office know.

**In our prayers:** For the families of Ruby Shinn and Debbie (sister of Jennie Oetting); Linda King.

**Missionary:** Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

**Those in Uniform:** Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

**Those who have cancer.**      **Our Shut-ins:** Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.



The **Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary** will meet on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1701 NE 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the opening service at 9:30 a.m. The speakers will be Nancy Neill and Carolyn Falls from Swaddling Clothes, a mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The Mission of the Month collection is monetary gifts for VBS and youth activities. BYO sack lunch. Breakfast nibbles, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP by January 18 to Chris McElroy, 816-820-2556, [cmcelroycrni@gmail.com](mailto:cmcelroycrni@gmail.com). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated. Thank you!





ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, O HEAVENLY BEINGS, ASCRIBE TO THE LORD GLORY AND STRENGTH. ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME; WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE SPLENDOR OF HOLINESS. THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS OVER THE WATERS; THE GOD OF GLORY THUNDERS, THE LORD, OVER MANY WATERS. THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS POWERFUL; THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS FULL OF MAJESTY. THE VOICE OF THE LORD BREAKS THE CEDARS; THE LORD BREAKS THE CEDARS OF LEBANON. HE MAKES LEBANON TO SKIP LIKE A CALF, AND SIRION LIKE A YOUNG WILD OX. THE VOICE OF THE LORD FLASHES FORTH FLAMES OF FIRE. THE VOICE OF THE LORD SHAKES THE WILDERNESS; THE LORD SHAKES THE WILDERNESS OF KADESH. THE VOICE OF THE LORD MAKES THE DEER GIVE BIRTH AND STRIPS THE FORESTS BARE, AND IN HIS TEMPLE ALL CRY, "GLORY!" THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED OVER THE FLOOD; THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED AS KING FOREVER. MAY THE LORD GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE! MAY THE LORD BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE!

### PSALM 29



I'VE NEVER  
UNDERSTOOD THIS  
EXCHANGE BETWEEN  
JOHN AND JESUS. JOHN  
KNOWS JESUS DOESN'T  
NEED TO REPENT - HE'S  
SINLESS!



JOHN THINKS  
HE KNOWS  
JESUS.



BUT HE DOESN'T SEE  
THAT JESUS DESIRES TO  
TAKE OUR SIN WITH HIM  
INTO THE WATER OF  
BAPTISM.



I STILL FEEL  
LIKE I'M IN  
OVER MY  
HEAD!



THAT'S A  
GOOD  
THING.

