



The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

December 2025

Psalm 1, Psalm 19, and Psalm 119 stand as towering reflections on the Word of God, each offering unique insight. Psalm 19, in particular, radiates hope, revealing God's glory through creation and His gracious Word, the Torah, which encompasses far more than mere law—it is God's life-giving revelation, culminating in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The psalm begins with a vibrant testimony: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork," (Ps. 19:1, ESV). This cosmic declaration spreads across the earth, a universal witness to the Creator's faithfulness. Like the sun, which rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other (v. 6), the message of God's grace in Christ radiates to all nations, fulfilling His promise to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This evokes the assurance that God's saving Word in Christ reaches every corner of creation, offering hope amid life's uncertainties.

Psalm 19 then turns to the Torah, God's perfect Word: "The law [Torah] of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul" (v. 7). Far beyond legal code, Torah is God's instruction, wisdom, and promise, embodied fully in Jesus, the Word made flesh. It revives, enlightens, and rejoices the heart (vs. 7-8), sweeter than honey and more precious than gold (v. 10). The Torah convicts us of sin but ultimately points to Christ's redemptive work, received by faith alone. The psalmist's plea—Forgive my hidden faults ... "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (vs. 12-14)—finds its answer in the Gospel, where Christ's forgiveness brings peace.

In Psalm 19, we find comfort in the Torah's promise, fulfilled in Jesus, whose Gospel spreads like sunlight, warming hearts with hope. Let this Word dwell in you, guiding you to the Savior who is your Rock and Redeemer.

Prayer – Lord God, You reveal Your glory through creation and Your Word, the Torah, which leads us to Christ. Help us to treasure Your life-giving Word, to trust in Your promises, and to find hope and comfort in Jesus, our Rock and Redeemer. Strengthen our faith that we may delight in Your law and rest in Your forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Brian K. Thieme
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church Columbia, Mo.
Missouri District





Serving This Month

December 3rd

Pastor Gary Stolle
Reader: Pastor Stolle
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

December 21st

Pastor Wayne Persich
Lay Reader: Aaron Kirchhoff
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

December 7th

Pastor Gary Stolle
Lay Reader: God's Faithful Servant
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

December 24th 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Gary Stolle
Lay Reader: Sherrelynne Martin
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

December 14th

Pastor Wayne Persich
Lay Reader: Kirsten Englund
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

December 28th

Pastor Gary Stolle
Lay Reader: Dan Martin
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

Altar Guild for December 2025

Sharon Bahl & Barbara Gumm

December Birthdays: 14-Kirsten Englund; 17-Kyle Fonseca; 20-Jasmine Ford; 28-Kris Rosenberg

December Wedding Anniversaries: 21-Fred & Charlotte Reifsteck; 26-[John] & Ruby Shinn

If anyone has been missed let the office know.

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Advent Shared Midweek Services

“This Is My Son”

December 3rd at St. Paul Pastor Stolle

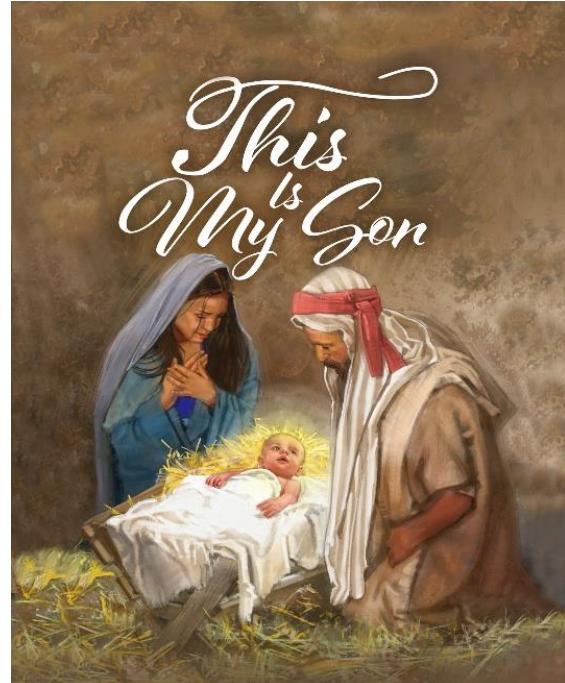
December 10th at Ascension Pastor Dunn

December 17th at Messiah Pastor Wilson

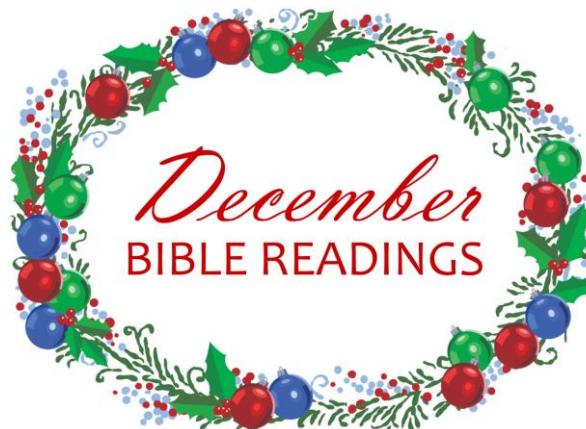
Early Service 4:00 pm

Meal 5:00-6:00 pm

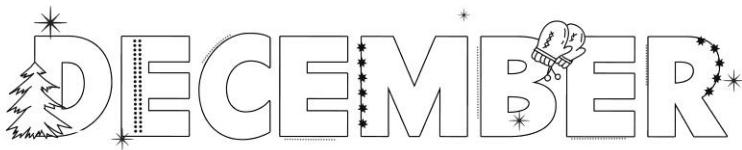
Late Service 6:30 pm



1	Psalm 1
	Exodus 16
2	Psalm 2
	Exodus 17
3	Psalm 3
	Exodus 18
4	Psalm 4
	Exodus 19
5	Psalm 5
	Exodus 20
6	Psalm 6
	Exodus 21
7	Psalm 7
	Exodus 22
8	Psalm 8
	Exodus 23
9	Psalm 9
	Exodus 24
10	Psalm 10
	Exodus 25
11	Psalm 11
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	Exodus 31



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	Exodus 37
23	Psalm 23
	Exodus 38
24	Psalm 24
	Exodus 39
25	Psalm 25
	Exodus 40
26	Psalm 26
	Malachi 1
27	Psalm 27
	Malachi 2
28	Psalm 28
	Malachi 3
29	Psalm 29
	Malachi 4
30	Proverbs 1
	Joshua 1-2
31	Proverbs 2
	Joshua 3-4



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Midweek Advent at St. Paul 4pm 1 st Service 5pm Meal 6:30 2 nd Service	4	5 Bible Study 10am at Ascension	6
7 Worship Service	8	9	10 Midweek Advent at Ascension 4pm 1 st Service 5pm Meal 6:30 2 nd Service	11	12 Bible Study 10am at Ascension	13
14 Worship Service w/communion	15	16	17 Midweek Advent at Messiah 4pm 1 st Service 5pm Meal 6:30 2 nd Service	18	19 Bible Study 10am at Ascension	20
21 Worship Service	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30pm	25	26	27
28 Worship Service w/communion	29	30	31	<p>Worship Service: Sunday 9AM Adult Bible Class: Sunday 10:15 AM</p>		



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14