

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**DECEMBER 31, A.+D. 2018**



# Welcome to Saint Paul Lutheran Church.

As a member congregation of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, we are committed to the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us this weekend, please sign our Record of Fellowship in each pew.

## Serving This Week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:

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## †*About Communion at St. Paul:* †

The Lord's Table is open to all members of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Oneness at Communion pre-supposes oneness in doctrine. However, if you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, please keep your hands folded and step up to the Pastor. Thank you for respecting our teachings. If you would like to learn more about communion at St. Paul, feel free to make an appointment with Pastor Hartman.

## **Our Liturgy and Hymns Today**

### **Divine Service – Setting Four, page 203.**

- Opening Hymn:** #387 “Joy to the World”  
**Sermon Hymn:** #656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
**Communion Hymns:** #860 “Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing”  
#744 “Amazing Grace”  
#685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”  
**Closing Hymn:** #733 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### **The Sermon:**

Luke 12:35-40

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 30:15–17*

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
“In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”  
But you were unwilling, and you said,  
“No! We will flee upon horses”;  
therefore you shall flee away;  
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.  
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;  
at the threat of five you shall flee,  
till you are left  
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
like a signal on a hill.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 8:31b–39*

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,  
“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 12:35–40*

[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”



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