

GOOD NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

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Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

A number of quotations and sayings pass across my desk. I wish to share some of them with you this month.

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brothers and sisters. Martin Luther

If you want to make someone happy, don't bore your friends with your troubles. Tell them to your enemy; he will be delighted to hear about them. Virgil A Kraft

More important than length of life is how we spend each day.
Maria Aldina Futado

Most of us fail too often to express appreciation to those around us or to stand up for a wrong. Benjamin Franklin put his finger on it when he said, "As we must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence.

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. Corrie ten Boom

The Christian on knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoe.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity. Winston Churchill

If you want to be heard--whisper!

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

No amount of riches can atone for poverty of character.

The person who is rowing the boat has no time to rock it.

A cannibal is one who likes everybody.

Talk and you say what you already know; but listen, and you learn something new.

If stress of the times causes us to become weak-kneed, perhaps we should let them collapse entirely and while in that position do a little serious praying.

As you walk on the sands of time, Take care what your footprints reveal; so the imprint you leave may be that of a soul, and not that of a heel.

Peace,
Tim W Muehlbrad



"Brother Helvey is here with the black box from last night's sermon to see if we can find out what went wrong."



Summer Camp News for Parents and Youth

The new 2025 Summer Camp Schedule will be just coming out at this writing or soon after. When it arrives, a date will be chosen. When that happens, we will be looking to fill our spots with names for our Group Registration. The official Group Registration process will begin on Dec 2nd and we want to get our reservations in then (as completely as possible) as we expect spots to fill quickly. We understand that planning out six months or more into the summer can be tough. It is easier to cancel a spot than it is to add one so if there is any doubt still plan on

adding the name to the registration list. We can cancel later if needed. So, watch for more information shortly. We had 19 attend last year and we would love to have that many or even more attend this year!

Sunday School Is Cool!

Our Sunday School begins with song, prayer, and fun at our opening in the basement at 10:15 a.m. The children participate in the opening and sign up on our, “Magical Opening Sheet” to fill the spots. We have a theme song each month and other fun songs that we get from our songbook and camp. Then we retire to our classes where we strengthen our faith in the study of God’s Word! Come be a part of the fun!

Our First BF (Bring a Friend) Sunday!

One of our new aspects of our Sunday School is the “Bring a Friend Sunday!” If you bring a friend for the first time this Sunday (or anytime) you and your friend receive a special gift! We hope that your friend will come and be part of our Sunday School if they do not already have a church home! Our very first BF Sunday will be Sunday Nov. 10th! So start thinking now who you can invite!

Another New Part of Sunday School is...

We will be awarding a Luther Banner to the class that has the best attendance in their class for the month! The class with the most “Banner Classes” at the end of the year will receive a pizza party and some special gifts. So plan on being there as many weeks as possible and have the banner hanging on your door!



Church Council

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
October 8, 2024

Empowered by the holy spirit to make Christ known; as we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our faith through studying God's word and worshipping God.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Wiese, President. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Larry Gohmert, Laurey Garica, Jay Heil, Pam Hoefling, Susan Franke, Ashleigh Peyton, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Katy Serrano and Terry Carmichael were also in attendance.
2. **DEVOTION-** Jay Heil provided the devotion.
3. **MINUTES-** Jay Heil made a motion to accept the September 10, 2024, minutes as presented. Pam Hoefling seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **REPORTS-**
 - a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
 - b. **Parish Education-**No report provided.
 - c. **Youth Committee Report-** Laurey Garcia reported:
 1. The Paint and Praise Event hosted by Nancy Beeson was well attended. We opened with a prayer and had 15 people enjoy themselves while painting and having fellowship.

2. We are preparing for our Prayer Garden Worship & Weenie Roast that will be taking place during FFF on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 6-7:30 PM. We will roast weenies and have s'mores! PT & Friends will be helping us out by playing guitar, so we can worship through song!
3. Our next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 6 PM.
4. **Youth Task Force**
 - a. Our committee met September 17, 2024 @ 6 PM, and all three pavilion locations were discussed. The committee voted on one location, that being in front of the fellowship hall, with some changes being made to the iteration. It was discussed that the pavilion would be plumbed for bathrooms to possibly be put in in the future and that those rooms would be used for storage.
 - b. I scanned the changes that were made and emailed them to Phoebe Latham on September 18, 2024. We then had a phone conversation over the changes, which she confirmed by email. I am waiting for the updated iteration from her. I asked her the question about having any surveys done. She directed me to Wade Zimmer, whom I called and spoke with later that day around lunch time. He informed me that there is no need for any surveys until the project is 6 months out from the start of the build.
 - c. The committee also discussed having a Q&A where the congregation could come and speak with SZS about the pavilion.

- d. We will meet again when I have received the updated iteration.
- d. **D.C.E.-Terry Carmicheal** reported:
1. Assisting with planning and leading the Sunday School openings. This includes making some posters for our sayings, prayer song, and our monthly songs, so all can participate, including visitors or new students.
 2. Have been holding the Children's Sermons except for 9/29
 3. Continue leading the weekly Learning Garden Chapel worships on Wed. and distributing their chapel offerings to the church annex for the congregation to view
 4. Continue the monitoring of the Children's Worship bags for the church services.
 5. Consulted with Jill Turner on the Education Budget for next year
 6. Have been assisting the Sunday School classes as they begin leading the Sunday School Openings
 7. Worked with Pastor on the planning of the music choices for the Sunday School openings that correspond with the SPARK curriculum for the fall
 8. Began meeting with the Confirmation Class and assisting Pastor with them on 9/22
 9. Have been leading the Learning Garden Chapels for the new school year
 10. Assisted with the leading of the worship services and preparing a sermon for the Oct 5th and 6th worship services while Pastor was on vacation
 11. Organized and distributed the Student Information forms that that the Sunday School parents filled out to their respective classes.

Thank you, Jill Turner, for overseeing that on Rally Day and assisting the parents to fill them out!

12. Have begun tracking the Sunday School attendance for the awarding of the banner to the class which has the highest percentage of attendance each month
13. Assisted the women with the setup of the video system in the Fellowship Hall for their bible study DVD.
14. Other:
 - a. Attended several junior high and high school volleyball games and one in Nordheim
 - b. Attended several high school and junior high school football games
 - c. Several Learning Garden meetings on next year's chapel schedule and adjustments in the schedule for the office renovations
 - d. Several office meetings on Sunday School and possible window and temperature adjustments for the DCE office
 - e. Met with Mrs. Smiley on possible choir music choices and the return of the choir
- e. **Worship-** Jay Heil reported:
 1. Johnna Pichard will preside over the services on Oct. 19th and 20th. Jay Heil will assist with the services.
 2. On Nov. 9th and 10th, the women will preside over the Thank Offering Service. Michael Dietrich from the National Disaster Relief is going to come and present.
- f. **Evangelism/Outreach-** No report provided
- g. **Social Concerns-** Susan Franke reported:

1. Assistance was provided to 3 individuals in September
 - a. Provided help \$100.00 for rent
 - b. Provided help \$200.00 for electric bill
- h. **Christian Life**-Pam Hoefling reported:
 1. There will be a potluck held this Sunday, October 13th after church service.
 2. In November, we will hold a church service with the Polka Band playing.
 3. A community-wide Thanksgiving Meal and Program will be held on November 10th, at the community hall.
- i. **Property**-Larry Gohmert Reported:
 1. The backup generator for the Educational Building is operational. I will be meeting with Zach Young this week to go over care and feeding instructions. I am also working with Coastal Bend Power on a maintenance agreement to keep the generator happy and healthy. I will be making arrangements to have the damaged sidewalk repaired.
 2. Cooling of Terry's office is an ongoing concern. Changes suggested by Gohmert Air Conditioning have been implemented, but other ideas have included window film or replacing the windows. Replacement of the windows throughout the building would be costly, but what's in place now are the original, single pane, metal frame window, which are not very energy efficient.
 3. Painting of the church offices is in progress, and the new flooring will be coming later in October. I think we have a plan for keeping internet access and the phone system working throughout the flooring project.

4. I have approved a bid of \$1,224.37 from Metting Painting for the painting of the meeting room.
5. Coastal Bend Power has replaced the failed light bulbs in the sanctuary. They didn't have enough matching bulbs on hand, so a few fixtures in the Annex have bulbs that don't match, but those will be replaced with matching ones as soon as they are received.
- j. **Cemetery**- No report provided.
- k. **C.E.M.**-No report provided
- l. **Pastor**-
 1. Professional activities during **September 2024**:
 - a. 10 Worship Services
 - b. 7 Hospital Visits
 - c. 4 Home Visits
 - d. 5 Educational Events
 - e. 9 Church Meetings and Events
 2. Official Acts during **September 2024**
 - a. 9/16 Burial of Monica Gwosdz
 - b. 9/22 Burial Laurie Barfield
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. 2025 Budget Requests Due. All budgets have been submitted. A budget committee will be formed and is tentatively scheduled to meet on October 24th at 2 PM.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a.
7. **CLOSING**- Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurey Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashleigh Peyton

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise
 SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton
 PARISH ED – Jill Turner
 STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns
 WORSHIP – Jay Heil
 CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling
 PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Susan Franke
 YOUTH – Laurey Garcia
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Wade Bolting

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2024	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2024
Beginning Balance	\$43,364.25	Beginning Balance	\$121,505.82
Income	\$505,232.02	Income	\$193,787.10
Expenses	(\$527,928.21)	Expenses	(\$216,852.69)
Ending Balance	\$20,668.06	Ending Balance	\$98,440.23
Totals as of 10/21/2024			
Investment w/ LPL Financial:			
\$130,285.70			

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

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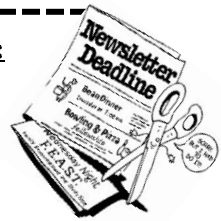
EARLY!

R E M I N D E R:

DEADLINE FOR THE

**December
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE IS**

**Monday,
November 18, 2024**



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

PRESENTED BY
THE DEWITT COUNTY
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA 1029

Monday, November 11, 2024

11:00 A.M. - Ceremony

With Guest Speaker



DeWitt County Veterans Center

(Old American Legion Hall)

901 E. Hwy. 72 • Yorktown, TX



**Save the dates for the upcoming
Christian Life activities:**

- **November 17, 2024** – A meal will be provided following the Polka Band Service. Sign Up sheets will be in the Narthex, Annex, and by the Church office. The Congregation is asked to bring desserts.
- **December 8, 2024** – A catered Christmas Feast to be held after the Sunday School Christmas program.



The Women of the Church will celebrate our annual Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 10, 2024. We will have Michael Dittrich, a member of the NALC Disaster Response, be our guest speaker. Michael

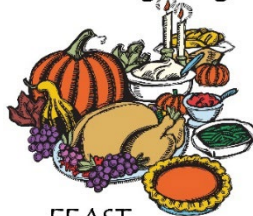
and his wife, Patricia, are the managers of the Disaster Response Warehouse in Rosenberg.

This year, 75% of our Thankoffering will go to Disaster Response and 25% to YAM. Please prayerfully give what you can to support these two ministries. As we all know, the recent hurricanes devastated parts of Florida and North Carolina, leaving people homeless, hungry, and without power.

We will accept your offering until December 6, 2024. You may use a pew envelope or designate your check with Thankoffering. Please give generously.

The Community Thanksgiving Feast will be held Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Community Hall. If you are planning on attending, please take a dessert and/or a vegetable dish when you go.

Thanksgiving



FEAST

Polka Spirit Band

St. Paul Lutheran Church will celebrate a Polka Service at the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, November 17, 2024. The Polka Spirit Band of Shiner, Texas is a group of five musicians who



have set original religious text to traditional polka music to form a contemporary religious service. All are welcome to attend the service, with communion. A meal will be provided following the Polka Band Service. Sign Up sheets will be in the Narthex, Annex, and by the Church office. The Congregation is asked to bring desserts.



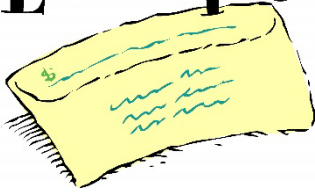
Children's Christmas Program

Christmas Program 2024 News!

This year the Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Please bring your children to Sunday School on Sunday, October 27th, to receive their cast parts. Please help them to memorize their lines and help them keep up with their copy of their lines to use during the first practice. Costume fitting will be held on Sunday, November 17th during the Sunday School hour. Practice days will be Saturday, November 23rd from 9-11 a.m., Sunday, December 1st, from 2-4 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th, from 9-11 a.m.

Thank you,
Zoe Innocenti

Offering Envelopes



It's that time of the year when the offering envelopes will be going out soon. If you prefer not to have envelopes assigned to you, please let the church office know. We still have the e-giving option that you can utilize. Let's help cut down on excess expenses!

Want to avoid writing a check or having to get cash each week for your offering? Try out eGiving! Visit our website at www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link eGiving and it will lead you through process. For more information, call the church office at 361-564-2135.



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Get started today! Visit our church website to set up your online contribution.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2024

We remember the children of God who have left their earthly journey for their heavenly home this past year. We take this time to remember the blessings God has given us through each of them.

The SAINTS of St. Paul who are now among the Saints Triumphant are:

Glynda Schulze, Harlen Merks, Sr., Warren Lemke, Lela "Dolly" Ruppert, Carol Schroller, Guy Nobles, Alton "Sonny" Seifert, Daniel E. Gohmert, Mary "Jean" Striedel, Elizabeth "Hope" Jendrzey, Geraldine Goehring, Margret Jendrzey, Byron Cramer, Daisy Borgfeld, Wayne Lynn Metting, Janet Lambrecht, John Roller, Laurie Jo Barfield, Monica Gwosdz, Dennie Bruns, and Edra "Sandy" Mazurkiewicz

Finally, we celebrate All Saint's Sunday because we, too, are counted as saints through the righteousness of Christ. Through the merits of His sacrifice and the promise of His resurrection, we shall one day also stand with all the saints in life!

Paint and Praise fun at St. Paul!



YOUTH CHAT

CONGRATULATIONS

Please take the time to congratulate the following junior and high school Sunday school students! They had perfect attendance in September! We are so very proud of them!

Junior High

Aadin Koopman

Ellyn Warwas

High School

Aydn Garcia

Palyn Koopman

Keep up the good work!!

November FFF Menu

11/6 - Cheese tortellini Alfredo, salad, garlic bread & dessert

11/13 - Hamburgers, chips & dessert

11/20 - Breakfast for dinner, fruit & dessert

NO FFF

There will be no FFF
Wednesday November
27th.

BUNCO TIME CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE THE
TIME CHANGE
Bunco will be Sunday,
November 17th from
1-3PM immediately
following the catered
meal. Sign up sheets will
be throughout.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WILDCAT BAND MEMBERS!!

Our band did an awesome job at contest Saturday 10/19 and received a 11. Awesome job everyone!!

NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE: May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep the commands, decrees and regulations he gave our fathers. 1Kings 8:58

COME JOIN US! * COME JOIN US! * COME JOIN US!



Cooking Well with Diabetes

COURSE INFORMATION

Cooking Well with Diabetes is a cooking class designed to help people with diabetes and anyone that prepares food for them. This four-lesson course includes basic nutrition education to help plan meals and prepare food for people living with diabetes. Find quick dinner ideas and gain access to 25+ recipes that will help you cook well with diabetes.

Lessons include

- Recognizing carbohydrate foods
- Planning balanced and satisfying meals
- Reducing fats in recipes
- Increasing use of healthier fats
- Improving sodium & fiber content in recipes
- Celebrating holidays sensibly

Register today and learn to **cook well** with diabetes!



Registration Details

Dates: November 14, 15, 21, and 22
Times: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Yorktown EMS
508 N. Riedel Yorktown, Texas 78164
Registration: FREE

Contact:
Amy Lamprecht or
Denise Goebel, CEA-FCH
DeWitt County Extension Service
361-275-0816
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We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Dennie Bruns - who passed away September 29, 2024. Services were held October 18, 2024.

Edra "Sandy" Mazurkiewicz - who passed away October 21, 2024. Services were held October 26, 2024.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.



In memory of Liliana Bangs – Landscaping

Margaret Krause & Family

In memory of Laurie Barfield – Building

Don & Susan Wieland

Susan Burrows

Jay & Sandra Heil

Curtis & Karen Koenig

Bill & Debbie Niemeier

Roger & Deborah Geffert

Shirley Mueller

Steven & Pam Hoefling

Frances Villa

Shirley Crain

Boyd & Pam Weise

Barbara Cramer

Gail Riedesel

The Barfield Family: Pat, Bonnie, Larry, & Brenda

In memory of Laurie Barfield – Cemetery

Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family Martha Geffert

Bill & Sylvia Imhoff

In memory of Laurie Barfield – Landscaping

The Larry Serold Family

Bill & Carolyn Bargmann

Margaret Krause & Family

In memory of Laurie Barfield – Oromo Mission Church

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Laurie Barfield – Parking Lot

Jesse & Linda Hurta

Lana Krietsch

In memory of Larry Charles Vasbinder – Building

Charles & Jan Ruppert

In memory of Larry Charles Vasbinder – Landscaping

The Larry Serold Family

In memory of Larry Charles Vasbinder – Records Restoration

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Larry Charles Vasbinder – Senior Scholarship

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Wanda Wieland – Building

Don & Susan Wieland

In memory of Wanda Wieland – Senior Scholarship

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of October 21, 2024.

Please remember to **write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE** a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday, November 3, 2024 – All Saints Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 24

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44



Sunday, November 10, 2024 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



Sunday, November 17, 2024-26th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8



Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Christ the King

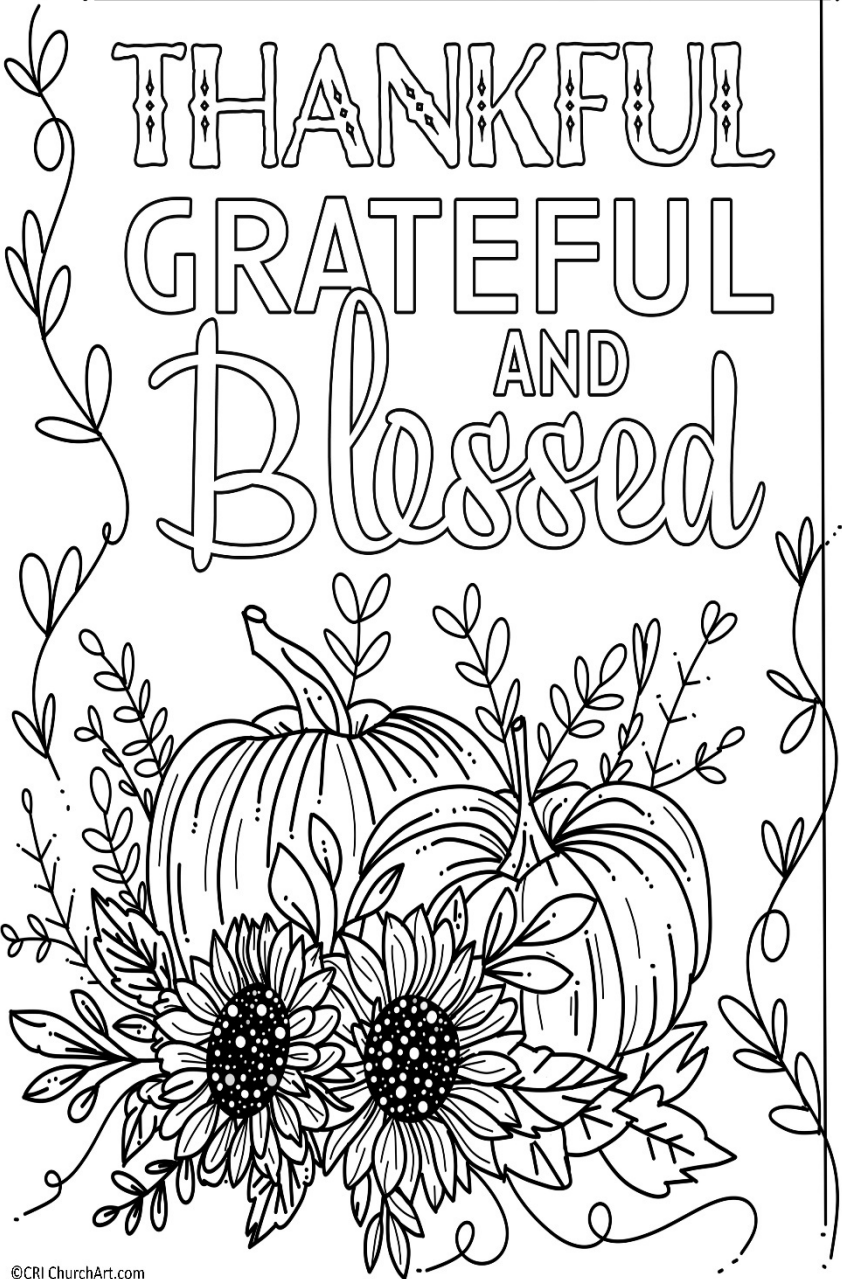
First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37





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TO THE
Lord;
FOR HE IS GOOD.
PSALM 107:1, NIV