

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 12/27

8:00 am All Musicians/Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Choir/Handbells/Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Celebration Worship - Senior Pastor Installation
11:15 am Reception Luncheon (Fellowship Area - following worship)

Monday 12/28

Tuesday 12/29

5:45 am Fitness at First Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*

Wednesday 12/30

Thursday 12/31 *New Year's Eve*

6:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship "The End?"

Friday 1/1 *New Year's Day - Church Office & ELC Closed*

Saturday 1/2 Message: Simple Changes

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 1/3 Message: Simple Changes

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Education Time
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
12:00 pm Christmas Decoration Take-Down (Sanctuary)

Welcome

ERIC L. TRICKEY



Pastor Eric & Sara Trickey

Pastor Eric L. Trickey is a 2000 graduate of the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO and has been a Pastor in Southern California since 2001. He comes to St. Paul's in Decatur after leading the congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Encinitas, California since 2003.

Pastor Eric has a beautiful wife, Sara, and two beautiful children, Thalassa (Thaley) and Eric Jr. The Trickey family welcomed the call to ministry at St. Paul's in October of this year, and they have now made Decatur their new home. Pastor Eric says, "The Lord has been the constant strength of my life, and it is the greatest joy of my life, to share His love with the world as a Pastor in His church."

As Senior Pastor here at St. Paul's, Pastor Eric will focus primarily on leading and growing our congregation and impacting our community for Christ. He will join our pastoral team and will begin sharing the message with us the weekend of January 2/3.

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church is excited and blessed to welcome the Trickeys here. They have already begun meeting many of our St. Paul's families and making plans for what is ahead. We are excited to get to know the Trickeys and we know God will use them in mighty ways here among us.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 862
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 836

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3rd

Christmas Decoration Take-Down (12:00pm @SPL)

January 5th

Classes Resume - LSA (K-8 and High School)

January 6th *Registration available online at spldecatour.org*

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session Begins (1/6-2/3)

Celebration of the Epiphany

February 10th

Midweek Lenten Worship Begins - Ash Wednesday (12:15 & 6:30pm)

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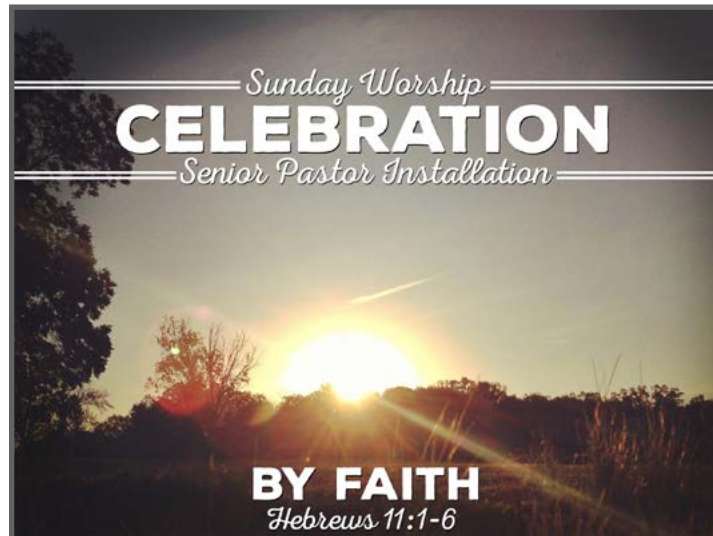
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CELEBRATION WORSHIP DECEMBER 27, 2015 10:00 AM

THE DIVINE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
INTO THE OFFICE OF HOLY MINISTRY
FOR

Eric L. Trickey



Now FAITH is being SURE
of what we HOPE for
and CERTAIN of what we DO NOT SEE.
HEBREWS 11:1

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious Father, what a day of excitement and joy! You have been faithful to Your people, and we trust You to be faithful to us once more. Inspire us. Thrill us again with the joy of our salvation. Lead us forward with great boldness and faith. All because of Jesus and in His name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Hallelujah
(Handbell Choir)

Welcome

Processional Praise

Immortal Invisible

Invocation

First Lesson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Lesson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Reader: Out of respect for Jesus and His Words of Life, we stand for the reading of the Gospel.



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BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:20-28

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Heaven and earth will pass away.

People: But Your Word will never pass away.

Apostles' Creed

Message Song

Thy Strong Word
LSB #578 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

Message

"By Faith"
Hebrews 11:1-6

Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

One Faith, One Hope
(Adult Choir)

The Rite of Installation

The Laying on of Hands

Blessing by the Congregational Leaders

Confession and Absolution

Lord, we acknowledge to You our fears and doubts. We do not always have full confidence in Your plans when we do not know them or cannot control them. We wonder if all things *really* work together for good. We need reassurance that Your grace is enough. Forgive us for our lack of faith and lead us to take hold of *Your* promises. We dare to ask because we know You sent us Your Son to save us from our sins. In His name, Amen.

Joy to the World
LSB #387 v. 3, 4

Words of Institution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the following page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer Ministers are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion

Adore
O Little Town of Bethlehem (Away in a Manger)
Revelation Song

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

In Christ Alone

Please remain in the sanctuary following the conclusion of worship. Our Pastors have a few announcements to share with you before we dismiss to the Fellowship Area for the luncheon.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL

Rev. Gary Trickey

Retired, San Marcos, CA - Father of Eric Trickey

Thank you also to all other area Pastors attending today and to Malcolm Head (Congregational Chairman) and the Board of Elders of St. Paul's.

Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (*They are not merely symbolically present.*)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

**For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.*

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 43rd wedding anniversary of Dane and Sue Henry and in thanksgiving for the blessing of their children.

In Thanksgiving for Another Year of Blessing

Take time to give thanks for another year. Join us for New Year's Eve worship "The End?" on Thursday 12/31 at 7:00pm.

Volunteers Needed

Following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, January 3rd (around 12:00pm), we need volunteers to help in the process of taking down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and building. Contact Heidi Sack at 423-6955 for more information.



F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session 2016

Join us on Wednesdays (Beginning January 6th)
Dinner 5:30pm / Classes 6:30pm

Registration will be available online at spldecat.org

SEEKING HELP? FIND IT HERE.

This time of year can be challenging, with the stress of the holiday season, family issues, or perhaps dealing with loss. Seeking help? Contact Jarvis Howe, Director of Counseling & Family Ministry. Offering Christ-centered counseling services. Call 217-423-6955 for an appointment (ask for Jarvis).

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Follow @SHiNeSPL
Children's Ministry: SHiNe with us on Sundays at 9:20am (Saturday 6:15pm) for children's education time. PreK-K meet in 206. 1st-4th Gr. meet in 203 to start. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room.
Join us for F3 Wednesdays starting January 6, 2016!

BUILDING BLOCKS: Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211. Contact Jennifer Power at 423-6955 or jennifer@spldecat.org for info.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (Rm 122) (pastordoug@spldecat.org).