

Second Sunday in Advent



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Dec 5 & 6, 2020

December 05, 2020 - 5:30pm

December 06, 2020 - 9:00am

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here, Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR MISSION

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

HOLY COMMUNION

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on p.329-330 in the hymnal to guide you in self-examination.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *“Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.”*

- 2 *Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.*

- 3 *Hark, the herald’s voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.*

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7

- P** Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
C **Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**
- P** You brought a vine out of Egypt;
it took deep root and filled the land.
C **Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**
- P** Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

KYRIE

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

1Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 9Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

P LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

P You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

C Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

P Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

C Will you not revive us again
that your people may rejoice in you?

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

C Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn
back to folly.

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

C Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

C Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

8But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 3:4b, 6

C Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness

and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

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- 1 *The King shall come when morning dawns
 And light triumphant breaks,
 When beauty gilds the eastern hills
 And life to joy awakes.*

- 3 *Oh, brighter than the rising morn
 When Christ, victorious, rose
 And left the lonesome place of death
 Despite the rage of foes.*

- 5 *The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!*

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THE SERMON

“God’s Patience”

2 Peter 3:8-14

HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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- 4 *A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*
- 6 *O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!*

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OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free
spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Merciful Father,
C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our
selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

C For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI "The Peace of the Lord"

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Luther's Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

The First Petition "Hallowed be Thy Name"

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
- 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer

Holy Father, Your name is holy in itself. We pray that through the words we speak about You and through the lives we live as those marked by Your sacred name in Baptism, we may never profane Your name but honor it in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Nunc Dimittis”

G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

4 *Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.*

△5 *All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.*

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POSTLUDE



PREPARING YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

December 12 & 13 – 3rd Weekend in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FOR

Dick & Charlotte Tigges
for all our blessings in life

NOVEMBER 28 & 29 STATISTICS

In-Person Attendance:	63
Views* on Facebook:	24
Views on YouTube:	13
DVD's Distributed:	6
Overall Participation:	106

*The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sat. Dec 5 @ 5:30 pm	Sun. Dec 6 @ 9:00 am
Head Usher:	Jon Walker	Dennis Waugh
Accompanist:	Laura Bee	Laura Bee
	Wed. Dec 9 @ 5:30pm	
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	
Accompanist:	Dr. Charles Barland	

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

None

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

8-Charlie Wehrspann

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8-Judy Pergande 8-Dick Tigges
9-Jacque Weber

- **FOOD PANTRY** - For the month of December, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Shampoo Potatoes Canned Fruit Hot Chocolate
Lotion Oil Toilet Tissue Graham Crackers

- **FLOWER CHART:** The 2021 Altar flower sign up book is now in fellowship hall. We had to change supplier as Ace Hardware no longer is doing custom orders. White's Florist will be delivering our weekly arrangement and the price is \$25. Now is the time to reserve your date for flowers to enhance the beauty of our worship service. We do ask that you make your check to St Paul earmarked "alter flowers" when you sign up. Put check in envelope provided and place in offering plate. Questions Charlotte Tigges 563 552 2351.
- **REMINDER:** There will be NO Sunday School until further notice.
- **UPDATE:** The 4pm Christmas Eve is now full. The 6:30pm Christmas Eve service has 36 seats left.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Sally Bennett (sister to Delores's son-in-law)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mike Howes, Dan Pergande

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Marlene Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby

For our Healthcare Workers & Teachers and Parafessionals:

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap, Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller), Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller) Jon Barz (University of Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa Wehrspann (Table Mound Elementary)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dennis Paar
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Bill Heller
- Tom Spear, Jr.
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Greg & JoAnn Schmidt (friends of Margaret Fox)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

2nd Sun in Advent Sat. Dec 5	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
2nd Sun in Advent Sun. Dec 6	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study on Facebook only
Mon. Dec 7		
Tues. Dec 8		“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Dec 9	5:30pm	Advent Midweek Service
Thur. Dec 10		
Fri. Dec 11		Secretary out of the Office
3rd Sun in Advent Sat Dec 12	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
3rd Sun in Advent Sun. Dec 13	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.

Prayers from the Parsonage will take place sometime between 5pm & 7pm depending on the kids feeding schedule that day. Thank you for your flexibility.