

First Sunday in Advent



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Nov 26 & 27, 2022

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 meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



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Divine Service

Setting Four (LSB page 203)

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font

"Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned" (Large Catechism)

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

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

Entrance Hymn

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Repeat after each petition



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

A I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C **Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

A Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

C **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed
for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

A There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

C **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!**

A Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"

C **For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

- A** For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

After the reading

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- A** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.

⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.
⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.
⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G 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

(All may bow:

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

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Sermon

“The Sun Is Rising”

Romans 13:11-14

Hymn of the Day

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332

- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father’s Son
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.
By Your mighty pow’r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Stand as you are able

Prayer of the Church

Greeting of Peace

Offering & Attendance Cards

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

Offering 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

The Words Of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism - Confession

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is it written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Hymns During The Distribution

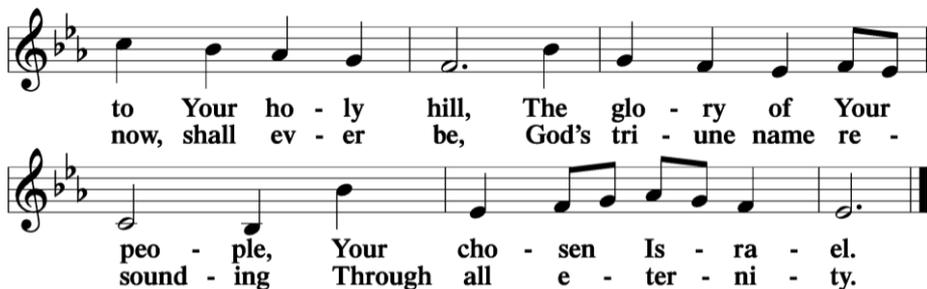
"The Advent of Our King"
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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LSB 338

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

LSB 337

- 1 The night will soon be ending;
The dawn cannot be far.
Let songs of praise ascending
Now greet the Morning Star!
All you whom darkness frightens
With guilt or grief or pain,
God's radiant Star now brightens
And bids you sing again.
- 2 The One whom angels tended
Comes near, a child, to serve;
Thus God, the judge offended,
Bears all our sins deserve.
The guilty need not cower,
For God has reconciled
Through His redemptive power
All those who trust this child.

- 3 The earth in sure rotation
Will soon bring morning bright,
So run where God's salvation
Glow in a stable's light.
As old as sin's perversion
Is mercy's vast design:
God brings a new creation—
This child its seal and sign.
- 4 Yet nights will bring their sadness
And rob our hearts of peace,
And sin in all its madness
Around us may increase.
But now one Star is beaming
Whose rays have pierced the night:
God comes for our redeeming
From sin's oppressive might.
- 5 God dwells with us in darkness
And makes the night as day;
Yet we resist the brightness
And turn from God away.
But grace does not forsake us,
However far we run.
God claims us still as children
Through Mary's infant Son.

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Postlude

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Preparing Yourself For Worship

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

December 3 & 4 - 2nd Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

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 (relation to Dave & Sue Krause)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Dan Pergande, Mark Litka, Debra Spear

For our members who are homebound:

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

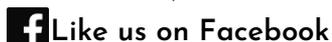
Additional Prayer Requests

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dick Tigges
- Sue Ruff (sister of Rod Henry)

**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

1st Sat in Advent Sat. Nov 26	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
1st Sun in Advent Sun. Nov 27	9:00am	Worship Service w/Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	NO Sunday School
Mon. Nov 28	1:00pm	Golden Age Euchre Club
	5:30pm	Mission Circle Church Decorating
Tues. Nov 29		
Wed. Nov 30	8:00am	TOPS
	5:30pm-6:15pm	Light Supper
	6:30pm	Advent Midweek Service
Thur. Dec 1		
Fri. Dec 2		
2nd Sat in Advent Sat Dec 3	5:30pm	Worship Service w/Holy Communion with President Saunders
2nd Sun in Advent Sun. Dec 4	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion with President Saunders
	10:30am	Bible Study with President Saunders
	10:30am	Sunday School



Flowers on the Altar For

Richard & Eunice Kokemiller
in honor of their 54th Wedding Anniversary

November 19 & 20 statistics

In-Person Attendance:	73
Views* on Facebook:	47
Overall Participation:	120

*The number of post clicks. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

Worship Assistants

	Sat., Nov 26 @ 5:30pm	Sun., Nov 27 @ 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Jon Lutz
Accompanist:	Dr. Barland	Kristen Eby

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

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

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

28-Nancy T. Clark 28-Barrett Zasada 29-Kathryn Moyer

Birthdays This Week

26-Dave Krause 30-Zeke Key
1-Josh Henry 1-Sheila Zasada