

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Dec 6 & 7, 2025



Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome to Saint Paul

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

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.

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.

Divine Service

Mass of Creation
setting by Marty Haugen

Confession and Absolution

Stand as you are able

“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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

LSB 343



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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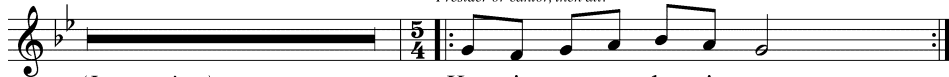
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Stand as you are able

Kyrie

Presider or cantor, then all:



(Invocation)

Kyr - i - e, e - le - i - son.

Presider or cantor, then all:



(Invocation)

Chris - te, e - le - i - son.

Presider or cantor, then all:

(Invocation) Kyr - i - e, e - le - i - son.

Cantor then all:

A - men.

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(English: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy)

Salutation and Collect Of The Day

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ and also with you.

☐ Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

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.

☑ Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy

extol him.”¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Alleluia & Verse



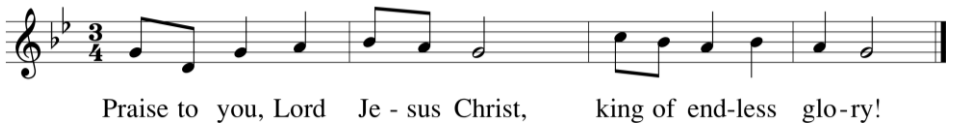
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Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the third chapter.



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry!

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¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to

raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry!

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Chorale Prelude

Puer Nobis Nascitur

by Paul Manz

Hymn of the Day

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

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1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow’rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - ’ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. Composite Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Sermon

Root, Shoot, and Branch

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

(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 of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of The Church

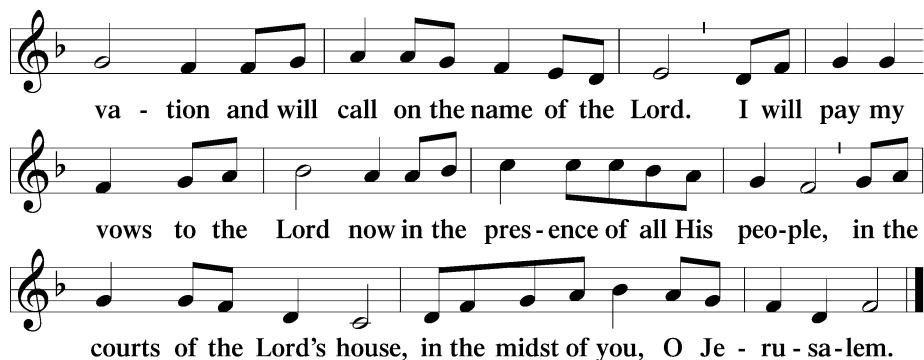
Greeting of Peace

Offering

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.


Offertory Prayer

P Merciful Father,

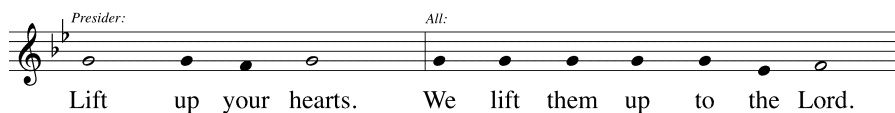
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service Of The Sacrament

Preface



Presider: The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spir - it.



Presider: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them up to the Lord.



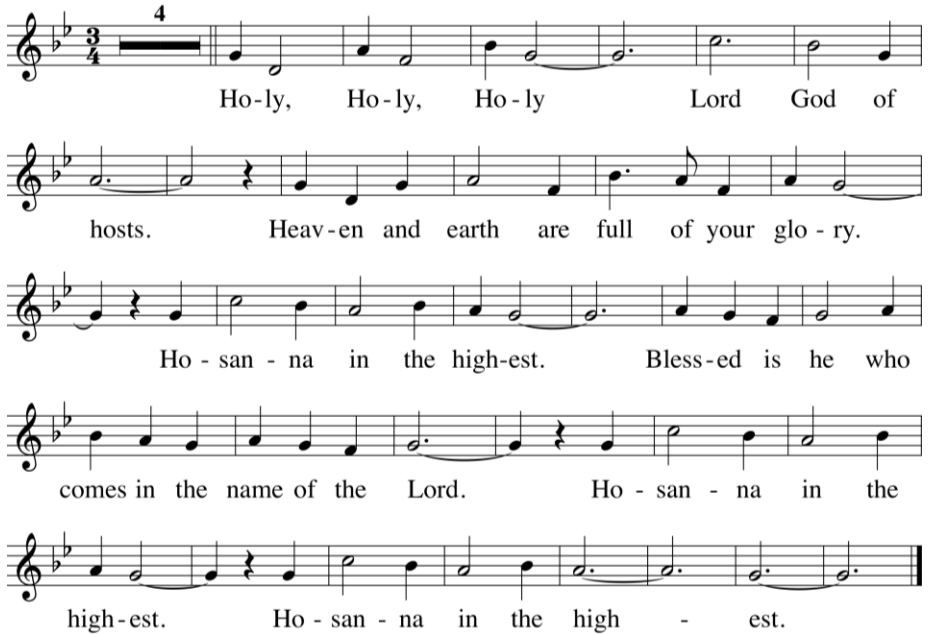
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right and just.

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

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Prayer Of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C 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."

Proclamation Of Christ

Priest:

Let us pro-claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

All:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

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P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

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Invitation to Communion

- P** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*
- C** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

Assembly: world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time world, grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn

“Taste and See”

Taste and see, taste and see the

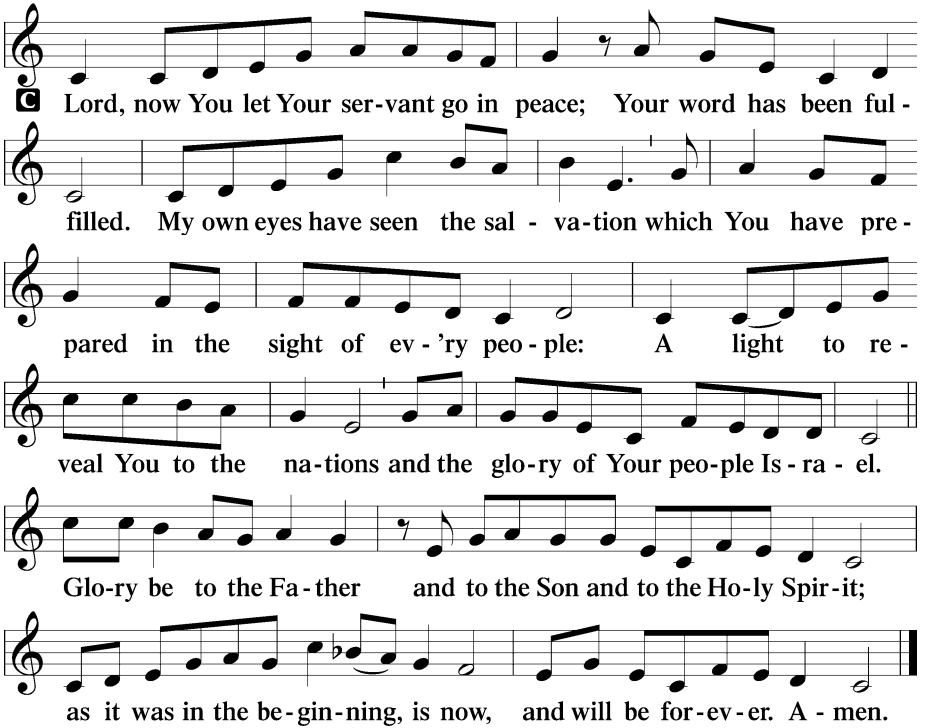
good - ness of the Lord. O,

taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Stand as you are able

Post-Communion Canticle



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

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

C Amen.

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.

Sit

Closing Hymn

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

LSB 359



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text (sts. 1–2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3):

Friedrich L. C. Layritz, 1808–59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948 Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln

Postlude

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Flowers on the Altar Are For

Charlotte Tigges
in memory of husband Richard “Dick” Tigges

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.

Dec 13, 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-11, Matthew 11:2-15

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Dec 6 – 5:30pm	Sun, Dec 7 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Organist:	David Pitt	Matthew Walsh

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

8-Charlie Wehrspann

Birthdays This Week

8-Judy Pergande 9-Jacque Weber

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

Salt Mac & Cheese Toothpaste Deodorant
Tuna Apple Sauce Facial Tissue

November 29 & 30 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	23
Views* on Facebook:	56
Overall Participation:	79

*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.

Bulletins - Attention Saturday Night Service attendees: We kindly ask for your help in supporting our Sunday morning community. Due to a shortage of bulletins, we're inviting those who do not take their bulletin home to place gently used copies in the wooden box located at the farthest back pew. This small act of stewardship helps makes it easier for our morning ushers and greeters to prepare without having to retrieve bulletins from the recycle bin. Your thoughtfulness ensures that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed and informed—thank you for being part of that effort.

The Women of St. Paul will be going to supper at the Copper Kettle on **Monday, December 8th at 6pm**. All women are welcome to come to this. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up, there is still time. It will be order off the menu. Come hungry--the more the merrier. See you there, Nancy

Our giving tree in the Fellowship Hall has ornaments on it that has a wish list on the back for items for the Red Basket Project and Mary's Inn. The Red Basket Project helps to provide female hygiene products in the jr. high and high schools for those girls that don't have the availability to purchase them. You can shop and put the items in the shopping bag under the tree with the ornament inside the bag--they do not need to be wrapped. Mary's Inn is a home that has 8 Mom's and their children living there. The Moms are trying to learn better parenting skills while dedicating emotional and spiritual well-being for themselves and the children. You can wrap your items and put them all in one bag with the ornament in or on the bag. The gifts will be **due back on Sunday, December 21st** so we can get them where they need to go before Christmas. If you don't want to shop, you can give me a check made out to me, and I will be happy to. If you have any questions, please call me at 563-599-3885 Thank you, Nancy Henry

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)

Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)

Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)

Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)

Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)

Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)

Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)

Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)

Brittni Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)

Kenny Stelpflug (brother to Doris Pergande)

Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams, Jim LuGrain

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Judy Pergande, Dusty

Colby, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Jan Anderson, Richard

Kokemiller (Luther Manor), Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Damaris

Eichman, Bruce & Annabelle Schaal

Additional Prayer Request

**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.*

+ + +
**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.



How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.



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Schedule For The Week

2nd Sun in Advent Sat. Dec 6	5:30pm	Divine Service
2nd Sun in Advent Sun. Dec 7	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Dec 8	6:00pm	Woman of St. Paul Christmas Dinner at The Copper Kettle
Tues. Dec 9		
Wed. Dec 10	8:30am 5:30pm -6:00pm 6:30pm	TOPS Soup Supper Midweek Advent Service
Thur. Dec 11	12pm – 1:30pm	Brown Bag Bible Study
Fri. Dec 12		
3rd Sun in Advent Sat. Dec 13	5:30pm	Divine Service
Christmas Celebration Sun. Dec 14	9:00am 10:30am	Christmas Celebration followed with a Hot Chocolate Bar Bible Study/Sunday School