

+++THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

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Greeter	Bob & Ronda Schlechte		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	4:00 PM	LYF Caroling
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia
MON.	7:00 PM	Cantata Rehearsal
TUE.	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	10:30 AM	Advent Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Advent Service @ St. Paul
	6:30-8PM	WDS
THURS	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
SAT	9:00 AM	Cantata Rehearsal
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	Voter's Meeting
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	7:00 PM	Christmas Cantata

November 24 8:30: 140 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 56

Welcome Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. Welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Thank you Thank you to Kay Dust, Susan Hanfland, Dawn Schlechte, and Mariah Williams for donating treats to the Weekday School/Confirmation children during November. The treats are very much appreciated!

O Holy Night The 61st Annual Christmas Cantata presented by singers from the area Lutheran Churches will be December 8, 2024, 7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson. This year's Cantata will be under the direction of Mark Wascher and accompanied by Krystal Friese. Singers are from Faith, Shumway, Grace, Strasburg, St. Paul, Sigel, St. Paul, Strasburg and Trinity, Stewardson Lutheran Churches. Come and hear the good news of the Savior's birth one Holy Night long ago

Agenda & Minutes Copies of the Agenda and Minutes are available in the narthex.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Nov 24	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 6,389.00	\$ 2,639.00
year-to-date	\$ 166,125.00	\$185,612.56	\$19,487.56
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Nov 24	\$ 481.00	\$ 410.00	\$ -71.00
year-to-date	\$ 21,607.00	\$21,974.00	\$ 367.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$8,825.00
Building \$335 Sem. Student \$145 Trinity \$195 Cemetery \$200 LYF \$75			
Lutheran Care Center \$60 Human Care \$60 Mission Work \$150 Comfort Dog \$200			
Op Christmas \$100 Thanksgiving \$200 F Storm Mem. \$200			
		Nov 20	\$3,285.00 (ACH)
		Nov 24	\$5,234.00
		Nov 24	\$ 200.00 (Storm Mem.)

- 12/10 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 12/11 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 10:30 AM Advent Service @ Grace
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30 PM Advent Service @ St. Paul
- 6:30-8PM WDS
- 12/12 8:30 AM Blanket Making

Christmas Caroling The LYF will be doing their annual caroling event on Sunday, December 1st at 4:00PM. We would like to invite the youth as well as members and families in the congregation who would like to take part! Join us as we sing praises to God and bring others some holiday cheer! After caroling, we will meet back at St. Paul's for pizza, salad and other refreshments. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so that we can arrange the appropriate amount of drivers and food. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Luce.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe boxes. We had 122 to take to a collection center in Mattoon. They will be boxed and sent to a distribution center and then delivered into the hands of boys and girls through local churches around the world. These churches share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the children by using a discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. This 12 lesson program teaches millions of children how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others. Continue to pray for the boxes that they will help change lives.

Thank you Thank you all for your prayers, kind words, meals, cards and encouragement during my recent diagnosis, surgery and recovery. God has truly blessed us with a caring church family. God's blessings to you all. Karla Tabbert

Christmas Eve Program Our children are busy preparing for the Christmas Eve program. This year's title is "His Name Shall Be Called". The children will explain the different names of Jesus we so often use around Christmas time. Hymns that will be sung that evening are also centered around this theme. Autumn McCormick is leading the preschool and kindergarten students from her Sunday School class. Dee Dee Batson and Susie Allen are directing the program for grades 1-8. Sheryl Vonderheide is leading the music and chimes. The congregation will be surprised and delighted as Mary and Joseph enter during the reading of Luke 2. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. on December 24. Offerings from the Christmas Eve program go towards the Education (Sunday School) fund.



ANNIVERSARIES

2-Rusty * Brittany Clifton
3-Nick & Kelly* McCormick;
Joe & Linda Oakley

BIRTHDAYS

1-Katie Helmuth; Sarah Luce
3-Lisa Cress; Darrell Gilbert
5-Jacob* Tabbert; Parker Parisien
7-Doris Cress; Karla Tabbert

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Gary & Karen Kull, Rhonda & Mark Kull,
Roger & Marilyn Kull, Imogene Lading,
Dwight Lading, Jenna & Josh Layton, Ryan
Sporleder, John Stewart, Rick Stodden,
Jennifer Stodden, Darin & Colleen Storm,
Chris Storm

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Debra Richards
Karla Tabbert	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care
Center
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY **(non-members)**

Cody Chasteen (Sue's nephew; ATV
Accident)
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father)
stroke
Zona Doty (Health)
Walker Warden (cancer)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay's
daughter) (Primary Progressive
Multiple Sclerosis)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)

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4TH Year Student

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1st Sunday in Advent – Setting Four

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

- 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt. Text: Public domain

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 T 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, 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.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**C 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

C ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

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 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 "For All"

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.
- D 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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Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who hear the Word, that the Lord who moved Jesus' disciples to sing His praises as He entered Jerusalem would likewise open our mouths to declare His mighty works, even in the face of opposition and persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the tempted, that the Lord would preserve us from dissipation, drunkenness and every sin that would harm our faith and cause us to fear His coming in glory; and that He would strengthen our faith as we joyfully await His return, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this congregation, that the Lord would make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who govern, that the Lord, who rules with righteousness and justice, steadfast love and faithfulness, would grant the authorities of our land to act justly, so that His people might live in peace as they make known His love and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in need of mercy, that God, who establishes our hearts blameless and holy before Himself, would have mercy on all the afflicted; and that He would comfort all who mourn until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

- 3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Malachi 3:1-7b, Philippians 1:2-11, Luke 3:1-14

This Sunday's Memory Verse – 1 Thessalonians 3:12 "...may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for ones another and for all, as we do for you..."

Acknowledgments

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