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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	Voter's meeting
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	4:00 PM	LYF Caroling
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	7:00 PM	Christmas Cantata
TUE.	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	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
THURS	8:30 AM	Blanket Making
SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

December 1 8:30: 120 Year Ago: 122 Sunday School:

Welcome Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah. *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!

Thank you Thank you to the caroler's for stopping and sharing your beautiful voices. I enjoyed it!
 Joyce Ulmer

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Dec 1	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,591.00	\$-2,159.00
year-to-date	\$ 169,875.00	\$187,203.56	\$17,328.56
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Dec 1	\$ 481.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -321.00
year-to-date	\$ 22,088.00	\$22,134.00	\$ 46.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$8,850.00
Building \$100 Trintiy \$25 Thanksgiving \$805 Rev. Alex Gordon \$20			

Dec 1 \$2,701.00

12/17 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 12/18 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Advent Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Advent Service @ St. Paul
 6:30-8PM WDS

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.

January Newsletter Please have your January news articles in the office by December 15th. Thank you!



ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

8-Rebecca Schlechte
9-Susan Pikesh; Brittani Oller
11-Sue Bowers
12-Kyle Knop
13-Neil Pikesh
14-Debra Rincker

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Steve & Jill Layton, Patsy Lenz, Tim & Delreen Lenz, Jennifer (Rosine) Logan, Claire & Cody Logue, Bob Sporleder, Gary Sporleder, Ron Sporleder, Rosemary Sporleder

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)

Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25

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2nd Sunday in Advent – Setting Three

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

- 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- D 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, 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 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

C ***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.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Malachi 3:1–7b

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Epistle

Philippians 1:2–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia

LSB 190

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–14

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

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

The Gospel is Read

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 **T** of the world to come. Amen.**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

- 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!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

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

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
Text: Public domain

Sermon "Our Changeless Lord" Malachi 3:1-7b

Offertory

LSB 192

- 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.***

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

- 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

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.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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 Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C ***Amen.***

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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.

Distribution

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

LSB 352

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

- 2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 2 "To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

- 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.
- 4 "He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.
- 5 "These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."
- 6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son.
- 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
And see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That You might share Your joy with me.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all,
How weak You are, so poor and small,
That You should choose to lay Your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed!

- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff
You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great,
To be enthroned in royal state.
- 12 And so it pleases You to see
This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth, and might
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C *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

LSB 200

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, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 202

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 T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345

1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

“Christ is near,” we hear it say.

“Cast away the works of darkness,

All you children of the day!”

2 Startled at the solemn warning,

Let the earthbound soul arise;

Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,

Shines upon the morning skies.

- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.
- D 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!
- Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 7:18-28

This Week's Memory Verse – "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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