

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## *The Second Sunday in Advent*

Sunday, December 4, 2022 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**The Second Sunday in Advent**  
**Welcome & Announcements**

**Organ Prelude**  
Rebecca McClain

**Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Most merciful God,
- C** **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained member of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

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## Opening Hymn

# Prepare The Royal Highway #26

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:

### *Refrain*

Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

- 2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## The Kyrie

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ 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.

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

## The Prayer of The Day

### The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

### Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon

### **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Chancel Choir Anthem**

### **The Second Lesson**

**Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the third chapter.**

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**The Sermon Hymn**

**What Child Is This #40**

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

## The Apostles' Creed

+ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen**

## The Prayers of The Church

### The Lord's Prayer


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, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Words of Institution & The Communion

### Benediction

**P** The Lord Bless You & 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**



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the first 'A' aligned with the first measure, the second 'A' with the second measure, and the final 'A' with the third measure. The final 'men' is spread across the last two measures of the phrase.



**The Closing Hymn**

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**On Jordan's Banks #36**

- 1 On Jordan's banks 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 you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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

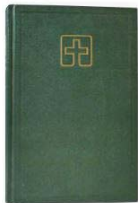
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**P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / Thanks Be To God!**

**Organ Postlude**

Rebecca McClain

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A Very Special "Thank You" to Sherill Martin & Jane Lester For Replacing all of the Hymnals back in the Pew Racks... You will Notice the Worship Bulletin now lists the Hymn Numbers for Those Who Would Like to Return to using the Hymnals for Singing...

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**We Welcome You to  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call.

If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time.

Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Brett Allen, Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Cory, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Rita Monson, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Wayne Woodside and Stan Woo.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2022 Offerings**  
\$8,000.00

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week**  
\$1,990.00

**Received From Christmas Angels Last Week**  
\$1,000.00

**Total Received in Christmas Angels This Season**  
\$6,000.00

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home**  
8:30 am - 26 11:00 am - 41 Facebook - 73

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**Our Worship Leaders & Staff...**

**Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann  
**Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.  
**Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain  
**Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes  
**“The Epistle” ...** Betsy Martin  
**Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin  
**Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...**  
 Melissa Flummerfelt  
**Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Carl Lettow  
**Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ...** Anthony Broadnax  
**Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson  
**Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas  
**Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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**Our Service Cantors**

8:30 Melissa Flummerfelt 11:00 Scott Leary

**Our Lectors Today**

8:30 Kelley Cale 11:00 Matthew McClain


**December Altar Guild**

8:30 Natasha Smith & Becky Truluck  
11:00 Lisa Neville & Donna Wall

**December Communion Assistants**

8:30 Bill & George Wiggins  
11:00 Chuck & Jared McCallar

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	<p><b>Flowers In The Chancel...</b>          Are Given to the Glory of Almighty God          And in Honor of Her Mother’s Birthday,          Sherry Shealy          and Her Son’s Birthday, Page Getter          By Cara Getter.</p>
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### **St. Paul's Christmas Angels**

*As we approach the End of the Year, I once again am looking for "Angels" to offer an extra \$1,000 Gift above their regular levels of giving to help me close the year in the "positive." However, any gift is accepted and no one will ever know the amount of your additional sacrifice. Thanking you for another Great Year of Blessings! **Donald***



#### **ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA ....**

We would like to give all members an opportunity to place a Poinsettia in the church this Christmas in honor and/or in memory of loved ones.

The plants will be ordered through the church at a cost of **\$15.00** each. This price includes tax and delivery.

If you would like to place a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return to the church office no later than **December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

I wish to donate a Poinsettia which will adorn the Chancel for the services of Christmas, to the Glory of God and be:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please list exactly as you would like it shown in the Bulletin and use the back for additional space.)**

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service or during the following week for my own enjoyment, or I'll take to a neighbor or a shut-in.

**During Advent... We Are Asking You To Build  
A Box of Advent Food Offerings As Shown Below  
To Help Grow Our Pantry / Food Bank  
And Deliver to the Church after Christmas!!!**

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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# **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S**

## **DECEMBER 4TH - ADVENT 2**

**8:30 & 11:00 Services with Holy Communion**

**Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle**

**Tri-Church Christmas Festival at 4PM in Our Sanctuary**

## **DECEMBER 11TH - ADVENT 3**

**8:30 & 11:00 Services with Holy Communion**

**Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle**

**Family Advent Night at 5PM in Hoffner Hall**

**A Light Meal will be Served**

## **DECEMBER 18TH - ADVENT 4**

**ONE 10:00 am Christmas Program Service**

**Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle**

## **DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**6:30 & 10:00 pm Services with Holy Communion**

**Candlelight Service with Choirs, Brass & Organ**

**No Reservations Necessary**

## **DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY**

**ONE 10:00 am Service with Holy Communion**

## **JANUARY 1ST - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**ONE 10:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols**



# ADVENT



## FAMILY NIGHT

SUNDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 11TH  
5:00 PM  
HOFFNER HALL

A LIGHT MEAL

CAROLS & SINGING

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP

PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!







The  
Sixty-Second  
Tri-Church  
Christmas Festival

Featuring the  
Choirs & Congregations of

St. Paul's  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church

&

St. Paul's  
Greek Orthodox Church

&

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Catholic Church

TODAY - December 4th at 4 O'clock in the Afternoon