

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

**November 27 2022**

**First Sunday in Advent**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM SS,Alpha,W.L.S.,College Plus, H.S.

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's  
6:30 PM WDS

THURS. 10:00 AM Ladies Aid- Christmas Party

FRI. 7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal

SAT 8:00 AM Church Christmas decorating

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM SS,Alpha,W.L.S.,College Plus, H.S.  
4:00 PM LYF Christmas Caroling

**November 20 8:30: 131 Year Ago: 150 Sunday School: 56**

**Welcome** Today is the first Sunday of Advent and a new church year. Welcome to this rich season of worship. If you are *a visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

**Christmas Cards** Tis the season! Boxed Christmas cards are for sale in the St. Paul's choir room/nursery. Prices are marked and please put payments in the envelopes and drop off at the church office. Proceeds benefit LYF.

**Baby Items** As we approach the Christmas season we reflect on the wisemen bringing gifts and celebrating the birth of Baby Jesus. Let us spread the love of Jesus by bringing baby items for those in need this Christmas. On December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> join us by bringing items to be donated for babies such as diapers, wipes, etc. More details on items and organizations to come.

**Evangelism Project 2022** The second and last Evangelism Project for St. Paul's this year is to support the missionary work of Rev. Gordon Alex in Kenya, Africa and Hayden Rensner in the Czech Republic. During the month of December Evangelism contributions may be made using your Designated Offering envelope or a plain white envelope writing **Evangelism Project** on the outside. As you think of Christmas gifts and giving, remember the Lord's work being lived out daily by these two people in Africa and the Czech Republic. God bless you for helping them.

**Thank you** Many thanks once more. I've received cash support from St. Paul Strasburg. I intend to use part of it for catechetical training for Sunday School beginning 9-11 Dec. Kindly remember my daughter who is writing her last high school exam next month. Rev. Gordon Alex, Kenya

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
November 20	\$ 3,782.00	\$10,089.49	\$ 6,307.49
year-to-date	\$ 173,972.00	\$176,319.00	\$ 2,347.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
November 20	\$ 385.00	\$ 655.00	\$ 270.00
year-to-date	\$ 17,710.00	\$24,692.00	\$ 6,982.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$8,955.00
Building \$325 Trinity \$50 Sem. Student \$250 Cemetery \$20 LYF \$25			
Ladies Aid \$10 Ken Hagan Mem.\$55 Choir \$50 Lutheran Hour \$40			

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12/6 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
 12/7 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
       10:30 AM Advent Service @ Grace  
       6:30 PM Advent Service @ St. Paul's  
       6:30 PM WDS  
       7:45 PM LYF @ Trinity  
 12/8 8:30 AM Blanket making  
       7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal  
 12/10 TBA Cantata Rehearsal

**Christmas Decorating** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome! The decorations will be removed on January 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. These activities qualify for community service hours. Any youth who need community service hours is welcome to attend and help decorate. Youth are required to bring the community service form with them for completion. If you have any questions, please contact Autumn McCormick.

**Christmas Caroling** The LYF will be hosting their annual caroling event on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. 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 by November 30<sup>th</sup> so that we can arrange the appropriate amount of drivers and food. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Luce. **Would you like to be caroled to?** You may have received a letter in the mail about the LYF and church congregations coming to sing Christmas carols to you. If for any reason you do not wish to be sung to, please contact the church office and they will take you off of the list. If you did not receive a letter in the mail about being caroled to but you would like for us to visit, please contact the church office.

**Thank you** Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Samaritan's shoe boxes. We took 113 boxes to Mattoon to a collection church. 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.

**Blanket Making Group** The blanket making group recently took 12 lap blankets to Shelbyville manor where they will be used as Christmas gifts for those who do not get anything else.

**Kendall Knop Fulk** Kendall's address is as follows for anyone wanting to send her a card. Barnes Jewish Hospital, Parkview Tower, 1 ParkPlace, Rm. #9821, St. Louis Mo., 63110



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

30-Derek & Jessica Bloemer;  
Dusty & Claudia\* Rincker  
2-Rusty\* & Brittany Clifton  
3-Nick & Kelly\* McCormick;  
Joe & Linda Oakley

### **BIRTHDAYS**

27-Noel Manhart  
29-Louis\* Camilotto;  
Travis Dollarhide; Connie Wirth;  
Brittney Gilbert  
30-Lauren Wetherell  
1-Katie Helmuth; Sarah Luce  
3-Lisa Cress; Darrell Gilbert

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse Wallin, Kelsey & Zachary White, Steve & Sharon Weber, Tom Weber,

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Carolyn Stremming
Mary Rincker	Norma Huddleston
Wayne Wirth	Floyd Storm
Dave Polk	Kay Dust
Joe Oakley	Dianna Gibson
Kendall Knop Fulk	

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook  
Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior Living  
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland Healthcare Center  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Villas of Holly Brook

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

Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary & Roger Kull Cousin)  
Randy Doty  
Pat Williams (bypass surgery )  
Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-cancer)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)

### **Save the Date**

The Joint LYF of Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The youth will begin serving homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts from 11a.m. until 1 p.m. Dine-in and To-Go available! Proceeds from your freewill donations will go toward local youth group activities and trips. We appreciate your support and hope to see you after church on the 8<sup>TH</sup>!

**Strasburg's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration** The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration committee will be having their golf ball drop fundraiser at 1:00 PM today at the Strasburg park. There will be a couple of food trucks available and the committee will be selling cinnamon rolls, coffee & hot chocolate. Come have lunch and enjoy the drop!

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Liturgy – Setting Three

**Hymn of Invocation**

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 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

### **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 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**

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

*Romans 13:11–14*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first 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 of the world to come. Amen.**

## 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.
- 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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## Sermon Matthew 21:1-11 “Who is This”

### 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 Hymns

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

## 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

A 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.***

## Recessional Hymn

## Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

- 1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.
- 3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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