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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday In Advent**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School-Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School  
7:00 PM Christmas Cantata @ Trinity

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30 PM Advent Service  
6:30-8:15 PM WDS

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service- Choir sings  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School  
5:00 PM WLS Christmas Party

**December 5 8:30: 134 Year Ago: 131 Sunday School: 21**

**Welcome** The prophet Zephaniah declares: "Rejoice and exult with all your heart. ... The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst" (3:14-15, ESV). Welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook*

**Christmas Eve Musicians** Christmas Eve musicians needed! If you would like to sing or play an instrument before our children's program, please let Marlene Wirth know by December 22 (217-728-4373 or 217-259-8090). This preservice music will be from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Please share your talent with us!

**Election meeting results** The newly elected church officers for 2022 are President: Gerry Schlechte, Vice President: Jim Weiss, Secretary: Lisa Rincker, Financial Secretary: Daniel Vogel, Evangelism: Charlene Telgmann. Head Usher: Dalton Storm, Elder: Mark Luce, Trustee: Don Telgmann, Board of Education: Diane Jack and Sunday School Superintendent: Karen Kull. We thank all who volunteered to participate in the election. We also thank those who have served as officers during past years including Gary Kull who has served as our President for the past 7 years, Gary Schultz who served as Trustee for 3 years, Virginia Vogel, Jacob Schultz and Jay Vogel.

**Christmas Eve Practice** Christmas Eve practice on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> will be extended to 8:15 p.m.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
December 5	\$ 3,436.00	\$4,210.75	\$ 774.75
year-to-date	\$ 170,560.00	\$183,880.98	\$ 13,320.98
<b><u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u></b>			
December 5	\$ 423.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -323.00
year-to-date	\$21,150.00	\$20,295.00	\$ -855.00
<b><u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u></b>		Total to Date	\$9,945.00
Building \$330 Trinity \$240 Sem. Student \$150 Altamont Care Center \$60			
Food For The Poor \$360 Rev. Alex Gordon \$60			

**December 5 \$5,510.75**

12/21 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
6-8:00 PM WDS Christmas Practice  
12/22 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
12/23 8:30 AM Blanket Making  
12/24 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Pre-Service  
6:30 PM Christmas Eve Service  
12/25 9:00 AM Christmas Day Joint service with communion- Choir sings

**Cantata** The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cantata will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson on December 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Choir members from Faith Shumway, Grace Strasburg, St. Paul Sigel, St. Paul Strasburg, and Trinity Stewardson will be singing under the direction of Mark Wascher and accompanied by Krystal Friese. Come back to a local tradition to prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Savior!

**2022 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the narthex. Since your offering box number will most likely change for 2022 please do not begin using them until January 2022 to ensure that your contribution is recorded correctly.

**Sympathy** Please keep the family of William (Bill) Engel in your prayers. William's son Kevin Engel passed away on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Service** the last Advent service will be held this Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 P.M.

**LYF** Christmas Cards are available to purchase in the Nursery/Choir room. Prices are as marked and money can be deposited to the church office. LYF appreciates your support!



**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH  
 Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
 Bill Orr  
 Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
 Mattoon  
 Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
 Doris Stremming – Villas of Holly Brook

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 12- Kyle Knop; Maxwell McCormick
- 13- Neil Pikes
- 14- Loyd Rincker; Debra Rincker
- 15- Chris Storm
- 16- Doris Stremming; Blakely Tabbert
- 17- Collin Ohnesorge
- 18- Tina Daniels

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

Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-cancer)  
 Geoff Kowalczyk ( Jesse Wallin’s cousin)  
 Tammy Gebben (cancer-friend of Scott & Lori Pieper)  
 Christie Dust (Howard & Kay Dust daughter in-law)  
 Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
 Gloria Fortkamp  
 Erica Stollard (cancer)  
 Matt Durbin  
 Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley’ daughter)  
 Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro’s uncle)  
 Karl Zalman (cancer)  
 Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth’s brother, health)  
 Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)  
 Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading’s gson.)

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Darrell & Molly Gilbert, Jacob & Brittney Gilbert, George & Deb Glasscock, Joshua Glasscock, Kathleen Gray, Doris & Augie Supan, Margaret Swank, Chris & Karla Tabbert, Joshua Tabbert, Mary Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, Shalyn & Jacob Tabbert

**Recorded Services**

**Website:** stpaul-strasburg.com  
**YouTube:** St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois  
**Facebook:** St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

**HEALING**

Kay Dust	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Joe Oakley	Wayne Wirth
Glen Spannagel	Nick Hanfland

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Third Sunday in Advent December 12, 2021  
Liturgy – Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation    Hark the Glad Sound**

LSB 349

- 1    Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
    Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2    He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.  
    The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
- 3    He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
    And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.
- 4    Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
    And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

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*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    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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philipians 4:4*

## Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

- C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh 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.**

## Hymn of the Day     **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!

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**Sermon**     Luke 7:18-28     "Are You The One?"

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Offertory

LSB 159

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**  
**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**  
**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### Preface

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.**  
**C And also with you.**  
**P Lift up your hearts.**  
**C We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**  
**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

LSB 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn      Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

LSB 347

**Distribution Hymn      Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

LSB 556

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Post-Communion Collect

- A 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.**

## **Benediction**

LSB 166

- 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.**

## **Recessional Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

LSB 515

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

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