

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

December 4, 2022 **Second Sunday in Advent**

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

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
 7:45 LYF @ Trinity

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making
 7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal

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SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.
 7:00 PM Christmas Cantata @ Grace

November 27 8:30: 125 Year Ago: 130 Sunday School: 56

Welcome Welcome to the promise of Advent: Amid barren trees, Isaiah announces spring growth — a "shoot" representing new life in Jesus (11:1). If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

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 11th and 18th 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 St. Paul's last Evangelism Project for this year is to help support the ministries of Rev. Gordon Alex and Hayden Rensner. Rev. Alex in Kenya, Africa is serving as a parish Pastor, social worker and teacher in his congregation, diocese and community. Hayden tutors Czech students in English as a Second language, and coordinates volunteer projects in her community. They are giving much to share the gospel where they are. Our December contribution to our **Evangelism Project** will enable them to continue doing that. Thank you for helping.

Live Nativity The Strasburg 150th committee will be having a live nativity on December 17th from 5-7 pm. We are looking for volunteers and carolers. If you would like to participate, please contact Sue Bowers at 217.690.2706.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
November 27	\$ 3,782.00	\$1,660.00	\$-2,122.00
year-to-date	\$ 177,754.00	\$177,979.00	\$ 225.00

Synod-Offerings

November 27	\$ 385.00	\$ 70.00	\$-315.00
year-to-date	\$ 18,095.00	\$24,762.00	\$ 6,667.00

TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000

Total to Date \$9,455.00

Building \$60 Trinity \$500 Sem. Student \$120 Lutheran Care Center \$300

Thanksgiving \$1,240 Elizabeth Stremming Mem. \$1,080

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November 27 \$2,710.00

November 24 \$1,240.00 Thanksgiving

12/13 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
12/14 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Advent Service @ Grace
2:30 PM Social Hall communion
6:30 PM Advent Service @ St. Paul's
6:30 PM WDS

Christmas Caroling The LYF will be hosting their annual caroling event today, Sunday, December 4th 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 30th so that we can arrange the appropriate amount of drivers and food. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Luce.

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.

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

You Are Invited You are invited to the 59th Annual Lutheran Choirs Christmas Cantata! This year the Cantata is at Grace Church on December 11 at 7:00 pm under the direction of Kathy Yakey and accompanied by Krystal Friese. Come join us as we prepare for the birth of Jesus in song!

Agenda There are copies of the Agenda and proposed budget available to pick up in the narthex.

Lutheran Witness The December Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

Offering Envelopes Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you wish to **cancel or begin** offering envelopes.



BIRTHDAYS

- 5-Jacob* Tabbert
- 7-Doris Cress; Karla Tabbert
Brittney Gilbert
- 8-Rebecca Schlechte
- 9-Sue Pikesh; Brittani Oller

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jim & Phyliss Weiss, Lauren & Luke Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White, Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth,

Recorded Services

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

150th Celebration Committee

The committee will be selling cinnamon rolls for the December fundraiser. The cost is \$10 for 6 rolls. Pick up will be from 6-7 pm on December 23 at the Strasburg Community Building. Orders need to be placed by Dec. 19th. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

PRAYER

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| 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 |
| Robert Pfeiffer | 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 8TH!

New Address

Doris Stremming
 Lutheran Care Center Room #2
 702 W Cumberland Rd
 Altamont, IL 62411

2nd Sunday in Advent
Liturgy – Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior, When half-spent was the night.
- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us And lightens ev'ry load.
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray To the bright courts of heaven, And to the endless day.

Text (sts. 1–2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808–59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948 Text: Public domain

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 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

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.

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

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the

LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P 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

Matthew 3:1–12

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

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

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

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 – Children through 6th are encouraged to come forward.

Hymn of the Day 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.

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Sermon "Repent" Matthew 3:1-12

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Holy Church, that God would continually feed her with His Word and Sacraments
 as she looks for Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church, that pastors would continually prepare the way for Jesus' return in glory
 by preaching Law and Gospel; and that congregations would hear their words in faith, let
 us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For families, that they would faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one
 another, even as they grow in the fear, love and trust of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For civil authorities, that they would govern with justice and righteousness as leaders appointed by God to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and suffering, [*especially* _____,] that as the day draws near when the wolf will dwell alongside the lamb and pain and destruction will be no more, God would grant them patience, comfort and healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune this day, that their hearts would be stirred up to make ready the way of the Lord Jesus, who comes in His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Grant, heavenly Father, that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.***

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.**

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 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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