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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday In Advent

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School-Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School
9:30 AM Budget & Election Meeting
3:30 PM LYF Christmas Caroling

MON. 7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal @ Trinity

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline
8:30 AM Chair Yoga
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
6:30 PM Advent Service
6:30 PM WDS

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket Making

SAT. TBA Cantata Rehearsal @ Trinity

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

November 28 8:30: 130 Year Ago: 117 Sunday School: 52
Thanksgiving Day Service 101 Year Ago: 70

Welcome "Blessed be the Lord God [who] has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them" (Luke 1:68, NRSV). We gather for worship as the redeemed of the Lord. Welcome. *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!

Christmas decorating helpers The church looks amazing thanks to our Christmas decorating helpers- The McCormick family, Mark & Melissa Luce, Sarah Luce, Mark Kull family, Gary & Johnna Schultz, Jacob Schultz, Mike Rincker family, Otto & Lisa Rincker, Jim Weiss, and Pastor Whybrew. You all did a fantastic job! Thank you.

Election/Budget Meeting The meeting to elect new officers and to approve the budget for 2022 will be held today at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to attend.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
November 28	\$ 3,436.00	\$3,701.00	\$ 265.00
year-to-date	\$ 167,124.00	\$179,670.23	\$ 12,546.23
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
November 28	\$ 423.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -373.00
year-to-date	\$20,727.00	\$20,195.00	\$ -532.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$9,705.00
Building \$220 Trinity \$200 Sem. Student \$100 Cemetery \$100			
Ladies Aid \$160 LCMS World Relief \$100 Sunday School \$20			

November 28 \$4,651.00
Thanksgiving Day \$3,210.00

12/14 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
12/15 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30 PM Advent Service
6:30 PM WDS

Cantata The 58th 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!

Christmas Caroling The LYF will be doing their annual caroling today Sunday, December 5th at 3:30 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 December 1st so that we can arrange the appropriate amount of drivers and food. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Luce.

Congratulations Congratulations to Austin and Kelsey Rincker. The couple was married Saturday November 28th. Parents of the couple are Doug & Marla Rincker.

Year-end tax tip The Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020, enacted last December includes a provision for 2021 that adds a benefit to charitable contributions. A maximum cash donation of \$300 per individual (\$600 per couple) can be deducted from your 2021 tax return even when taking the standard deduction. Charitable contributions are normally not deductible when taking the standard deduction but for 2021 the amounts listed above can be deducted.

Thank you Thank you for the door offering. My family will be able to use it for my girl's education. Emily Homann & family

Sympathy We remember in our prayers the family of Laura Dollarhide. Laura's mother passed away last week.



11- Brad & Barb Ohnesorge

BIRTHDAYS

- 5- Jacob* Tabbert
- 7 - Doris Cress; Karla Tabbert
- 8- Rebecca Schlechte
- 9- Brittani Oller; Susan Pikes
- 11- Sue Bowers

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Kay & Howard Dust, Kathy & Will Eckstein, Deanna Foelsing, Delbert Foelsing, Dianna Gibson, Charlene Telgmann, Don & Kim Telgmann, Jessica & Derek Bloemer, Olivia Telgmann, Marcie Thomas, Katie Thomas, Stephanie Tracey

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

HEALING

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

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

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.)

Seminary Student

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Second Sunday in Advent December 5, 2021
Liturgy – Setting Three

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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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

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.**

Children’s Message - Children up to and including Grade 6 are encouraged to come forward.

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.**

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 "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Luke 3:1-14

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

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.**
- C **Amen.**

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A 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.**

Closing Hymn Arise, O Christian People

LSB 354

- 1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.
- 2 Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav'nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.
- 3 The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right, That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation—It is the Lord's delight.
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You This blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

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