

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Second Sunday in Advent



December 6, 2020

Ringing of the Bells

Love's Pure Light

Love's Pure Light – Solo – Kiana Beutler

Responsive Advent Litany – Hope for God's Peace

P: In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

P: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

P: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

P: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Candle Lighting and Reading

Love's Pure Light – Congregation sings:

☩ O come, O come, Emmanuel, and end this gloom of night. Bring hope to the world, bring peace to the earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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Closing Prayer

P: Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve, as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace. ☩

Amen.

Divine Service—Setting 4

Opening Hymn

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit *Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3*

P: Restore us, O God;

C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P: You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C: it took deep root and filled the land.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Restore us, O God;

C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
 leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
 gard, And I am blest for time to come.
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.

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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.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 40:1–11*

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Special Music

Epistle *2 Peter 3:8–14*

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Mark 1:1-8*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger

before your face, who will prepare your way,

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt

around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

**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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Sermon: "The Way It All Started"

Sermon Text: Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Samuel Bobby

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Hymn

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sts., 3-4*



3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's



Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,



In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ☐ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

537 Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shin
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and

preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace. **C** Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
des - ert For the one who brings God near.
chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
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The purpose of St. Paul's Congregation is to assist its members to share and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the confessional standards of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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A brief Voters Meeting, today at 9:30 am to finish items not completed at the November 15th Voters meeting.

Welcome David and Glenda LaMee by transfer from St. John's Lutheran in Groton.

In honor of Roger and Evelyn Blum's 54th wedding anniversary on Dec. 9th their family, Chuck & Patricia Simpson and John & Dominika Blum have given a donation to St. Paul's Lutheran.

On the first Sunday of the month, the Coin Banks are collected. The money donated is given to The Journey to help those in need in our community.

Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Michael Severson, Joyce Kenitzer, Joyce Dahme, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Brenda Blair, Miles Eisenbeisz, Leona McCalip, Steven Swanhorst, Barbara Dahme, Howard Dahme, Dan Lingor, Jason Herrick, Pastor Anderson, Gladys Felix, Ralph Stevens, Chad Ashford, John Cassens, Vivian Hoff, Tim Schwabe, and Muriel Schamber.

Little Ones' Book Club – Our youngest children (Baptism through age 3) have a Bible-based book waiting for them in the South Narthex. If you haven't picked yours up yet, please take it home, read, and enjoy! It's yours to keep! We plan to have several "Little Ones' Book Club" Sundays throughout the year.

A Higher Things Youth Retreat will be held on January 1-2, 2021 at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre. The topic of this retreat is "*This is My Body.*" Registration forms and information about this retreat is located on the youth bulletin board.

Sunday School Christmas Program----We are excited to share that there will be a Children's Christmas program to be held between church services on Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 am. Practices will be held during regular Sunday school time and will include the children in grades pre-K through 3rd Grade. Masks are highly encouraged for the congregation during the program. Coffee

and donuts will be served following the program.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Dec. 13, 2020 10:00 AM - This is the Life – “Red Boots for Christmas”—10:30 AM - Rev. David Otten presents the message “A Love Letter.” The sermon is based on Isaiah 40:1-8. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Dec. 13 – “The Prophet’s Paradox”
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

“This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren’t sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world.” Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life.

Offering: Nov. 29, 2020 - \$5,995.62 Sunday School - \$6.75
 Coffee - \$39.03 Missions - \$30.00

Attendance: November 29, 2020

8:00am – 67 Communed – 58
 10:45 am – 70 Communed - 53
 Monday Night – 19 Communed – 17
 Wed. 12:15pm – 39 Communed – 36
 Advent 6:15 pm – 42

Organists: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Monday** – Cyrece Kono
Wednesday – 12:15 -Cindy Jung 6:15 – Judah Bobby

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Dec. 6 – Dec. 13)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Voter's Meeting/Bible Study, Coffee/Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
5-7:00 pm Circuit Youth at St. Paul's

Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service
7:30 pm Elder Meeting

Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
12:15 pm **Advent Worship Service – (Mask Required)**
6:15 pm **Advent Worship Service**
6:45 pm Bell Practice
7:00 pm Confirmation

Thur 9:00 am Quilting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee/Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Elder Bible Study

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December Worship Schedule

Advent: Wednesday, December 9: 12:15pm – Mask
Wednesday, December 9: 6:15pm

Wednesday, December 16: 12:15pm – Mask
Wednesday, December 16: 6:15pm

Children’s Program: December 20 at 9:30 am – Mask

Christmas Eve: December 24 – 3:00 pm Mask
December 24 – 4:30 pm
December 24 – 6:30 pm

Christmas Day: Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 am
Worship with Holy Communion – 10:45am - Mask

Poinsettia Plants: If you would like to donate a Poinsettia plant, in memory of a loved one, please have the plant at the church beginning December 18th. Please call the church office to have your name included in the bulletin.

