

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

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## Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021



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**Please pray** for Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Jerry Streckfuss, Elli Bode, Sheyenne Seely, Eileen Kukrall, Nathan Bettmann, Janet Smith, Debbie Caven, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Laurie Steichen-Ingram, Dallas Tschappat, and Courtney Frohling. Brantson Meier – military service.

**Voters meeting today** following the 10:45am service.

**Little Ones' Book Club** – Our youngest children (Baptism through age 3) have a Bible-based book waiting for them in the South Narthex. Please take it home, read, and enjoy! It's yours to keep!

**Newsletter:** The monthly newsletter is on-line due to paper shortage and cost of copy paper. Go to St. Paul's website, select NEWS and then CHURCH NEWSLETTER. For those who do not have access to a computer, call the church office and a newsletter will be printed for you.

**Do you like to visit people?** We are looking for volunteers to visit members of the congregation. It would only be about 3-4 hours a month and do not worry about what to say or do. For we will have a short training session at the beginning of next year. So, if you are interested or know of someone who would love to have someone visit them contact Pastor Smith and let him know!

**Ice Skating** – Lutheran Youth and Family Night: Join us for this circuit wide event on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:15pm-9:15pm at the expo center in Aberdeen, SD. Admission is free, and Lutheran youth and families are welcome! Skate rental will be available for \$1 individually or \$4 for a family. Hot chocolate and snacks will also be provided. Dress warm because the expo center can get cold!

**Advent worship services** are held on Wed., December 8th at 12:15pm and 6:15pm. Soup and sandwiches after the 12:15 service and prior to the 6:15pm service.

**Advent Daily Devotions:** This year's Advent theme is "*Symbols of Salvation*." A daily devotional book for Advent is on the table in the South Narthex.

**Convention Offering:** The 62<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the SD District of the Lutheran Church will be held on Dec. 5-7, 2021 in Sioux Falls. The theme is "Rooted in Christ, Abounding in Thanksgiving." A Convention Offering will be taken on Dec. 5. Offering plates are located at each entrance. This year's offering has designated **church planting efforts in the District** as the recipient.

**Joy Sunday – December 12, 2021:** Worship service for December 12<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:30 am with special music and readings. Following the service, a potluck brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall. No Bible study or Sunday school. Please join us!

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Dec. 12, 2021** 10:00 AM – This the Life – "*Red Boots for Christmas*" 10:30 AM – Rev. Brian Mosemann presents the message "*Rejoice Always! The Lord is near.*" The sermon is based on Luke 7:18-28. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Dec. 12, 2021** "*When You're Expecting*"  
*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.

**Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes.** They are on a table in the South Narthex.

**The Christian Bookstore** will be open on Thursdays each week from 9:00 to 12:00 pm and on Sunday mornings between services.

**Poinsettia Plants:** If you would like to donate a Poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one, please bring the plant to the church after December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call the church office to have your name included in the bulletin.

**Coin Banks** are collected on the first Sunday of the Month. Money donated is given to The Journey to help those in need in our community.

**Offering: Nov. 28, 2021** - \$10,596.49  
Sunday School - \$18.00 Coffee - \$89.00

**Sunday Attendance – Nov. 28, 2021:**  
8:00am – 94 Communed – 79 10:45am – 93 Communed - 72  
Monday – 17 Communed - 15

**Bible Study Attendance:** Sunday – 65 Tuesday - 12  
Wed. 6:00am - 9 10:45 – 8 5:15pm - 9

Organists: **Sunday** – Cyrece Kono **Monday:** Tierra Cassens  
**Wednesday 12:15:** Cindy Jung **6:15:** Judah Bobby

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (Dec. 5 – Dec. 12)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

Noon Voters Meeting

**Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service**

**Wed 6:00 am Men’s Morning Bible Study**

**12:15 pm Advent Worship service**

12:45 pm Soup and Sandwich lunch

5:15 pm Women’s Bible Study

5:15 pm Soup and Sandwich

**6:15 pm Advent Worship service**

6:45 pm Confirmation

6:45 pm Choir Practice

8:00 pm Bell Practice

**Thurs 9:00 am Quilting**

**Sun 9:30 am Joy Sunday Worship (one service only)**

10:45 am Potluck Brunch

12:30 pm Prayer Service

1:00 pm Elder Bible Study

5-7:00 pm Circuit Youth @ St. Paul’s

## Love's Pure Light

### Responsive Advent Litany

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.**

### 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.

### Old Testament

Malachi 3:1–7b

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading** Acts 13:38–48

<sup>38</sup>Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything <sup>39</sup>from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup>Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

<sup>41</sup>“Look, you scoffers,  
be astounded and perish;  
for I am doing a work in your days,  
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

<sup>42</sup>As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup>And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup>The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup>But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. <sup>46</sup>And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup>For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>48</sup>And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Luke 3:1–20

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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. <sup>9</sup>Even 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.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C**

**Thanks be to God.**



## December Baptismal Birthdays

Ryan Anderson	Hazel Giedt	Fay Mindeman
Drake Anderson	Jon Gilbert	James Mindeman
August Bahn	Marilou Hieb	Ava Schaunamann
Mason Bahn	Austin Huff	Barbara Schipke
Emma Barnum	Samuel Jacobson	Kelly
Schmitz		
Madeline Breidenbach	Lisa Kiesz	Nevaeh Schwabe
Makaya Collins	Dustin Klapperich	Dennis
Stoebner		
Maddus Fischbach	Henry Meyer	Timothy Zinter
Doug Frohling		

## December Wedding Anniversaries

Howard & Paige Anderson.  
 Roger & Evelyn Blum  
 Donn & Cheryl Cutler  
 Chad & Kami Fischbach  
 Landon & Dana Jung  
 Skip & Deb Klapperich  
 Robert & Dee Roth

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)