

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

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Alvin Hamilton, LaVonne Helmer, and Doug Frohling.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

John and Tierra Cassens will be presenting a Christmas recital on December 22nd, 2022, 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, 318 S Kline St. The recital will feature an array of sacred and secular tunes, from “Silver Bells” to “In the Bleak Midwinter” to “O Holy Night,” all of which are related to themes of peace and joy. A free will offering will be available, but the recital is free of charge.

Please update your phone numbers with the church office if you have disconnected your landline.

Christmas Eve services on December 24th at **3:00 & 5:00pm**. Christmas Day worship at **10:00am** (one service only, no Sunday School or Bible Study). No Wednesday service. New Year’s Day service at regular times – 8:00 and 10:45 am. There will be Bible Study between services but no Sunday School.

Anyone wishing to donate Poinsettia plants for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please notify the church office. You may bring them December 19-23.

At the Christmas Eve Services, the Women’s Wednesday Bible Study group donated popcorn balls. Please take one and enjoy!

Sunday School Christmas Program TODAY at 9:40 am. Opening in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am followed by singing in the Sanctuary.

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.

Preschool Angel Tree: This year in lieu of the Cookie Sale fundraiser, we are collecting monetary donations through our angel tree project. If you would please consider picking an ornament with a dollar amount or gift card item that you are comfortable donating, return the envelope to Jenelle or Cindy, and keep the ornament as a thank you! All donations will go directly to support the costs of the preschool. This fundraiser will run throughout the entire month of December. Thank you all for your kindness, prayers and support!

Good Cheer Circle, LWML, and quilting will not be meeting in January.

2023 offering envelopes are in the South Narthex.

Offering: December 11, 2022 - \$9,263.00

Soup/Sandwiches - \$85.00 Missions - \$50.00

Shepherd Fund - \$421.66 Preschool Tuition - \$2,192.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,012.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – December 11, 2022: 10:00am – 161

Bible Study: Sunday – 61

Stand up for LIFE! On Sunday January 29th join pro-lifers for the Life Chain Walk around the capital. A bus will pick people up at St. Paul's at 8:20 AM and will drop them back off around 6:55 PM. You are encouraged to bring Right to Life banners or other pro-life signs. Suggested donations to help cover a portion of the bus is \$35 by January 3 or \$40 afterwards. If you have any questions, contact Spencer Cody at spencercody@hotmail.com or 605-228-4886. Hope to see you there! -Aberdeen Area Right to Life

Organist: Sunday – Judah Bobby Wednesday – Judah Bobby

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Dec. 18 – Dec. 25)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Coffee and Donuts

9:40 am Sunday School Christmas Program

10:45 am Worship Service

Tue 6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice

7:30 pm Bell Practice

Wed 10:45 am 2 Samuel Bible Study

12:15 pm Advent Worship

12:45 pm Soup & Sandwich lunch

5:30 pm Soup & Sandwich supper

6:15 pm Advent Worship

7:00 pm Confirmation

Sat 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sun 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Love's Pure Light – Hope for God's Love

Responsive Litany

P: During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

P: Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

P: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

P: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

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.**

Closing Prayer:

P Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we are reminded that "Love came down at Christmas – love amazing, love divine." You loved the world enough to send your Son, and now it's up to us to love others as you loved us. Remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of infinite, everlasting, pure love. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1*

P: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

C: that the mountains might quake at your presence.

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

C: and in his word I hope;

P: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

C: more than watchmen for the morning.

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

C: and with him is plentiful redemption.

P: And he will redeem Israel

C: from all his iniquities.

**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: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

C: that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 7:10–17*

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give

you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 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.

Epistle *Romans 1:1–7*

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 1:18–25*

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

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Catechetical Review - Table of Duties

P: To Wives

C: **Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22**

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

1 Peter 3:5-6