

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.
(Isaiah 9:2)

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#254, vs. 1

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.

**As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.**

One candle is lit on the Advent wreath.

Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

**Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#254, vs. 2

As people of God, called to wait, we profess our faith in the One who is, who was, and who is to come...

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn

#246

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



- 1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
- 2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
- 3 See the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, come with par-don down from heav'n.
- 4 So, when next he comes in glo-ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
- 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Tiffinay Nash

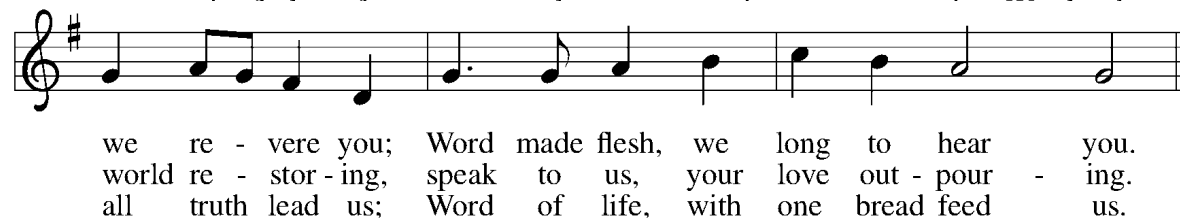
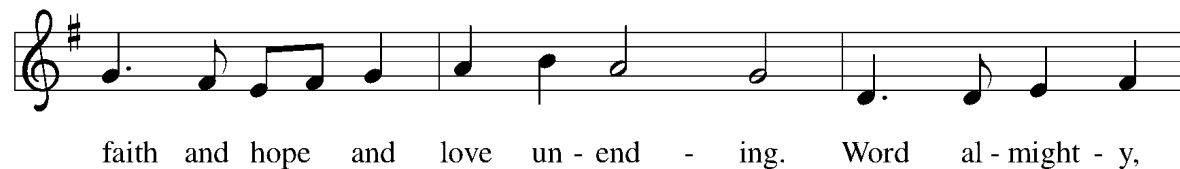
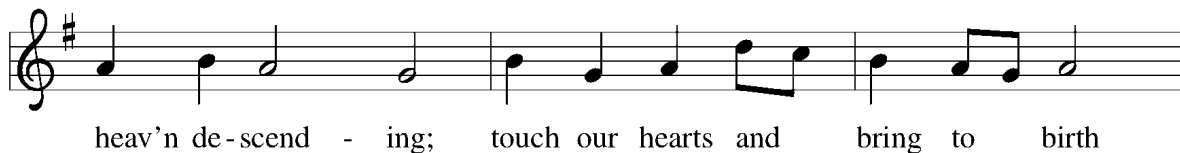
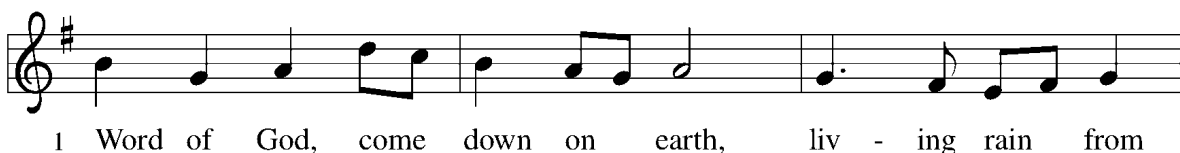
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Gospel Acclamation

"Word of God, Come Down to Earth"

#510 vs. 1

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



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The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

#436

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand as you are able

Offertory

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

#204

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our pathway and our peace. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

by Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"The King Shall Come"

#260

"Christ, Be Our Light"

#715

please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ for whom we wait. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers "

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark-er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

"WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE"



Welcome: A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Debbie Vaughan, Rocky Goyette, Milton VonHolten, Jon Beckman, Jack Tatum, Kevin Tatum, Margie Gerken, Irene Viebrock, Kyle Luetjen, and Greg Ives.



John Turley, Pat Arline (friend of Taylor Vanderlinden), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Scott Robinson (friend of Pastor Stephen), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Debbie Viebrock (daughter-in-law of Delbert Viebrock), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Harms, Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Mary Fuelling (sister-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Robin Tennant (family of Debbie Eckhoff), Greg Wright (family of Jim & Kim Gumbel), Rick Osborne (friend of Gale Logan), Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Gina Smith, Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff, Bill Hamilton, Marvin Bockelman (brother of Margie Gerken), Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling, Margie Gerken: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Ushers: There is a need for ushers for 2022. If you are interested please contact Greg Bredehoeft or Bruce Wienberg.

Children's Christmas Program Practice: Practice for this year's Christmas Eve Children's Program will begin **today**, at 9:00 am, for grades 1-8 in the Fellowship Hall, and continue through December. Pre-K children will meet for Sunday School as usual for the first two weeks, and then will join rehearsals starting on December 12.



Advent Dinner: Our annual Advent Dinner will be held **today** after worship, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time for us as a congregation to celebrate the start of the Advent season and share in a festive program.

Angel Tree: Each year we assist the Benton County Health Department with providing Christmas gifts for families in our area. We also provide gift bags for the residents of Ambrose Park. If you would like to help with any of these gifts, our Angel Tree is decorated in the Gathering Space with ornaments listing the gifts that are needed to donate. The gifts are due **today**. Gifts for the families should be turned in unwrapped, but donations of gift wrap are also being collected. Thank you for your support!



"One Stitch At A Time": The sewing group will meet on Monday, **November 29th** at 9:00am in the church basement to enjoy time together during their Christmas party. There will be no sewing during the month of December.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **November 30th** and Wednesday, **December 1st** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **December 2nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Junior Lutherans Christmas: The Junior Lutherans will be meeting on Thursday, **December 2nd** from 6-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will be making Christmas cards for the nursing home and Ambrose and then making a snack! As a reminder, Junior Lutherans is for kiddos up to 8th grade. We hope you can join us!



Christmas Open House Church Tour: St. Paul's Lutheran will be participating in the upcoming Churches' Tour being held on Sunday, **December 5th** (2:00-6:00 pm). This is the last event being planned by Cole Camp Bicentennial Committee to 200+ anniversary of Missouri's statehood. Highlighting the many churches in our community seems most appropriate as in the early years of settling this community, our churches were the focal point of any settlement; spiritually, culturally, and socially.

As a participant in this tour, our church will be decorating for Christmas, with at least two members present throughout the afternoon to greet our visitors and answer any questions they may have. We will be sharing Christmas goodies and, also, serving a light supper prior to the German Christmas concert (4:00-6:00 pm). Anyone interested in helping with the afternoons activities, please contact Janice.

Wise Men: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage," asked the wise men from the East as they came seeking the newborn Jesus. Over the next few weeks of Advent, be on the lookout for some of those wise men around Cole Camp who are still seeking the Savior. They will be stopping in different yards in town (let us know if they can stop in yours!) as they make their way to find Jesus, here at St. Paul's on Christmas Eve. If you or anyone you know happen to see them, stop and get a picture with them and post that picture to the St. Paul's Facebook page. You just might get a little prize!



Saint John's Bible: Coming in **Lent 2022 (March)**, St. Paul's is excited and honored to host an exhibit of 17 illuminated prints from the Saint John's Bible. The Saint John's Bible is a work of art and a work of theology. It is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. This contemporary Bible was created by a group of 23 scribes, artists and assistants under the artistic direction of Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office at the House of Lords. For five weeks, St. Paul's will have on display 17 of the prints. We'll be opening the building for the wider community to experience this powerful exhibit. We hope and anticipate that many individuals and groups will come to see these prints. We will be incorporating the prints in our worship and education opportunities. If you'd like to volunteer to be a docent, being present while visitors come to see the prints, let us know! This is an incredible opportunity for immersing ourselves in God's Word.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Ole Tyme Christmas: Pyrmont Trinity Lutheran Church presents the 16th Annual Ole Tyme Christmas in the Country. This year's theme is A Cowboy's Christmas Dream. It will be held on Saturday, **December 4th** at 7:00 p.m. with Congregational Caroling beginning at 6:45. It is a free will offering that will be divided between Stover and Cole Camp Food Pantries. Come and enjoy the local talent as well as cookies, hot chocolate and hot cider.

Open House of Churches: Celebrate Missouri's Bicentennial with a tour of the area Churches decorated for Christmas. On Sunday, **December 5th** beginning at 2:00 pm. Gather up your friends and begin the self-guided tour. Pick up a map of the churches at the first church you stop at and end with a light meal served in St. Paul's Gathering Space from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. This is a free will donation going to the Cole Camp Museum. Then at 7:00 pm the German Choir will be performing their Christmas concert in the church sanctuary. What a great day to celebrate Missouri, Christmas, and our community.



German Christmas Concert: The annual German Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, **December 5th** beginning at 7:00pm with a pre-concert at 6:30pm with brass ensemble and flute duet. It will be here at St. Paul's with free admission and refreshments following the concert in the Fellowship Hall.



Christkindlmarket: Christkindlmarket is **December 3rd** from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. The living Nativity display will be in the Jaycee Gardens from 7:00pm till 8:00pm. This is an evening event for the whole family. Find more details on the Cole Camp Christkindlmarket on Facebook.

Live Nativity: Mt. Hulda Lutheran will have its Live Nativity Displays on **December 12th**. Viewing starts at 6:30 until 7:30pm. Please enter from Highway 'B' onto Mt. Hulda Ave. Stop by the church for refreshments and caroling.



Share The Harvest: The Cole Camp Food Pantry is once again participating in the Share of the Harvest program. If you would like to donate your deer to the pantry, can do it in three easy steps.

1. Harvest a deer.
2. Take your deer to Kemp's Butchering, north of Sedalia.
3. **Please** specify it is for the Cole Camp Food Pantry.



That is it!! Easy, right! We will appreciate any deer you could provide. Good Luck!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 28:	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Advent Dinner
Monday, November 29:	9:00am	Sewing Christmas Party
Tuesday, November 30:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, December 1:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, December 2:	8:00am	BCHD
	6:00pm	Jr. Lutherans
Saturday, December 4:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, December 5:	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion at the Altar
	2:00pm	Christmas Tour of Churches



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

November 28	Advent Dinner
December 5	Christmas Open House Church Tour
December 5	German Christmas Concert
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service & Program
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Ellen Harms & Sharel Wienberg



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Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Reader Norma Schlesselman
Children's Sermon Tiffinay Nash
Communion Assistants Ruth Ann Kreisel & Teresa Viebrock
Acolyte Lucas Eckhoff & Leighton Tinney
Flowers Advent Wreath
Fellowship Hour
Ushers Bruce Wienberg, Assistant Head Usher
..... Melisa Balke, Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs & Kevin Schlesselman



Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 5, 2021

Assisting Minister Connie Gerken
Reader Angela Viebrock
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Acolyte Ben Goosen & Kaelyn Keith
Flowers Advent Wreath
Fellowship Hour
Ushers Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
..... Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs, Chester Schlesselman & Kelly Viebrock