



*Second Sunday
of Advent*

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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 circle of light
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

**As we light the candles on this wreath,
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.**

Two candles are lit on the Advent wreath.

Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

**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

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

#264

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Malachi 3:1 - 4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But 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; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3 - 11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

"Word of God, Come Down to Earth"

#510 vs. 1

Gospel

Luke 3:1 - 6

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

#249

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

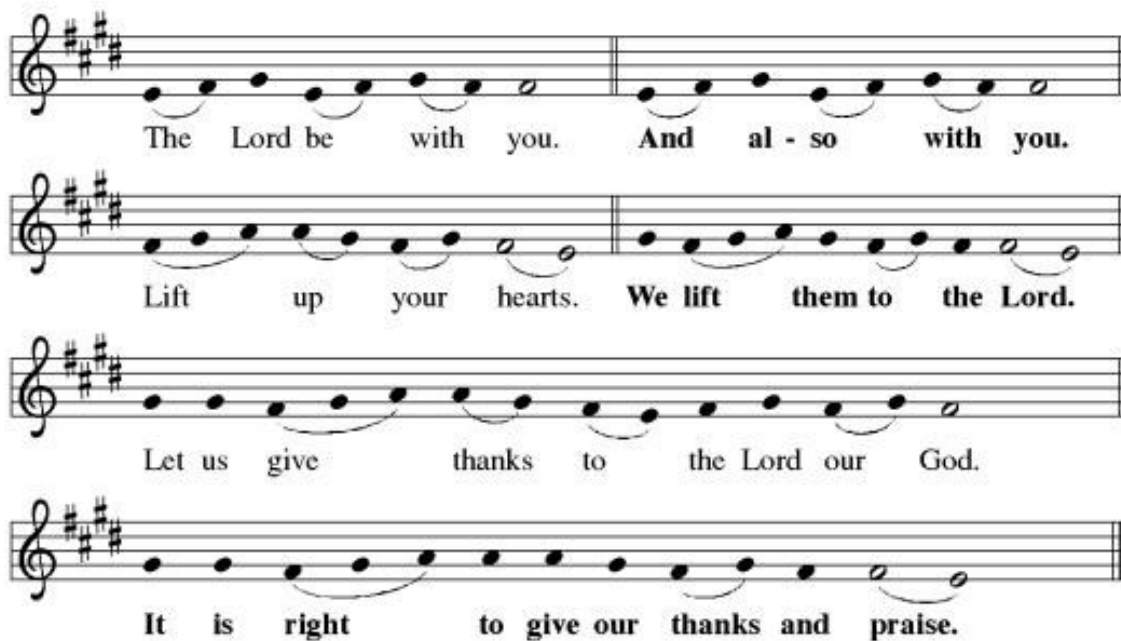
"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

#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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics written below them. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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."

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

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.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not
wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"	page 154
"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"	#241
"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	#250
"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	#256

please stand as you are able

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	"Hark, the Glad Sound! "	#239
	(see next page)	

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820



"WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE"



Welcome: Welcome to worship on this second Sunday of Advent! We gather to anticipate the joy of God's coming — at Bethlehem, in our hearts, and at the end of days.

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Lauren Brown, Debbie Vaughan, Rocky Goyette, Milton VonHolten, Jon Beckman, 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, 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).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Robin Tennant (family of Debbie Eckhoff).

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 continues, 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.



Prayer & Devotion: Each Wednesday throughout Advent, Pastor Stephen will share a short time of prayer and devotion, virtually, at 7:00 pm. Stop by the St. Paul's Facebook page right at 7:00, or catch a recording of the video later at your convenience.

Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Tuesday, **December 7th at 1:30pm.**



WORSHIP COMMITTEE



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **December 7th** and Wednesday, **December 8th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **December 9th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Meeting: The Council will meet on Tuesday, **December 14th** at 7:30pm.



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 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 ~ * ~



Open House of Churches: Celebrate Missouri's Bicentennial with a tour of the area Churches decorated for Christmas. **Today** 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 **today** 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.



Music Boosters: Music Boosters will have a pulled pork dinner on Sunday, **December 12th** from 11:00am until 1:00pm. The menu includes pulled pork, posh potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert and drink. You can dine-in or take it to-go. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Encore Choir will showcase their program following the dinner!

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, December 5:	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion at the Altar
Tuesday, December 7:	2:00pm	Christmas Tour of Churches
	8:00am	LBPS
	1:30pm	Worship & Music
Wednesday, December 8:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, December 9:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, December 10:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, December 12:	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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
Ushers Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
..... Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs, Chester Schlesselman & Kelly Viebrock



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



Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 12, 2021

Assisting Minister Melisa Balke
Reader Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon Kim Knowle-Zeller
Communion Assistants Jake Jackson & Justin Tinney
Acolyte Lauren Brown & Bradyn Rehmer
Flowers Advent Wreath
Fellowship Hour

