

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 19, 2021



Fourth 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 wheel of time
that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.

**As we light the candles on this wreath,
open our eyes to see your presence
in the lowly ones of this earth.**

Four candles are lit on the Advent wreath.

Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may sing of your advent among us
in the Word made flesh.

**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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#257 vs. 1-4

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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Micah 5:2 - 5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Responsive Reading

Luke 1:48b - 55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:**
⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.
⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**
⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,
⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**
⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**
⁵⁵the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5 - 10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

"Word of God, Come Down to Earth"

#510 vs. 1

Gospel

Luke 1:39 - 45

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

#263

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#490

"Away in a Manger"

#277

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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#257 vs 5-8

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

"WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE"



Welcome: Just as the longest night of the year approaches, we light all four candles on our Advent wreath. Indeed, Christ's light shines in our darkness, and the darkness cannot banish it. Please join us on Christmas Eve to celebrate our Savior's birth.

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

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



Tim Berendzen, Junior & Nancy Webb (brother & sister-in-law of Glen Webb), Rev. Don Marshall (Executive Director of Oaks), John Turley, Pat Arline (friend of Taylor Vanderlinden), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), 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), 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).





Need a Prayer?

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

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.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **December 21st** and Wednesday, **December 22nd** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Hope & Healing: Our annual Service of Hope and Healing will happen virtually on Wednesday, **December 22nd**, at 7:00 pm.



This service is an invitation to pause, breathe, and pray before the **HOPE** *Healing* arrival of Christmas. We will recognize the winter solstice (also known as the "longest night") and lift up our prayers of grief and lament to the God who comes to us in the flesh in order to walk alongside of us. So grab a candle, share this invitation with a friend, and join us for this virtual invitation to sit in the presence of God.



Choir Practice: After a long hiatus, our adult choir will share special music on Christmas Eve. If you would like to be a part of the choir for Christmas Eve please come to choir rehearsal on Wednesday, **December 22nd**, at 7:30 pm, in the Chapel. There will also be some conversation at these rehearsals about how to continue forward.

See you there!

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **December 23rd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Christmas
Offering

Benevolence Change: Our Christmas Eve offerings are always given away as benevolence. This year they were designated to go half to Oaks Indian Mission and half to The Place At The Lake. It appears that Place at the Lake has closed its doors, so this Christmas Eve Council has decided that the offerings will go half to Oaks Indian Mission (as planned) and half to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for tornado relief in Kentucky and surrounding areas. Thank you for your support!

Worship Service: We will enjoy the story of the birth of Jesus on **Christmas Eve**. Worship will begin at 7:00pm. We will also have worship service on **Christmas Day** at 10:00am. Please bring your family and share this wonderful time of the year with your church family.



Poinsettia's: If you would like to share a poinsettia with us, please bring them to the church before 9:00am on **Christmas Day**. They will be displayed in the sanctuary adding vivid color to the day's celebration.

Christmas Weekend: Worship for the first weekend of Christmas will again take the form of A Service of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, **December 26th**, at 10:00 am. There will be no Saturday Casual Worship service on December 25th, nor will there be Sunday School or Confirmation classes on December 26th.



Envelopes: The 2022 offering envelopes are available in the link. If there isn't a box for you and you would like 2022 offering envelopes, please contact Russell Oelrichs, or the church office to request a box.

Secret Sisters - Just a reminder that now is the time for the Secret Sister Reveal!! Also, there are sign-up sheets at the ushers' stand for the Secret Sisters for 2022! Sign up and enjoy the fun!!



Secret Sisters



Wise Men: 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.

Adult Sunday School: Come join the Adult Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning in **January 2022**. After we finish up a lesson or two of our Genesis Bible study, we will then immediately begin a study of the book of Daniel in January. The book of Daniel contains some well-known Bible stories, but also some perplexing prophecies and visions. Come join us as we walk through Daniel chapter by chapter and gain insight into the message of Daniel. Participants will have a study guide from several references to enhance our study. Come join us as we explore Daniel and discuss lessons learned we can apply to our lives.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, December 19:	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
Tuesday, December 21:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, December 22:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:00pm	Virtual Hope & Healing Service
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, December 23:	8:00am	BCHD
Friday, December 24:	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship & Program
		Holy Communion by Stations
Saturday, December 25:	10:00am	Christmas Day Worship
		Holy Communion at the Altar
Sunday, December 26:	10:00am	Worship
		Lessons & Carols

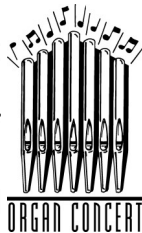


~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service & Program
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service
December 26 - January 2	Pastor's Vacation
January 9	Welcome New Members
January 16	Annual Meeting

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Advent and Christmas Organ Concert: Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be hosting an Advent and Christmas organ concert **today** at 7:00pm. Guest organist, Karen Bretz, of Jefferson City will play a variety of music on the newly renovated historic Kilgen Organ. The concert is free of charge, but there will be a door offering taken to go toward the cost of the organ renovation. Please come and enjoy the sounds of Advent and Christmas!



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



Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 19, 2021

Assisting Minister	..... Tom Oelrichs
Reader	..... Bob Farrington
Children's Sermon	..... Paul Fuelling
Communion Assistants	..... Lauren Bailey & Miles Bailey
Acolyte	..... Ethan Goosen & Shelby Nash
Flowers	..... Advent Wreath
Fellowship Hour	.....



First Sunday of Christmas ~ December 26, 2021

Assisting Minister	..... Darin Oelrichs
Reader	..... Grant & Hudson Kullman, Susan Kyle & Rhonda Schlesselman
Children's Sermon	..... None
Communion Assistants	..... None
Acolyte	..... Wyatt Keith & Khloe Viebrock
Flowers	..... Mary Haluptzpk
Fellowship Hour	.....