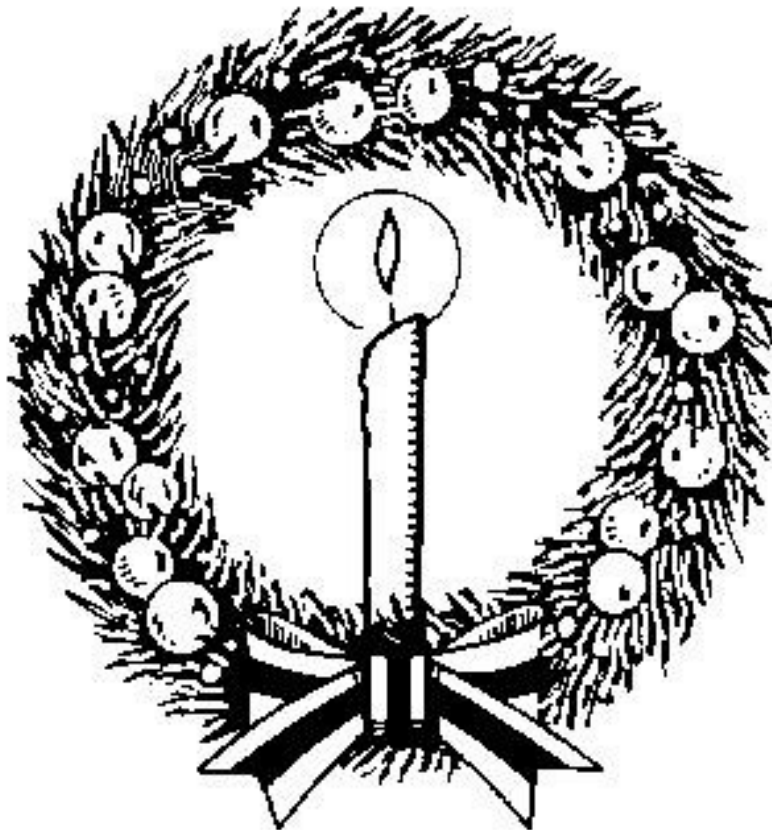


FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 27, 2022



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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 ☩ Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

O Lord our God, be gracious to us; **we wait for you.**

Dispel the darkness, **that all nations may come to your light.**

Establish your peace on the earth; **join our voices to sing your praise.**

Comfort the sick and weary; **renew their strength and power.**

O Lord our God, we look for your arrival, **that the earth may behold your glory.**

Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#257 vs. 1

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

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Opening Hymn

"My Lord, What a Morning"

#438

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 save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1 - 5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading

Romans 13:11 - 14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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Gospel Acclamation

"Love Has Come"

#292 vs. 1

Gospel

Matthew 26:36 - 44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 26th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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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 in body or spirit

Offertory

"As the Grains of Wheat"

#465

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(Based on O Come, All Ye Faithful - #283)

(1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

(2) Sharing a table, Jesus and disciples,
Blessing and breaking bread, he said to them:

"This is my body, take it and remember."

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

(3) Raising the cup, he gave thanks and he blessed it;

"This, a new covenant, for you and for all."

Eat this, and drink this, do this in remembrance.

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

(4) Sing, "Holy Holy," sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of God's holiness:

"Glory to God.., in.. the.. highest!"

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

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 in body or spirit

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.....Faithful God, in this meal you have shown us your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

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"AWAITING OUR SAVIOR"



Welcome: We begin a new church year today with the first Sunday of Advent. We watch for Jesus' advent, or coming, among us: his return on the last day, and his presence with us now. 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" Mary Haluptzok, Gordon Ives, Orlyn Brauer, Kathy Hallauer, Wanda Viebrock and Kyle Luetjen.



Kayla Wasson (family of Diane Banks), Jim Brown, Jeff Luetjen, Bill Talbot (friend of Connie Gerken), Jim Mehrens (brother-in-law of Teresa Viebrock), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Annie Bright, Family member of the Kreisels and Browns, Lyle Browning, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



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

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 Ray Dean Brauer.



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.

Thank You: St. Paul's Old-fashioned Christmas Tree was displayed at the Christbaumfest last Saturday. It was a REAL tree with decorations made in the home: popcorn strands, dried fruit, cookies, candy, and paper cut-outs. It was reminiscent of trees decorated by the early settlers. Thank you to Glenalee Dillon, Diann Holsten, Kathy Oelrichs, Jeannette VonHolten, and Pastor Stephen for stringing popcorn. Thank you to Shirley Cash for helping with the decorating and baking the cookies for the tree.



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

Angel Tree: Gifts for the children in our community that are a part of the Angel Tree are to be returned today. Thank you for supporting the Benton County Christmas for Kids program! New angels have now been placed on our Angel Tree for gift bags that will be given to the residents of our local care facilities. Thanks for helping our neighbors have a bit brighter Christmas!



"One Stitch At A Time": The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **November 28th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **November 29th** and Wednesday, **November 30th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **December 1st** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Practice: The children of St. Paul's will present the Story of Christmas in worship on Christmas Eve. Practices for the program will begin on Sunday, **December 4th**, at 9:00 am (during the Sunday School hour) and run each Sunday until Christmas. Practice on December 4th will be for children and youth in grades 1-8. Starting December 11th preschool and kindergarten children will join the rehearsals.





Choir: Let's sing again! If you are interested in joining the choir to sing for Christmas Eve we will practice on Wednesday, **December 7th** at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Come share your voices!

WELCA Thankoffering Boxes: Ladies, the Thankoffering boxes will be collected throughout the month of **December**. If you have misplaced your box, there are a few at each usher's stand. Your offering can be left at each usher's stand. All collected offerings will be sent to the Women of the ELCA church-wide for their various ministries. Count your blessings, be Thankful!!



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



Christkindlmarket: So excited to share the Good News! Jesus is born for you and for me! The Cole Camp Chamber will be celebrating this good news on **December 2nd**, Friday evening from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. This is the annual Christkindlmarket in downtown Cole Camp. Many family fun things to do, also a Living Nativity Display from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on the patio where the Pepsi Garden is held during the Fair. Because Christkindlmarket is the Christmas Shopping Event that honors the Christ Child, we will be adding something new this year. At the Citizens Farmers Bank in the Lobby there will be a wonderful display of many nativity scenes, free to come and view. Please check the Cole Camp Christkindlmarket Facebook page for more information.

Ole Tyme Christmas: Pymont-Trinity Church will have the 17th annual Ole Tyme Christmas In The Country on Saturday, **December 3rd** at 7:00pm. Congregational caroling begins at 6:45pm. This is a free-will offering. Come and enjoy the local talent as well as cookies, hot chocolate and hot cider! See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



German Carols: The Cole Camp Low German Club will be hosting traditional German Christmas Songs and Carols preformed by the German Singers. It will be Sunday, **December 4th** at St. Paul's. Pre-music will begin at 6:45pm and the concert at 7:00pm. There will be refreshments and fellowship following the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 27:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Advent Dinner
Monday, November 28:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, November 29:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, November 30:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, December 1:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, December 3:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, December 4:	9:00am	Program Practice / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

December 22	Service of Hope & Healing
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship
December 25	Christmas Day Worship

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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



First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27, 2022

Assisting Minister Connie Gerken
Communion Assistant Ruth Ann Kreisel & Teresa Viebrock
Reader Mary Haluptzok
Children's Sermon Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes Grady Elliott & Khloe Viebrock
Altar Flowers Advent Wreath
Ushers Kelly Viebrock, Assistant Head Usher
..... Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Bruce Wienberg



Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4, 2022

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistant At the Altar
Reader Alex Cash
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Kaylan Poe & Logan Jackson
Altar Flowers Advent Wreath
Ushers Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
..... Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman