

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2022



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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 ☩ 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. 2

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth. **Amen.**

please stand in body or spirit

Opening Hymn

"Unexpected and Mysterious"

#258

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 nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4 - 13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Love Has Come"

#292 vs. 1

Gospel

Matthew 3:1 - 12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into

the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

please be seated
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

#255

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.**

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Offering

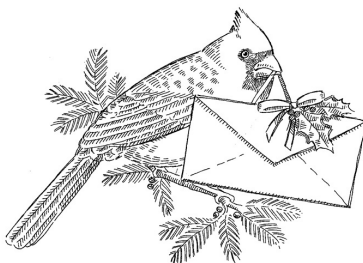
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Offertory

"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.**



(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.**

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


"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

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Light of the World


Music and Words by Cathy Pino
Piano arrangement by Eric Wefald

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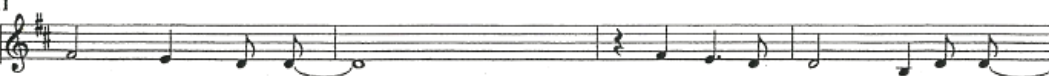
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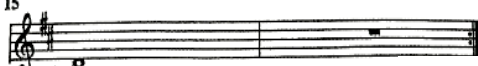
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shine where you are. You are the light of the world.
shine where you are. You are a city on a hill.
shine where you are. You are a candle in the dark.
shine where you are. You are a star in the night.
shine where you are. You are the light of the world.

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please stand in body or spirit

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.**

Sending Hymn

"The King of Glory"

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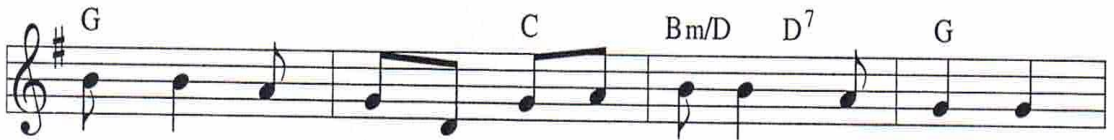
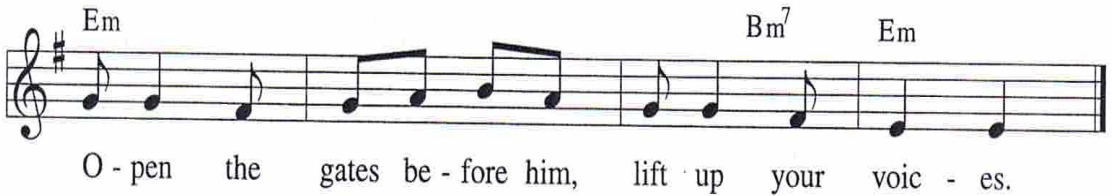
Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

The King of glory

Refrain



- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch

Music: Israeli traditional

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"AWAITING OUR SAVIOR"



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" Mary Haluptzok, Gordon Ives, Orlyn Brauer, 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, 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), 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 Lyle Browning.



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.


Special Advent Reflections: Pastor Stephen will offer a brief time of prayer and reflection each Thursday evening during Advent at 7:00 pm on the church's Facebook page. Tune in at 7:00 pm or come back later to watch the video that will remain online.



Angel Tree: The Angel Tree has new angels on the tree that are meant to provide gifts for residents of our local care facilities. Those gifts can be placed in gift bags or wrapped, and need to be returned by December 18th.


Practice: The children of St. Paul's will present the Story of Christmas in worship on Christmas Eve. Practices for the program begins **today**, 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.



CHRISTMAS PARTY  **"One Stitch At A Time":** The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **December 5th** in the church basement at 9:00am for their Christmas Party. They will not meet during the month of December. Please check St. Paul's communications for the next time they meet.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **December 6th** and Wednesday, **December 7th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



 **Planning:** Worship & Music committee will meet on **WORSHIP & MUSIC Wednesday, December 7th** at 3:30pm.

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!



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



Meeting: The Council will meet on Tuesday, **December 13th** at COUNCIL 7:30pm.

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!!



2023 Secret Sisters: The Advent season brings "Secret Sister" happenings! **First** - It is the time for the 2022 Secret Sisters to reveal their identity to their Secret Sisters for the past year. **Second** - It is also time to sign up for the 2023 Secret Sisters. A sign-up sheet can be found at each usher stand; together with a Secret Sister Inventory Sheet. This inventory gives your Secret Sister information about your "favorites" to make your year together a bit easier. Any questions, contact Janice.

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Attention All Hunters: 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 two easy steps.



1. Harvest a deer.
2. Take your deer to Kemp's Butchering, north of Sedalia. **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!



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 **today** 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!

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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| Sunday, December 4: | 9:00am | Program Practice / Adult Class |
| | 10:00am | Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar |
| Monday, December 5: | 9:00am | Sewing Christmas Party |
| Tuesday, December 6: | 8:00am | LBPS |
| Wednesday, December 7: | 8:00am | LBPS |
| | 3:30pm | Worship & Music |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Thursday, December 8: | 8:00am | BCHD |
| | 7:00pm | Online Advent Devotions |
| Saturday, December 10: | 5:30pm | Casual Worship Service |
| Sunday, December 11: | 9:00am | Program Practice / Adult Class |
| | 10:00am | Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations |



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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| Ministers |The Whole Congregation |
| Presiding Minister |Pastor Stephen Zeller |
| Organist |Lois Viebrock |
| Pianist |Jeannette VonHolten |
| Altar Guild |Kathy Oelrichs & Sharel Wienberg |
| Ushers |Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher |
| |Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman |



Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4, 2022

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| 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 |



Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 11, 2022

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| Assisting Minister |Darin Oelrichs |
| Communion Assistant |Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall |
| Reader |Grant & Hudson Kullman |
| Children's Sermon |Paul Fuelling |
| Acolytes |Wyatt Keith & Jace Tinney |
| Altar Flowers |Advent Wreath |

