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First Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Opening Hymn #332 Savior of the Nations, Come (Verses 1-4)

Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Introit*Ps. 118:25–28; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

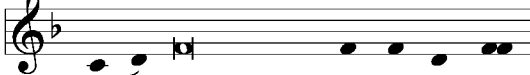
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

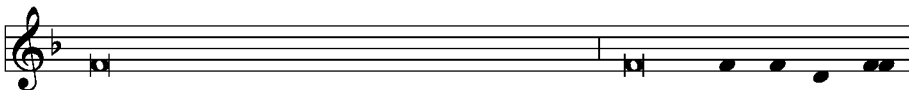
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



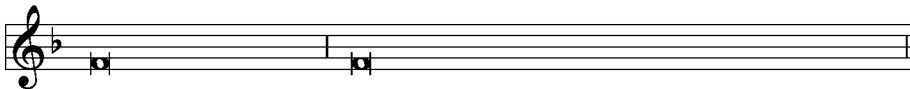
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



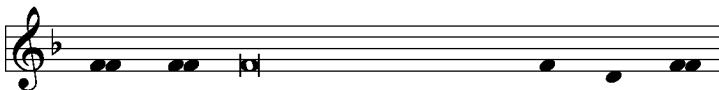
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Hope

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11–14

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn of the Day #331 The Advent of Our King

Sermon “Hope in the Unexpected”

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition “Lord, in your mercy” please respond with, “**hear our prayer**”

Offering

Offertory



☐ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei*LSB 163*

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

#673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

#336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

#348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn #332 Savior of the Nations, Come (Verses 5-8)

Acknowledgments

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Information for November 27, 2022

Attendance 11/20/2022 – 128

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today: 8:30am Worship Service w/ Communion
 10:00am Adult Sunday School
 Children's Sunday School/Christmas Eve Practice
 11:00am Worship Service w/ Communion
 12:15 pm Council Meeting
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Tues. 10:00 am Dorcus Quilters

Wed. 6:00 pm Youth /Confirmation
 6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30 pm Hand Bell Practice

Upcoming Events

November 27 12:15 pm Council Meeting
 December 18 5:00 pm Christmas Festival
 December 24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Program
 December 25 11:00 am Christmas Day Service

**Finance Committee Joe & Peggy Hamby 11/23, Carol Martin & Carrie Goodman
 11/27 Communion Ware for November Freddie & Minnie Taylor
Acolyte 11/27 Marshall Lively 8:30 Alyssa Evans 11:00**

Military Prayer List: Isaac Monroe **Deployed:** Rev. Ross Engel

Lutheran Hour "Paradise Restored" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? (Isaiah 11:1-10) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on 97.5 FM at 7am and WECO-FM 101.3 at 9:00am Sunday or on the web at: www.lutheranhour.org.

Birthdays for November Kim Childs 11/27, Davis Mehlhorn 11/27, Ida Mae Hamby 11/28, Erin Isham 12/1, Jericho Winters 12/1, Jerry Mehlhorn 12/3. Happy Birthday to All!!!!

The quilters are in need of donations of any clean sheets for fillers.

The youth are now selling nuts. They are \$10 per bag. Get yours before they are gone!

Christmas Eve Practice for the children will be every Sunday at 10 am before Sunday School.

Volunteers are needed to help with the float for the December 3rd Christmas parade. All ages are encouraged to either ride the float or walk with it. Please contact Peggy or Wanda if interested in helping out. Candy donations are also needed for the parade.

Jessica Bivens and family would like to say a huge Thank You to all who donated to the Love Offering for her during this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.



Altar Flower Fund and Dedication

Members wishing to purchase flowers in memory or honor of someone for Birthday or Anniversary can contact Linda Taylor at 423-346-6027 or reach the church office at 423-346-3554 for further information. To donate to the church's flower fund please make a check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and in **memo line write Donation for Flower Fund**. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

December 18th will be our Christmas Festival Celebration beginning at 5pm with Finger food, Desserts and Drinks. We ask that the congregation bring their favorite food to share in the fellowship hall. Afterwards we will have a short Christmas prayer service in the Sanctuary. Special music is planned and the unveiling of our **175th Crimson Banner for Christmas 2022!**

LWML dues for 2023 are due in the amount of \$13. Please submit dues to Alisia Freels Treasurer or Carol Martin, president. Thank you.

Ladies Of Congregation: Updated LWML Social Committee list are now available for pick up at entrances to church.

St. Paul congregation will be helping provide Christmas gifts for residents of Life Care Center of Morgan County that do not have family to help. If you would like to help purchase items, there is an angel tree located in Annex. Residents name along with some items they would like are written on each numbered angel. Please write your name beside the number chosen on log sheet next to tree. Gift wrapping is optional. Gifts need to be brought in by December 8th. Thank you all so much. For info call Kathy Bonifacius 346-3995.

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS will be assembled and delivered on Sunday Dec. 11th. after second service. If you know someone that would enjoy a basket, please call Kathy Bonifacius at 346-3995 to be added to the list. Congregation members can help by bringing items listed below:

First letter of your last name:

A-D

Cakes

E-H

I-M

Cups

N-S

T-Z

or Nuts

Please do not bring fruit until Dec. 11 th. Help is also needed in delivering the baskets .

**Please Bring
Oranges, Tangerines or Snack**

**Bananas or Wrapped Candy
Individual Fruit or Pudding**

**Apples or Packs of Gum
Individual Packs of Crackers**

2023 Offering envelopes are now ready for pick up in the annex. Please check the name on the label as the numbers have changed.

Those who Serve Schedules are now available



Family Devotions for the Week of
November 27th-December 3rd

Sunday: Read Isaiah 1:1-28 (Advent 1)

Monday: Read Psalm 102 and Isaiah 2:1-22

Tuesday: Read Psalm 118 and Isaiah 5:1-25 (Patriarch Noah)

Wednesday: Read Psalm 123 and Isaiah 6:1-7:9 (St. Andrew, Apostle)

Thursday: Read Psalm 34 and Isaiah 7:10-8:8

Friday: Read Psalm 119:105-112 and Isaiah 8:9-9:7

Saturday: Read Psalm 55 and Isaiah 9:8-10:11

