

# St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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**Second Sunday in Advent**

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

## Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Hymn — *The Advent of Our King*

The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

### Invocation, Confession & Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** Absolution spoken by the Pastor.

**C** Amen.

### **Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Sermon**

#### **Prayers**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## **Words of Institution and Lord's Supper**

### **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

### **Closing Hymn** — *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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### **Elders**

December 6 — Gary Hauge  
December 13 — Dennis Shaltanis

### **Offering Counters**

December 6 & 13 — Bill Kruse, Dewayne McGohan

### **Attendance 11/28-11/29**

4:00pm —23, 5:30pm—28, 8:00am—39, 9:00am —39, 10:00am—53, 11:00am—12  
Midweek Advent Worship — 72

**Offering Envelopes** — Pick up your 2021 offering envelopes in the FLC hallway.

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**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Lynn Hanselman in memory of her brother, Vernon.

**Fill the Manger Food Drive** — Donate non-perishable food or monetary donations for the St. Paul food pantry, Blessing Box and DMARC. We will also accept manual can openers for the families at Moulton Elementary.

**Advent Worship Services** — Midweek Advent services are each Wednesday at 6:15pm and 7:00pm. Social distancing will be observed in the Sanctuary. Face coverings are recommended but not required. Services will be on the screens and only 30-40 minutes long.

**Gift Cards** — This year we are not hosting a giving tree or adopt a family. Instead, we are collecting gift cards for several preschool and St. Paul families who can use assistance this Christmas season. Suggested retailers are Hy-Vee, Fareway, Dollar General and Walmart. Please drop off gift cards in the church office. Thank you!

**Thank you** to the St. Paul youth and leaders who delivered goodies to our shut-ins and members of St. Paul! Your generosity and kindness is appreciated!

**Baby Shower** — The Homebuilders group is hosting a shower for Baby McLellan on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00pm. St. Paul members are welcome to stop by and say hello or drop off a gift. If you have any questions please contact Ruthie Pottratz.

## Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am Worship Services 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study
<u>Monday</u>	6:30pm GriefShare via Zoom
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30pm Elders Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00am Chapel with Holy Communion 6:15pm & 7:00pm Advent Worship Service
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Romans Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study Fellowship 7:15pm Women's Zoom Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	4:00pm Mask Required Service 5:30pm Journey Worship Service