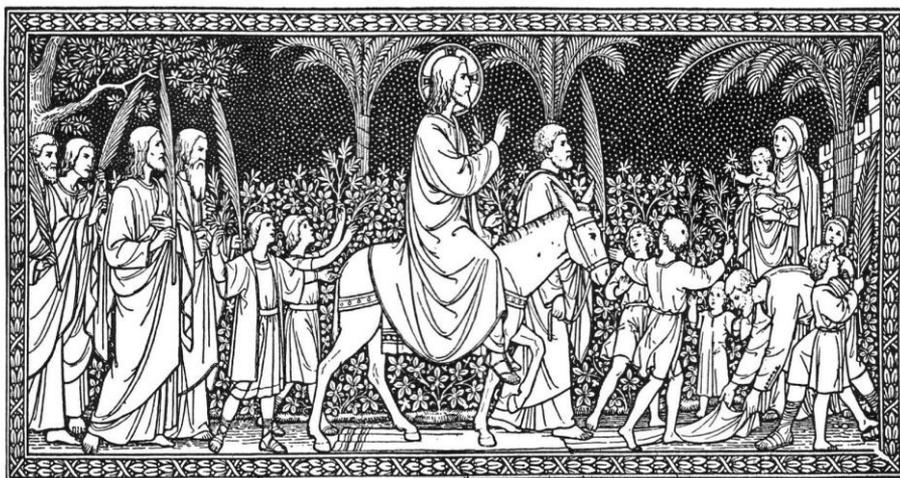


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The First Sunday of Advent
28/29/30 November 2020

Redeem Us: The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “*Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (Rom. 13:11).

The Divine Service

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1-3a



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. *

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
sal- | vation;***

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

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Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



☐ The Lord be with you.

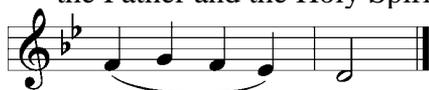


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-8

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 25:3-4

None who wait for you shall be | put to shame; *
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; *
teach me | your paths.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and

sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Ps.85:7



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation. *Alleluias Repeated*

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

Sermon

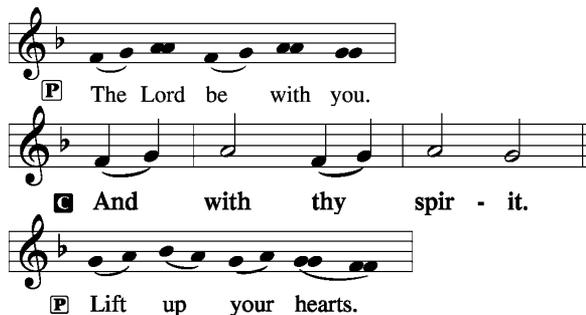
Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

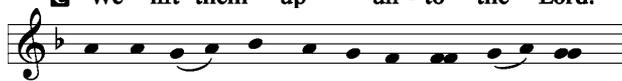
Service of the Sacrament



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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.”
- P** 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.”

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

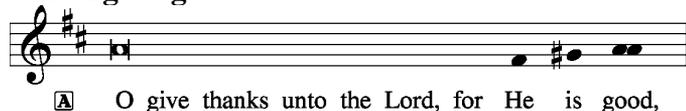
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, My Lord. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

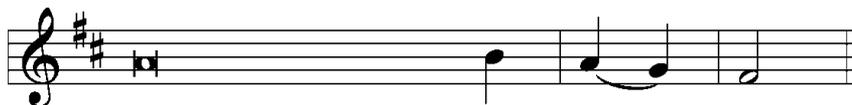


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



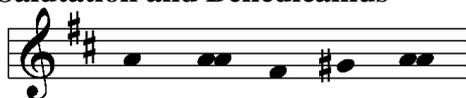
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You... now and forever.



C A - men.

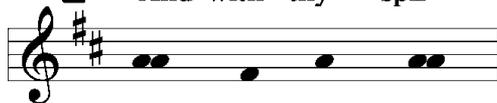
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

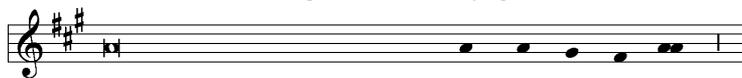


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements for the First Sunday in Advent

Advent Joy – The Holy Season of Advent starts today. Let us rend our hearts, shout our Hosannas, and prepare for the coming of our King Jesus. Our Midweek Advent services start this Wednesday. If you would like to attend and have still not contacted Pastor Ball to register for a service, please do so ASAP.

Altar Flowers – have been given in memory of Adam Behrhorst on the anniversary of his promotion to heaven. Flowers are given by his family – Marc, Linda and Jack.

Christmas Service Registration – The electronic signup form for Christmas Service registration has been sent. Paper signup forms are on the table in the back of the Church. Please register as soon as possible. Thank you for the flexibility as it might be necessary to move around a bit. We hope to have those assignment/registrations determined by December 13th so you can set your family plans.

Advent Devotional – Pr. Weedon has written an Advent devotional as catechist for The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. These devotionals are available for families for free on the table in the narthex. Pr. Ball commented on the Gottesdienst blog that these devotions “are brief enough so that things don’t fall apart (either as children want to eat or as children melt down in post-dinner clean-up chaos), and at the same time be worthy of being called a devotion to the living God, whereby the souls of His children are fed.”

Bible Class – Our Wednesday Evening Bible class will not meet between Thanksgiving and Epiphany. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Christmas Cookie Sale – The Ladies Aid, LWML and Board of Christian Life are sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Sale. An assortment of 3 dozen boxed homemade Christmas cookies may be purchased at \$15.00 per box. Cookies will be available for pickup in the church basement after services the weekend of December 12, 13 & 14. Orders must be received by December 4th (only 50 boxes will be available). To place an order phone or text Serena Ball at (708) 369-8106 or Ann Schmidt at (618) 334-4277. Proceeds from the event will support our missionaries, Pastor Fritsche and Pastor Sharp. Cookies will also be provided to the shut-ins. Supplemental funding for the event received from THRIVENT.

Please Consider Scrip – With the upcoming holidays, please consider using Scrip for some of your purchases. Scrip is a gift card which you can use as cash at the store whose name is on it, or you can give it to someone else to use at that store. You pay no extra for the card, and it redeems at full value. The store where it is redeemed gives our school a percentage of the sale. It is a very good way to make a donation to our school with no extra money out of your pocket. If you don't use the full value of the card with your first purchase, the remainder can be applied to your next purchase. DK's is a local store that honors scrip, so if you are a regular shopper there, please consider using it. We have scrip for many other stores and restaurants too. Please check us out. A list of the cards available is on the table in the narthex for those interested in seeing what is available or would like to place an order. If there is a card that is not listed that you are interested in, please ask Mary – new stores are added by the company as they become available. You can purchase scrip or drop orders off at the Church office during office hours or if you have any questions or special requests contact Mary Klaustermeier at 618-488-7473 or Joanie in the Church office at 618-633-2202. Thanks so much! Our last order being placed before Christmas will be on Monday, December 14.

Jeremiah 23:6b – “**And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’**” Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the Heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, good works can be done by us for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- For the spread of the Holy Gospel
- For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod
- For our country, that we might be at peace and live in harmony
- For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
- For those who live alone
- For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- For first responders in our communities
- For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19

Healing and Comfort for: *MARC BEHRHORST*, recovering from foot surgery; *DAVID BRYAN*, hospitalized at Barnes; *SARAH HANKS*, recovering from hip surgery; *CRYSTAL WAGNER*, recovering from surgery; *BILL HUELSMAN*, Sonya Woods father, positive with COVID-19; *RICKEY MILLER*, Alhambra Care Center; *DORENE LANE*, friend of Dave DeVries, spiritual and health issues; *CAROL CASE*, JW's mother, hospitalized with pneumonia; *CLARA WEHREND*, recovering from broken hip surgery; *STEVE SCHWEIZER*, brother of Julie Johnson, cancer diagnosis; *KEITH QUADE*, son-in-law of Dave DeVries, recovering from COVID and health issues with mold; *SIDNEE SCHWARZ*, ulcerative colitis; *NORMAN MICNHEIMER*, Neil's father, health issues; *TIM DILLON*, grandson of Dave DeVries, severe headaches from falls; *EMILY KIEHL*, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; *SID PRESIDENT TIMOTHY SCHARR*, recovering from surgery; *BARBARALYNN DEVRIES*, niece of Dave DeVries, rehab for leg amputation and health issues; *MARY GRAFF*, friend of Dave DeVries, cancer treatments; *KIM TOBIN*, niece of Dave DeVries, drug issues; *TOMIKO JUEDEMANN*, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; *DALE GROTEFENDT*, friend of Paula Kipp, brain cancer; *KAY GROTEFENDT*, friend of Paula Kipp, radiation treatments; *THOMAS SEXTON*, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; *TINA THORLEY*, former St. Paul member and student, health issues; ***STRENGTH FOR ALL PREGNANT MOTHERS***

St. Paul Lutheran Elderly Care List – This Christmas with all the nursing, independent/assisted living homes closed to visitors please consider sending the dear members of our congregation a note or card. For those parents looking for something to occupy their children’s time have them draw or color a picture to send, with a Bible passage, picture or word of encouragement. What an easy way to bring someone joy and put a smile on their face, especially during the Christmas season. Following is a list of the St. Paul members who reside at a care facility.

Alhambra Care Center – Alhambra, Illinois 62001

- Rickey Miller – 417 E. Main Street
- Eldon Schmidt – 417 East Main Street

Eden Village – Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034

- Clara Wehrend – Care Center – 400 South Station Road – Room 513
- Glen & Thelma Wuehler – 300 South Station Rd. – Apt. 8202
- Marlene Hellmann – 407 B Eden Gardens

Meridian Village – Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034

- Kathy Breen – Apt. 402 – 27 Auerbach Place
- Lynette Spudich – Apt. 422 – 27 Auerbach Place

Edwardsville Nursing & Rehabilitation – Edwardsville, IL 62025

- Ellen Buhrmann – 401 St. Mary Drive

Glenwood – Staunton, Illinois 62088

- Ruth Ernst – Apt. 27 – 18192 Renken Road
- Donna Hellinger – Apt. 51 – 18192 Renken Road
- Ruby Hering – Apt. 32 – 18192 Renken Road

Rosewood Care Center – Alton, Illinois 62002

- Lillian Schmidt – 3490 Humbert Road – Room 615

David Bryan

Ken Ackerman

December Birthdays

- 3 Michaiah Schnare, Chase Golem, Erna Gehner
- 4 Nash Mansholt
- 5 Roger Lee Ernst
- 7 Heather Goeckner, Danae Otten
- 8 Beverly Renken, Christol Heberer
- 9 August Schumacher, Julie Harbers
- 10 Connie Madorin, Murphy Ethington
- 15 Robert Esch
- 16 Rachel Brunnworth
- 17 Heidi Leichsenring, Nicholas Brunnworth
- 19 Brandi Huber, Katy Paolucci
- 20 Thea Ball, Leroy Renken, Audrey & Charlotte Marsh
- 22 Darleen Harmon, Dustin Ernst
- 23 Heather Baumberger, Mickey Fravell
- 24 Gregory Henke, Lindsay Autry
- 26 Mildred Altevogt
- 29 Jared Thiems, Tamara Barker
- 30 Grace Hanvey
- 31 Justin Lesemann, Brandon Cann, Laura Knezik