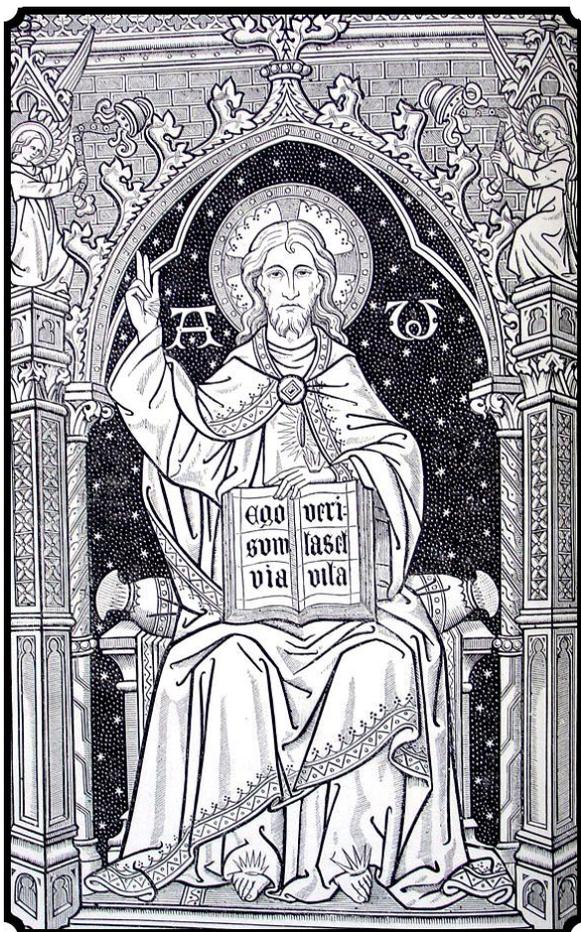


# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
5/6/7 December 2020

**The Lord Comes on the Last Day:** The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of Judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “*...straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

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## The Divine Service

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- 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

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## Introit

*Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30, 29*



Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

**Restore us, | O God;\***

**let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**

Turn again, O | God of hosts!\*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

**But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\***

**the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!**

**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.**

Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

## 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



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 4:1-6*

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 50:2-3a, 5*

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

“Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 15:4–13*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*Luke 21:26b-27*



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

The powers of the heavens will be | shaken,\*  
And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud  
with power and great | glory.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take

place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion,  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers,  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture, Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

### Sermon

### Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

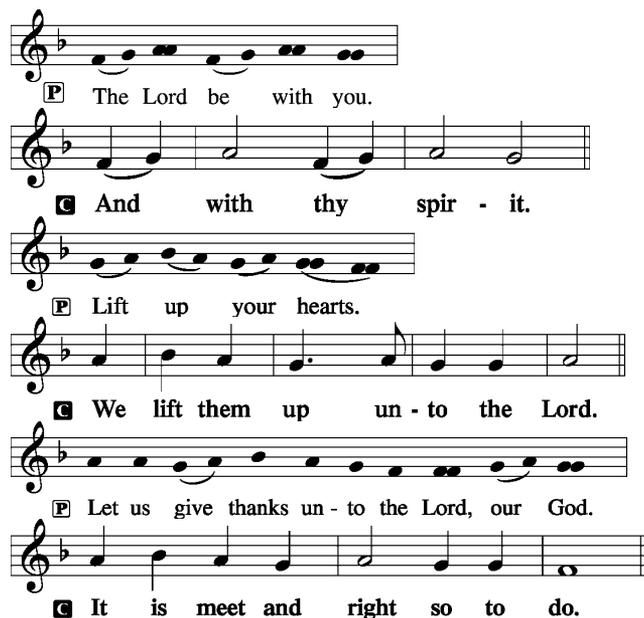


new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

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**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.



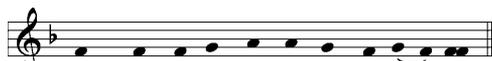
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** 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

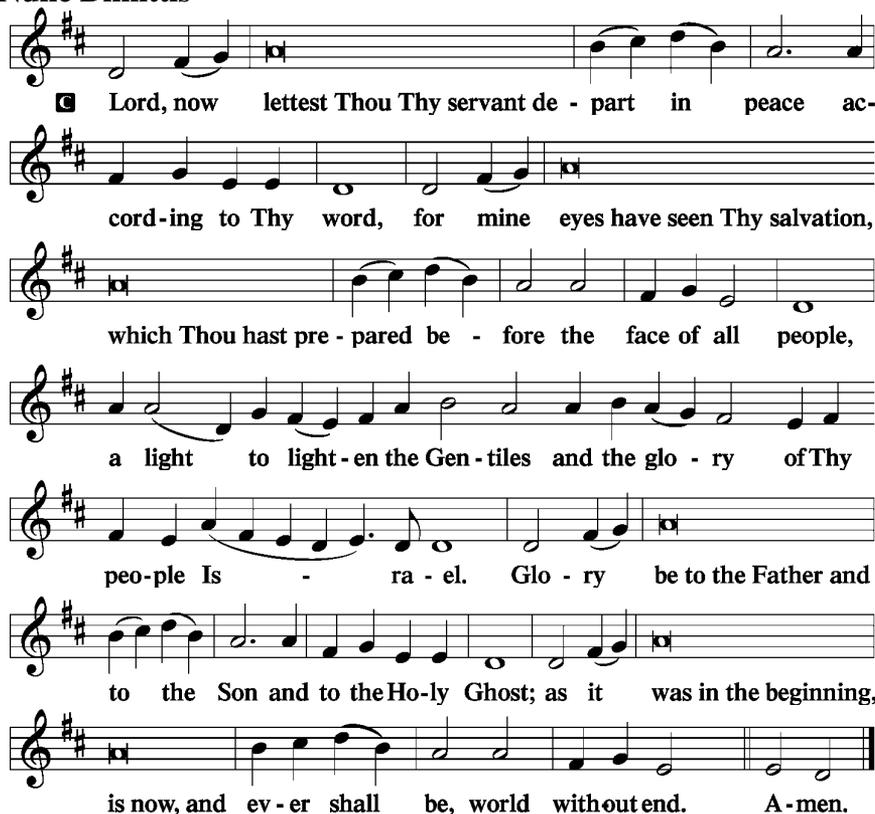
### *A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament*

*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*

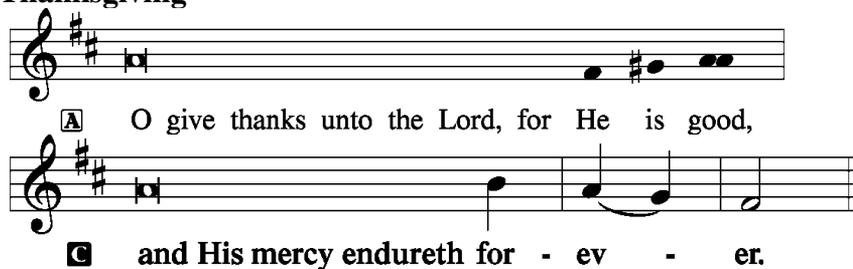
*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity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

## Nunc Dimittis



**C** 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 - tles 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



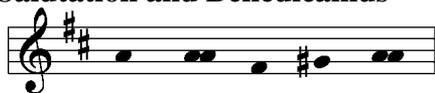
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray. O God the Father, ... now and forever.



**C** A - men.

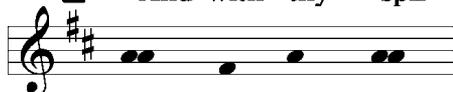
## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

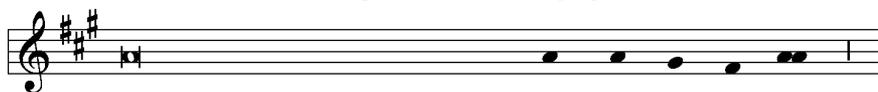


**C** Thanks be to God.

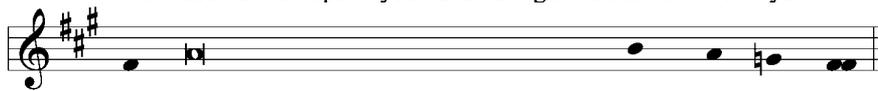
## Benediction



**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.

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## Announcements for the Second Sunday in Advent

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**Altar Flowers** – for Alex and Beth Pellock, celebrating God’s blessing on 25 years of marriage. Flowers given by their daughters, Megan & Grace.

**Advent Services** – Continue this Wednesday. There is still room! Just contact Pastor Ball to find a place at one of the three services.

**An Important Note - Services the Week of Christmas** – There will be no Monday night service on **December 21<sup>st</sup>** or Saturday night service on **December 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you regularly attend either of those, simply choose one of the other Divine Services to attend that weekend. Contact Pastor if you have questions.

**Christmas Service Registration** – The forms to signup are on the table in the narthex if you haven't registered online. Online is best if you can! Please signup sooner rather than later.

**Thank you** to all who dedicated their time last weekend to decorate the Church for these Holy Days. Your work is much appreciated.

**The Day of St. Nicholas – December 6<sup>th</sup>** Of the many saints commemorated by the Christian Church, Nicholas (d. A.D. 342) is one of the best known. Very little is known historically of him, although there was a church of Saint Nicholas in Constantinople as early as the sixth century. Research has affirmed that there was a bishop by the name of Nicholas in the city of Myra in Lycia (part of Turkey today) in the fourth century. From that coastal location, legends about Nicholas have traveled throughout time and space. One is that he was present at the Council of Nicea and punched out Arius as the false teacher spewed his heresy regarding the Son of God! The most common one is his rescue of young girls from a life of destitution by providing their dowery so they could marry. He is associated with charitable giving in many countries around the world and is portrayed as the rescuer of sailors, the protector of children, and the friend of people in distress or need. In commemoration of Sinte Klaas (Dutch for Saint Nicholas, in English Santa Claus), December 6 is a day for giving and receiving gifts in many parts of Europe.

**Bible Class** – Our Wednesday Evening Bible class will resume on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

**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.

***Talk Radio & Podcasts for the Advent Season*** – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," John the Baptist, 4th Century Christian Martyr Lucia, The Book of 1 John and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

***Romans 15:4a*** – **“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction.”** God's Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us as to how to live out our Christians lives. This is the “third use of the Law.” As Christians we should welcome this instruction in humble faith. We know that Christ has saved us, and now we want to know how to live lives of faith that are pleasing to Him.

***Just a reminder when you do come to church*** - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is vital that you think of your neighbor as you come. If you have any symptoms at all, please refrain from coming. Stay home, follow the guidelines, consult your physician, etc. It is better to err on the side of caution. May our Lord grant us all health and strength in these days.

***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

**Thanksgiving for:** *BEVERLY RENKEN*, 80th birthday on December 8;  
*ALEX & BETH PELLOCK*, married 25 years on December 2

**Healing and Comfort for:** *DAVID BRYAN*, health issues; *SARAH HANKS*, recovering from hip surgery; *RICKEY MILLER*, Alhambra Care Center; *DORENE LANE*, friend of Dave DeVries, spiritual and health issues; *CAROL CASE*, JW's mother, hospitalized with pneumonia; *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; *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 and those who are homebound. (Please note that two of the healthcare facilities have changed names – Alhambra Rehab & Healthcare and Riverside Rehab & Healthcare.)

**Alhambra Rehab & Healthcare – 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 502
- 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

**Riverside Rehab & Healthcare – Alton, Illinois 62002**

- Lillian Schmidt – 3490 Humbert Road – Room 615

**At Home**

- David Bryan – 57 Odom Drive – Collinsville, IL 62234