First Sunday of Advent..... November 29, 2020

A new Church Year begins with the start of Advent. Last week, the Church calendar ended with Christ the King Sunday. The end of the year culminates with the Church in eternity. The beginning of Advent takes us back to rehearse the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Here is Immanuel, true God in human flesh.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary. Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you *The Lord's Supper* is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Bell Choir

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"



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. *Tune and text: Public domain*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- \mathcal{P} In the name of the Father and of the \top 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.
- *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 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 \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Adult Choir "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung, Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung! It came a Flow'ret bright Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah had foretold it The Rose I have in mind; With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright She bore to men a Savior When half spent was the night.

3. This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'ry where. True Man, yet very God From sin and death He saves us And lightens ev'ry load.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

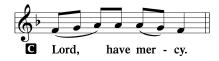
- P Behold, your King is coming to you;
- \mathcal{C} righteous and having salvation.
- P To you, O LORD,
- C I lift up my soul.
- P O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;
- \mathcal{C} let not my enemies exult over me.
- P Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;
- \mathcal{C} they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- All: 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.
- P Behold, your King is coming to you;
- \mathcal{C} righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



P 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.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P 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.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil- to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence! ³When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains guaked at Your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our Potter; we are all the work of Your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

\mathcal{C} Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- *P* This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathcal{C} Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

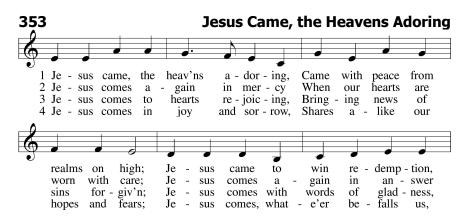


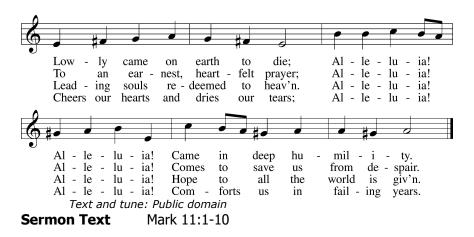
Apostles' Creed

C 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 T everlasting. Amen.





Sermon "The King Comes...How?"

In Coming to Jerusalem for His Enthronement, Jesus Arrives in the Most Unorthodox Manner.

I. Jesus' enthronement is not with pomp and pageantry, but

with

II. Jesus' enthronement is not with bodyguards and protection

for Him, but in Him



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- 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.
 Benediction LSB 166
- 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.





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<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are provided by Helen Bellman in memory of her mother and sister's birthdays: Veloice Whitsel and Barbara Crothers.

<u>SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK</u> *MILDRED BOLLENBACHER* Mildred is our honored shut-in this week. Her address is : 1633 W. Grant Street, Bremen, IN 46506

The Board of Christian Education Needs Your Help!

The Board of Christian Education is collecting candy to fill the Christmas Goody Bags for the December 16, 2020 Children's Christmas Service. We are asking if you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to help fill up the goody bags. There is a tub in the Narthex to place the candy. Thank you from the BCE

<u>"CHEER TINS"</u> for home-bound members. LWML will be filling tins for delivery. Please bring 18-24 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED items to the church kitchen on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13. Any donations are appreciated. Thank You!

BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of November 25, 2020: \$88,100 This amount represents over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries. <u>THE CHRISMON TREE</u> will be placed in the church proper on **Friday, Dec. 4th**. *This is a change from what was previously printed.* Anyone willing to help is welcome. We usually begin by 11:00 am. Thank You!



Wondering what you can do to help the pastoral selection committee? Let's pray together! Prayer meetings continue each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We meet together in the Narthex for a brief time of prayer lifting up the call committee's work and the ministries of the church. This will be a regular weekly prayer meeting as we seek God's will for the future of

his ministries at St. Paul's. Call Terry Miller if you have any questions 248-1770.

Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) St. Paul's School Update

St. Paul's has participated with the Indiana Lutheran SGO over the past 2 years and below is a summary of the success to date:

- To date over \$ 26,000 in donations have been made to the SGO for the benefit of St. Paul's School.
- These donations have fully funded Tuition Aid requests from school families during the 2nd semester of the 2019-2020 School Year and has fully funded both semesters of the 2020-2021 School Year.
- These funds have supported Tuition needs of dozens of St. Paul's students.
- Current balance in our St. Paul's SGO account is approximately \$ 2,000 and therefore we are needed to "build up" for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- This program has been very positive for our school and our friends and donors given the 50% Indiana State Income Tax Credit.
- We would ask for your prayerful consideration in your personal giving plans to continue to support this wonderful program.

St. Paul's School Board

For Your Spiritual Preparation for Next Sunday, Advent 2

You will want to read Psalm 85; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8. Our theme for the day is: "Prepare the Way", based on the Gospel reading Mark 1:1-8, that we are prepared for Jesus' coming by God's gifts of repentance and forgiveness by Baptism into Christ.

<u>Voters' Assembly Minutes</u> – Copies of the minutes from the November 23 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the tables in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken

at <u>keneichinger@gmail.com</u>. These minutes contain information regarding St. Paul's annual budget.

TODAY	. November 29, 2020
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service	9:30 am
Worship Service	
Bell Choir	5:00 pm
Adult Choir	6:00 pm
MON: Nov. 30	
8 th Grade Confirmation	4:30 pm
TUES: Dec. 1	
7 th Grade Confirmation	4:40 pm
Prayer meeting	7:00 pm
WED: Dec.2	
Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	8:05 am
LWML Meeting	6:20-6:40 pm
Advent Worship	7:00 pm
FRI: Dec. 4	
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
Chrismon Tree Decorating	11:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service	
Worship Service	11:15 am

Calendar of Events

Christmas Eve Youth Practice	after service
Men's Group in Gym	3:00 pm
Bell Choir	
Adult Choir	6:00 pm

Youth News: Youth in Grades 4 through 8 are encouraged to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Service. Practices will be on the following Sundays after the second church service (we will start at approximately 12:30 pm) and last approximately an hour: **December 6; December 13; December 20**

We also may hold an additional practice before the Service itself on December 24th. If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer.

Sunday School Offerings for the Fall Quarter December 6- February 21

Pre-K -Grade 2 Nazareth Room This class will be studying the Old Testament lessons. The Class will be taught by Linda Tinkey. Grade 2-3 Classroom Grade 3-5 This class will be studying the Old Testament lessons. Teaching this class will be Joanna Fox. Grades 6-8 6-8 Grades Classroom Our curriculum for this class has been collected by Ken Eichinger and will study the life of Martin Luther High School Principals Office Jim Tinkey will lead High School Sunday School class titled "Anchored" for the Winter Ouarter. Adult Class Bethany Room Jim Russell will lead the adult class through a study of Hebrews. The Board of Christian Education Thanks all of the teachers that have given of themselves to teach this last quarter.

December Mission of the Month: Bethesda Lutheran Communities

During 2020 our Sunday School has continued to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

Bethesda's mission is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ.

For more information, go to <u>http://www.bethesdalc.org</u>.



As Advent begins...we have certain:

God Bless You this Holiday Season

Servants for Today's Worship

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