

First Sunday in Advent..... November 28, 2021

Jesus our King comes among us today in His Word and Sacraments to forgive our sins and to save us. *“Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.”* And Jesus is coming again soon - “in a cloud with power and great glory” – to save us and to manifest among us the fullness of His kingdom. We welcome all to God’s house today!

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.

Prelude

Bell Choir

The Advent of Our King

Hymn 559

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Adult Choir

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!"

Rejoice, rejoice, believers! And let your lights appear,
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, And soon He will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning,
Replenish them with oil;

Look now for Your salvation,
The end of sin and toil.

The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go meet Him and He cometh With alleluias clear.
Our hope and expectation,

O Jesus, now appear; Arise, thou Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption,
And ever be with Thee.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

C **Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

C **steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.**

P Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

C **who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

P who exult in Your name all the day

C **and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

P For our shield belongs to the LORD,

C **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

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;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Advent 1

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸When Jesus had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the

whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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 τ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 335

O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

Sermon Text

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon "Days More Important Than Others"

Jesus' days on earth are "Those Days" that bring meaning and hope to all other days, before and since

I. Most people of Jeremiah's time, like people in every age, rejected _____ caring only about "these days."

II. God would fulfill His promise of "those days" – including _____.

Hymn 332

Savior of the Nations, Come

Prayers

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 625

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Hymn 556

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

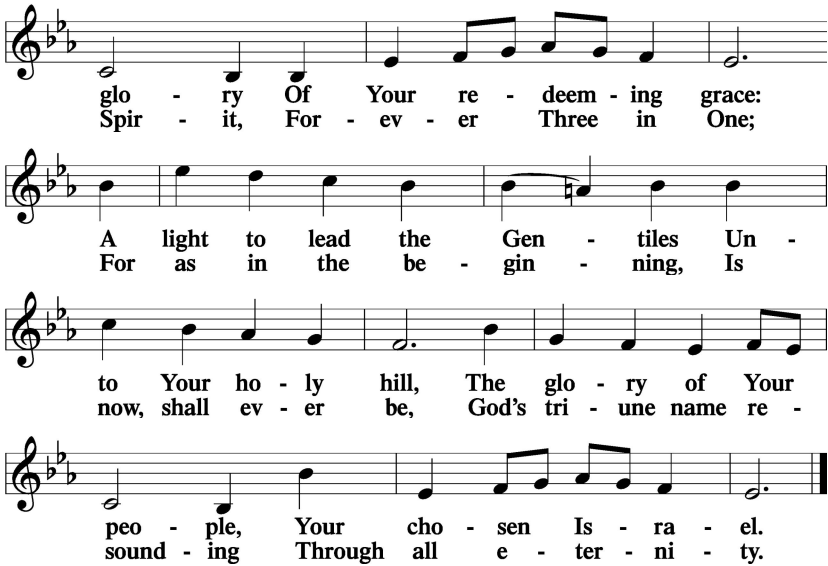
Hymn 634

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Hymn 534

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

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SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MINUTES

(CALL MEETING and BUDGET MEETING) – Copies of the minutes from the November 8 Special Voters' Assembly meeting (Call Meeting) and November 22 Budget meeting are available on the table 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 keneichinger@gmail.com.

VISITORS NEEDED: We are in need of visitors for our shut-ins for the month of January. If you could help with making some of these calls, please notify Ellen Tjernagel at 574-268-2667. We have about 12 folks we try to visit each month.

Children's Bulletins Starting on December 4, Children's Bulletins will be available to youth ages 2-8. These special bulletins will follow the lectionary and keep children engaged during the worship service. Ask the ushers for the children's bulletin.

Search for Teachers

Thank you to those who have helped substitute teach this year! We are certainly blessed! **We are still in need of more substitute teachers.** If you are interested in subbing, please let Mr. Wildauer or Jennifer Harman know. **Also, we still are looking for a part-time 1st Grade teacher.** Potential candidates may email mildauer@stpaulsbremen.org.

SGO

The year is rapidly coming to an end! If you would like to receive a 50% tax credit for 2021, please send in your SGO donations by the end of December. Information is in the tract rack or available from the school office. Thank you for donating and assisting our school families with their tuition!

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of November 11, 2021 -
\$99,400

This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

HOLIDAY DECORATING: Anyone wishing to help “decorate” the Chrismon Tree and the church is welcome to do so Saturday, December 4th, at 10:00 am or when you can.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 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 church service (we will start at 10:45 or 11:15 depending on the Sunday) and last approximately an hour:

- December 5
- December 12
- December 19

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

Calendar of Events

TODAY : 1st Sunday of Advent..... November 28, 2021

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm

WEDS:

Men's Bible Study.....	6:30 am
Day School Chapel.....	11:00 am
Advent Meal.....	6:00 pm
Advent Service.....	7:00 pm

THURS:

1 st Thursday Bible Study.....	6:00 pm
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FRI:

Preschool Chapel..... 9:30 am

SAT:

7th & 8th Grade Invitational Basketball Tournament..... TBD

Church & Crismon Tree Decorating.....10:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY:..... December 5, 2021

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service.....9:30 am

Men’s Group in the Gym.....3:00 pm

Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

December 1st at 6pm

Midweek Advent Dinner 1

We will be having a chili supper provided by the board of Public Relations and we ask that you bring a dessert to share. The free will offering is for our Youth to go to the National Youth Gathering next year.

December 1st at 7pm

Midweek Service Advent 1

The burning bush foretells the time when the Son of God would descend to this world and take on our human nature in order to deliver us from our enemies.

Sermon: “Old Testament Christmas” Exodus 3:1-14

LWML will be filling “Cheer Tins” for 18 of our home-bound members on Sunday, December 12. If you wish to contribute any items, they should be individually wrapped, and placed in the kitchen Sunday. Thank you!

ALTAR GUILD is accepting donations for **poinsettias** to adorn the chancel during the Christmas season. Place in offering plate, marked “Flowers” or give to any altar attendant. Thank you.

**Sunday School Classes for the Winter Quarter
December 4- February 20, 2022**

Pre-K -Grade 1 Nazareth Room

This class will be using material from the Faith Weavers Curriculum. Wendy Coxey will be teaching

Grade 2-5 Grade 2-3 Classroom

This class will be using material from Christ Light Curriculum.

Jeannette Rettinger will be teaching

Grades 6-8 6-8 Grades Classroom

Our curriculum for this class will be the Study of 1st and 2nd Peter and taught by Barb Middaugh

High School Principals Office

Topic to be determined.

Adult Class I Bethany Room

“What Does God Expect of His People” will be a Bible study led by Pastor Rohde. It is a most treasured gift that we are forgiven of all our sins and given the gift of eternal life in heaven through the death and resurrection of Christ. But now what? As we are saved through faith in Christ, what is it that God expects of us? Through this Bible study we will search out God’s will for our lives.

Adult Class II Jerusalem Room

Dave Burcham will continue with the Study of Hebrews.

The Board of Christian Education Thanks all of the teachers that have given of themselves to teach this last quarter.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

One of the changes brought about due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak was using an “offering box” in the narthex of the church in front of the water fountains instead of passing an offering plate during the worship service. Please remember to give back to the Lord from the many blessings He gives us by placing your offering in the offering box or “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.



Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Bruce Schmidt & Larry Winterboer

Acolyte: Molly Trigg

Greeter: Sandie Schooler

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger