

The Advent season builds anticipation. Here the promises to Adam and Eve (Ge 3:15), to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3), to Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David are all fulfilled. In these few verses, the pregnant Elizabeth and Mary, virginally pregnant by the Holy Spirit, bring all these promises to pass in their flesh and blood. Elizabeth's inspired response prepares us for the coming of God into the flesh and His coming at the end of the age (Lk 1:42-45). We praise God that we are together 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**

"Carol of the Bells"

**Hymn 331**

The Advent of Our King

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Adult Choir**

Arise, Sons of the Kingdom

1. Arise, sons of the Kingdom! The King is drawing nigh;  
Arise, and hail with gladness The Ruler from on high.  
Ye Christians, hasten forth! Your praise and homage bring Him,  
And glad hosannas sing Him. Naught else your love is worth.

2. Arise, ye poor and needy! The King provides for you;  
He comes with succor speedy, With mercy ever new.  
Receive your gracious King, The Giver of all blessing,

Hail Him, His name confessing, And glad hosannas sing.

3. Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest, Thyself made poor and weak!  
O Love beyond expression, That thus can sinners seek!  
For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute bring Thee  
And glad hosannas sing Thee and ever grateful be.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*P* My soul magnifies the Lord,

*C* **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

*P* My mouth derides my enemies,

*C* **because I rejoice in Your salvation.**

*P* There is none holy like the LORD;

*C* **there is none besides You; there is no Rock like our God.**

*P* The barren has borne seven,

*C* **but she who has many children is forlorn.**

*P* The LORD kills and brings to life;

*C* **He brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

*P* The LORD makes poor and makes rich;

*C* **He brings low and He exalts.**

**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* My soul magnifies the Lord,

*C* **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

### Kyrie

LSB 186



**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.



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

*P* Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for Me One who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore He shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the  
LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup> And He shall be their peace.

*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**

Hebrews 10:5–10

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, He said, "Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have you prepared for Me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.'" <sup>8</sup>When He said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then He added, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

LSB 190




A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia." are written below the staff, with hyphens under the notes.

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

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 1:39–45

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



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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord

should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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 everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn 349**

Hark the Glad Sound

**Sermon Text**

Micah 5:2-5a

**Sermon**

“He Shall Be Their Peace”

1. From where can we hope to find peace- from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?
2. From where can we hope to find peace – from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?
3. We won't find peace coming from \_\_\_\_\_.

4. We won't find peace coming from \_\_\_\_\_.  
From nowhere could come peace...except from Bethlehem.

## Hymn 348

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

## Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

*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.**

*P* The Lord be with you.



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

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

*P* Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

*P* The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



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

# Hymn 347

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

## Acknowledgments

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ALTAR FLOWERS – The white poinsettias and the trees on the altar are given in loving memory of Desi Jones by her family.

## BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of December 12, 2021 - \$109,100

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

## YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: We will practice today following the church service for approximately an hour. We will also have a final practice before the Service itself on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer.



**TODAY:** ..... **December 19, 2021**

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

Worship Service.....9:30 am

Men’s Group.....3:00 pm

**NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL UNTIL January 3, 2022**

**MON:**

Christmas Lunch with Police.....12:00 pm

Board Meetings..... 7:00 pm

**TUES:**

Cardinal House Christmas..... 12:00 pm



Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 pm
<b>WEDS:</b>	
Advent Worship.....	7:00 pm
<b>FRI:</b>	
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.....	7:00 pm
<b>SAT:</b>	
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.....	9:30 am
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:..... December 26, 2021</b>	
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY DATES FOR DECEMBER December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign up for Email!**

Starting in January 2022, the PR Board will begin using email as an additional way to get information out to the congregation. If you are interested in receiving emails from St. Paul's you can sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or you can email church@stpaulsbremen.org. Please note: this will NOT change or replace anything that we are currently doing. Your email address will remain confidential and not given out to any member or be visible to anyone else receiving emails.

**Liturgical Corner**

**Worship Component:** Sermon

**Scriptural Basis:** 1 Cor. 1:23, 2 Tim. 4:1-2

**Meaning:** As the prophets, apostles and even Jesus Himself did, the pastor speaks on behalf of God, bringing His Word to shepherd His people.

**Application for Daily Living:** Further exploration of the sermon text during the week makes a great Bible study.

**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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher.** Potential candidates may email [mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org).

**Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN is hosting its 28th annual Women's Retreat** January 21-23, 2022. All women are invited to this peaceful and inspirational getaway to enjoy spiritual renewal, worship, laughter, and a close, Christian community. For more information or to register, please visit [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org). Come and join the fun! Invite a friend! Enjoy the outdoors!

## THANK YOU

**Thanks** to all who contributed clothing for Hope Ministries and peanut butter for Bremen Bags. We collected four full truckloads of clothing and over three hundred jars of peanut butter. Pastor Wonnacott thanks God for these two opportunities and also thanks the members and friends of St. Paul's to help our neighbors in need and show fruits of repentance! Also, the Board of Public Relations was able to share last Wednesday's Advent meal with the Cardinal House (South) and the Bremen Police Department. Praise the Lord! Parish Fellowship and Pastor Wonnacott would like to **thank** all the Thrivent members who used their action team resources to help with projects this past year. These included dinners for Advent and Lent, dinners at Hope Ministries, Christmas lunch for the Bremen Police, Christmas parties for the Cardinal Houses, peanut butter for Bremen bags, Thanksgiving dinner for the community, Preschool Advent bags...thank you all!

## **DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm MIDWEEK of ADVENT 3**

For with the Lord, the last shall be first, and the humble shall be exalted. Gideon's small and weak army would defeat Israel's enemies "as one man." This wonderfully prefigures how the one man Jesus would defeat our enemies through weakness. Though the infant Jesus did not appear to be a threat to sin, death, and

the devil, hidden beneath His lowliness and humility was the very presence and power of God to destroy them.

Sermon: "You Shall Defeat Them as One Man" Judges  
6:11-24 (7:2-9)

### **Servants for Today's Worship**

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Britt & Eric Thornton

Acolyte: Heaven Hicks

Greeter: Jim & Linda Tinkey

Elder: Dennis Sienicki