

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD”

Isaiah 2:3a

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Advent prepares the baptized both to celebrate our Lord's having already come and already redeemed His fallen creation and to look forward to His coming again in glory. The *Collect of the Day* is addressed to God the Son. To Christ we pray, "Come!" For what purpose? That "we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance."

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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose "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.

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

God's Word tells us that children are a blessing from the Lord – Psalm 127:3. We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Bell Choir "Be Thou My Vision"

Opening Hymn 332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

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.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b*

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Save us, we pray, O LORD!

C **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
C **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

C **You are my God; I will extol You.**

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 ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so 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 A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that He may teach us His ways
and that we may walk in His paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

- 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** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

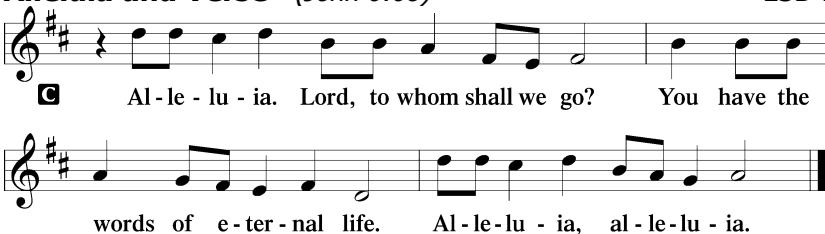
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *(John 6:68)*

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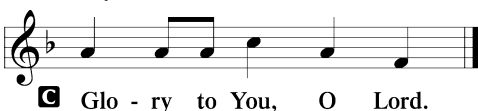


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶Jesus said, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G 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 † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 331 "The Advent of Our King"

Sermon Text

Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon "Mountain View"

Where Is the "Mountain of the House of the Lord"?

1. Jews, Muslims, and even many Christians have mistakenly identified the mountain of the house of the Lord according to their own _____ .

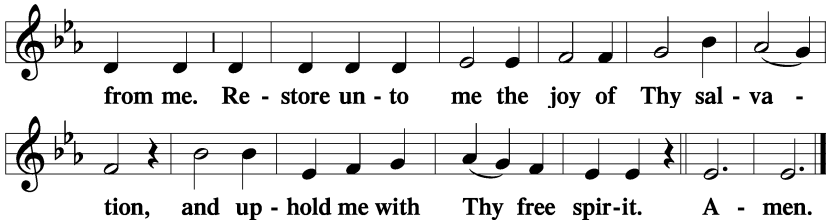
2. Christ, by His Advent, has inaugurated the latter days, in which the peoples of the world are brought _____ .

3. Still waiting for the consummation, we rejoice that even now the peace between God and sinners and among the redeemed _____ .

Offertory (Psalm 51:10-12)

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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.

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



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, 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 161*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Pax Domini ~ *Peace of the Lord* (John 20:19)

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* (John 1:29)

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Hymn 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

Hymn 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

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 A - men.

Installation of Sunday School & Bible Class Teachers

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn 341 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Beth, Evelyn, Joesphine, and Andrew Miller in praise and thanksgiving for Nathan Miller's birthday. All glory be to Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior!

Advent begins Wednesday, November 30th. Please join us at 6:00 for a meal of chili and cornbread and some fellowship followed by worship at 7:00 as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior and King. There will also be a free will offering for the Liberian Children's Ministry.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 A.M.. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2022 are as follows: 11/30, 12/14, 12/28

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

All are invited to the 38th Annual "Weihnachts Vesper" (a Christmas Service in the German Language) which will be held at 4:00 pm this afternoon, November 27th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 51490 Laurel Road, (corner of Auto and Laurel Roads) in South Bend. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Contact the church office at (574)-271-1050 for more information.

We have cleaned quite a few single vases out of the Altar Guild room and set them below the flower chart in the Narthex. Please feel free to give one a new home!

On Sunday, December 11, LWML will fill "Cheer Boxes" for St. Paul's home-bound members. If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring 1 1/2 to 2 dozen individually wrapped items to the Church kitchen on Sunday, Dec. 11. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

TODAY.....November 27, 2022

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

MON:

Voters' Meetings	7:00 pm
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TUES:

WED:

Men's Breakfast Bible Study.....	6:30 am
Day School & Preschool Chapel	11:00 am
Advent Dinner-chili and cornbread	6:00 pm
Advent Worship Service.....	7:00 pm

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am
1 st Thursday Bible Study in Bethany Room	6:00 pm

FRI:

NEXT SUNDAY December 4, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
Scrip Day	
7 th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation	After Church
Adult Basketball in the Gym	2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church an LCMS sister congregation in

Jackson, MS was completely destroyed by an arsonist on November 8th. They lost the building and everything in it. If you would like to make a donation, there will be a box in the narthex next to the offering box for the next few weeks or you can send a check to Southern District LCMS, 100 Mission Drive, Slidell, LA 70460. 100% of the donations will go to help Epiphany rebuild. In all things, God WILL BE glorified!

Annual clothing drive for Hope Ministries – November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men's, and women's). We will have a table in the Narthex with Hope Ministry

Clothing Drive signs. Please place your items on the table and on November 29th we will deliver them to Hope! May we as God's people share with those in need. This event is sponsored by the Board Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

St. Paul's will be collecting peanut butter (16 oz jars or larger) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) throughout November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering box in an envelope marked "Peanut Butter". This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott. Thanks for your help!

Proposed 2023 Church and School Budget for Review

In advance of the Monday, Nov. 28th voters meeting, copies of the proposed 2023 Church and School budget can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy to review at home.

A Lending Closet has been started to provide free, durable medical equipment for Marshall County residents. The "Closet" was formed to loan out medical equipment such as: walkers, rollators, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, bath/shower seats, bedside commodes, etc. If you or a loved one has need of such equipment, please contact the Council on Aging at (574) 936-9904 or if you'd like to donate please contact Susie Cook at Faith Community Nursing of Crossroads Church (574) 935-3833. There is a flyer in the tract rack with more information.

YOUTH NEWS

Practices for the Christmas Eve service will be on Sundays in December following the church service, beginning on December 4th, with additional practices on the 11th, 18th, and most likely before the service on the 24th. Practices will last approximately an hour and we request regular attendance so we can properly prepare for this opportunity to share the Christmas Gospel message, especially as we will be utilizing a new format this year. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer.

SCHOOL CORNER

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff and students of the school!

We are thankful for YOU! We are blessed with a supportive church, with people ready and happy to serve, with dedicated teachers and staff, with being able to provide a Christian education, and through generous giving in all areas, not just financially. Praise be to God for all He has given us, not just this Thanksgiving, but always!

Mark your calendars! **The first basketball game will be HOME, December 6th, 4:30pm.** We are playing against Resurrection Lutheran Academy, South Bend. We have also started a cheerleading squad! Please come and join them in cheering for the Eagles!

If you are interested in serving the school and interacting with the students as a substitute teacher, please see Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. A substitute teaching license (easily obtained from the state) and a background check are required. We also love to have volunteers who read with and assist the students!

Please don't forget to donate to the SGO!

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. **We have provided scholarships for 26 students!** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

For our musicians : You're invited to LSM!

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a college campus. During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and elective classes (such as musical theatre, composition, church music, jazz band, conducting,

music therapy). In the evenings, students attend recitals, evening prayer services, and social events with their friends. LSM 2023 takes place at Valparaiso University in Indiana from June 25-July 23 (Full Session) or June 25-July 9 (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12. To learn more, check the flyer on the Youth Board.

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Bremen Holy Walk

*Take a journey of love back to
Bethlehem—back to the very first
Christmas...*



Friday, December 9, 6-9PM
Saturday, December 10, 5-9PM

Children's Hour - 5-6PM on Saturday

Bremen High
School
511 West Grant St.
Bremen, IN



**BREMEN
CHILDREN'S
CHOIR**

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 16 | 6:30 p.m.
Bremen Community & Performing Arts Center
214 E. South St., Bremen

Enjoy a performance by the Bremen Children's Choir
and other local musical guests.

refreshments & special art exhibit by St. Paul's
students to follow in lower level

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