



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, as we, in this Advent season prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit. As we hear Your Word may the Spirit work true repentance in our hearts that we may come before You confessing our sin, and trusting in Jesus for full and free forgiveness. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, ready our hearts for His return that we may live before you for all eternity. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 55: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2. Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Tho' I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my Guest Divine!

3. My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit thro' Thy grace.

4. Hail, hosanna, David's Son! Help, Lord, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail, hosanna! to our King.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday in Advent

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-8

Oh, that You would rend the heavens!

That You would come down!

That the mountains might shake at Your presence—

²As fire burns brushwood,

As fire causes water to boil—

To make Your name known to Your adversaries,

That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

³When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,

You came down,

The mountains shook at Your presence.

⁴For since the beginning of the world

Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear,

Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,

Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,
Who remembers You in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
In these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.

⁶ But we are all like an unclean *thing*,
And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away.

⁷ And *there is* no one who calls on Your name,
Who stirs himself up to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us,
And have consumed us because of our iniquities.

⁸ But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and You our potter;
And all we *are* the work of Your hand. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:32-37

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. ³⁴ *It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 65: 1-4: When Sinners See Their Lost Condition

1. When sinners see their lost condition
And feel the pressing load of sin,
And Jesus cometh on His mission
To heal the sin-sick heart within
All grief must flee before His grace,
And joy divine will take its place.

2. When Jesus enters meek and lowly
To fill the home with sweetest peace;
When hearts have felt His blessing holy
And found from sin complete release,
Then light and calm within shall reign
And hearts divided love again.

3. When Jesus enters land and nation
And moves the people with His love;
When, yielding to His kind persuasion,
Our hearts His truth and blessing prove
Then shall our life on earth be blest,
The peace of God on us shall rest.

4. When Jesus comes, -- O blessed story! --
He works a change in heart and life;
God's kingdom comes with pow'r and glory
To young and old, to man and wife;
Thro' Sacrament and living Word,
Faith, love and hope are now conferred.

THE SERMON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Theme: True Advent Preparation—It's All Grace!

I. Confidence of Faith

II. Confirmed to the End

SERMON TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, ⁵that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, ⁶even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless 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. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 370: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 399:3 I Thanks Thee, Jesus Sun from Heaven

3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. We will finish a special video mission evangelism series prepared by the CLC's Committee on Domestic Fields following the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall spreading out with families at individual tables to maintain social distancing. The presentation will be about 45 minutes.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30.
Midweek Advent meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Next Sunday's sermon text: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2, 9, 16 Midweek Advent Services at 7:00 p.m. (There will NOT be soup and sandwich suppers before these services this year.)

December 20 Children's Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m.

December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Nov. 22 worship – 13 Bible Class - 10; Sunday school – 0
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving worship - 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$1,110.00	
Needed for Year:	\$57,500.00	
Received for Year:	\$51,424,00	

December Church Cleaning - Ubl

CLCNEWS: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Del Maas, Gift of God, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul, Ponsford, MN has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.