



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, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. We confess our sins, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Empowered by Your Holy Spirit, lead us on the path of repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 356:1,2,5,7: **Jesus, Savior, Come to Me**

1 Jesus, Savior, come to me; Let me ever be with Thee.
Come and nevermore depart, Thou who reignest in my heart.

2 Lord, for Thee I ever sigh, Nothing else can satisfy.
Ever do I cry to Thee: Jesus, Jesus, come to me!

5 Thou alone, my God and Lord, Art my Glory and Reward.
Thou hast bled for me and died; In Thy wounds I safely hide.

7 Patiently I wait Thy Day; For this gift, O Lord, I pray,
That, when death shall come to me, My dear Jesus Thou wilt be.

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light and 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.

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

¹⁵ 'In those days and at that time
I will cause to grow up to David

A Branch of righteousness;

He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved,

And Jerusalem will dwell safely.

And this *is the name* by which she will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:25-36

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to

happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 64: Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes

1 Jesus, Thy Church with longing eyes
For Thine expected coming waits,
When will the promised Light arise
And glory beam from Zion’s gates?

2 E’en now, when tempests round us fall
And wintry clouds o’ercast the sky,
Thy words with pleasure we recall
And deem that our redemption’s nigh.

3 Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,
Our foes repel, our wrongs redress,
Man's rooted enmity subdue,
And crown Thy Gospel with success.

4 Oh, come and reign o'er every land;
Let Satan from his throne be hurled,
All nations bow to Thy command,
And grace revive a dying world.

5 Teach us in watchfulness and prayer
To wait for the appointed hour
And fit us for Thy grace to share
The triumphs of Thy conquering power.

THE SERMON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Theme: Our Prayer for Advent Preparation

- I. Lord, Deepen Our Faith.
- II. Lord, Increase Our Love.
- III. Lord, Prepare Us for Christ's Return.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

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

PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 56: Jesus came, the Heav'ns Adoring

1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy,
When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heart-felt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riv'n.

4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cheering e'en our failing years.

5 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
Let us, then, our homage pay,
"Alleluia" ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 53:1,2,6: Abide, Oh Dearest Jesus

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Thy grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service. Catechism class from 11:30-12:30.

WEDNESDAY: The first of our midweek Advent meditations on the theme: **Sharing Our Christmas Blessings! The Blessing of Hope. Text 1 Peter 3:15**. Supper will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our Advent meditation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Church decorating are scheduled to follow the service. Potluck meal and carol singing follow the decorating, and Sunday school. Sermon text: Luke 3:1-6. **No Catechism class next Sunday.**

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 8, 15: Midweek Advent Services. The theme of this year meditations is: **Sharing Our Christmas Blessings!** Soup and Sandwich Suppers begin serving at 6:00 p.m. Advent meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5: Church decorating/Christmas Fellowship follows the service. There will be Sunday school on that day but no Bible class. Pot luck meal and carol singing follow the decorating, and Sunday school.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19: Sunday school Christmas program in our morning worship service at 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve service at **6:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: Christmas Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: Attendance: November 21 worship – 14 Sunday school – 0 Bible class - 12 November 25 – 19

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1035.00	Missions \$170.00
Needed for Year:	\$60,395.00	
Received for Year:	\$53,520.00	

CLCNEWS: Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has declined the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.