

# *the* SECOND SUNDAY *in* ADVENT

## December 9, 2018

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*Divine Service*  
*Setting Three*

### **WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS**

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

### **NURSERY**

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

## ORDER of WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *LSB 357, stz. 3, 4*

3 **O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.** *Refrain*

4 **O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.** *Refrain*

*Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**INVOCATION** *(Please stand)*

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

**C Amen.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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.

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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** *(please be seated)*

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 1:2–11*

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

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

9:00am - **ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

Spoken Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;

all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3:4b, 6*

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**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

11:30am - **COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:1-14*

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what

shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED** *found inside the back cover of LSB*

9:00am - **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the SERMON HYMN, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**SERMON HYMN** "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

*LSB 359*

**SERMON**

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

P We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the Biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.

**C We thank you, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talent with needles and thread.**

P To you, Merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.

**C Lord, we ask your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**

P Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters".

**C We thank you for the quilters and ask you to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**

P Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that you shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, for sustaining life.

**C Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to you.**

P For to you, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.

**C Amen**

9:00am - **OFFERING**

*Kay Kaepf*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand)*

*After each petition of the prayer:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P 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.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

**AGNUS DEI**

*John 1:29*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

9:00am - **DISTRIBUTION SONGS** (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)  
 "Sing" Christmas Version Praise Team

- Ev'ry bit of history, and ev'ry single breath we breathe  
 Has led us here and brought us to our knees.  
 From carrying the curse we bear, and praying that He's heard our prayers  
 to set us free, oh, set us free.**

*song continues on next page*

*Pre-Chorus* 'Cause we could never get back home with broken hearts,  
so home has come to meet us where we are.

*Chorus* So, sing that God is with us.  
Sing, He has come to save us.  
Sing, He will never leave us.  
Glory in the highest! Ev'rybody sing To the Child who is our King.  
He has come to bring redemption to us. God is with us.  
Glory in the highest! Ev'rybody sing.

2. For He is born in Bethlehem, the Son of God and Son of man.  
This little Child is changing all we know  
By carrying the curse we bear, for ev'rybody ev'rywhere.  
And He would someday die to bring us life,  
and we will rise to meet Him in the sky.

*Bridge* Jesus, Jesus, in a manger lay with the world to save.  
Jesus, Jesus, in a manger lay with the world to save  
'Cause we could never get back home with broken hearts,  
So, home has come to us.

“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”

1. What hope we hold this starlit night  
A King is born in Bethlehem  
Our journey long we seek the light  
That leads to the hallowed manger ground
2. What fear we felt in the silent age  
Four-hundred years can He be found  
But broken by a baby's cry  
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Chorus* Emmanuel Emmanuel  
God incarnate here to dwell  
Emmanuel Emmanuel  
Praise His name Emmanuel  
(Praise His name Emmanuel)

3. The Son of God here born to bleed  
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow  
And we beheld this offering  
Exalted now the King of kings  
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

“Angels From The Realms Of Glory” *LSB 367*,  Please stand for verse 5 of the hymn, then be seated.

“Angels We Have Heard On High” *LSB 368*

**THANKSGIVING**

*Psalm 107:1*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**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**

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

9:00am - “What Child is This”

*LSB 370*

*Please join the St. Paul Choir for verses 1 and 3. The Choir will sing verse 2 to a new melody.*

11:30am - “What Child is This”

*LSB 370*

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## SERVING *in the* LORD'S HOUSE

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	<b>Secretary</b>	Renee Taden
<b>Administrative Assist.</b>	Laura Oswood	<b>Organist</b>	Kay Kaepf
<b>Preschool Teachers</b>	Lisa Dove	<b>Praise Team</b>	Lisa Dove Karin Kennedy
	Courtney Eaton	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Liz Donbrock
<b>Interpreter for the Deaf</b>	Mary Smith	<b>Banners</b>	Gail Green
<b>Open Building</b>	Daniel & Elizabeth Tucker		

	<u>Today - December 9</u>	<u>Wednesday - December 12</u>	<u>Next Week - December 16</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Maddie Garn	-	Lillian Gimenez
<b>Assistant</b>	Merle Donbrock	-	Ron Patch
<b>Reader</b>	Barb Vainner	Alice Conrad	Toni Dalchow
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Patch	-	Kevin Luckert
	Ruth Patch	-	Paul Meyer
	Loren Green	-	Jason Moore
	Carl Hunker	-	Larry Parks & Barb Vainner
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob Malcolm & Patty Pipe	-	
<b>Cookies</b>	Scherer/Mobley	Soup Supper	Powell Kids
<b>Counters</b>	Mobley & Donbrock	Osborn & Watz	Osborn & Watz
<b>Sound</b>	Chris Donbrock	Pastor Aaron	Chris Donbrock

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am** *Grab a beverage and a cookie, and join us.*

**Kids:** meet in the first pew, Pastor will be getting them ready for the Christmas Play on December 16; parents can pick up kids downstairs in the blue room

**Youth:** downstairs to the left: 6-8 grade in classroom #2; 9-12 grade in Youth Room

**Adults:** "Kindness" in Movement Room; "What Child is This?" in Fellowship Hall

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God in loving remembrance of Clarence Walters' birthday, from all the family.

## ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*Offerings*—Sunday 12/2-\$4,850.01 (Includes Direct Payment); Roof-\$10; Total-\$4,860.01.

*Worshippers*—Sunday 12/2: 9am-98; 11:30am-13. Sunday School: Kids-15; Adults-27.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Rob Eickmann; Melvin Gallatin; Jackie Harris; Tim Herman; Jake; Ed James; Grace Lindemann; Marialyce; MaryJane; Insa Raymond; Reese; Carol Unroe; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Anne; Lisa Heffelfinger; Mark James; Debbie Jenner; Al Kossow; Doreen Robinson; Vienna.

*Shut-ins:* Carol Heffelfinger; Ed James; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling; Evelyn Yearling.

*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepp; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Nickole DeNio; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please have all announcements to the office by 12pm, Wednesdays.*

**Wednesdays in Advent** Join us on December 5, 23, and 19 for a Soup Supper @ 5:30pm and Advent Worship @ 6:15pm. Wednesdays are informal and take place entirely in the Fellowship Hall. So come as you are, and worship with us as we learn “What Child Is This?”. You get to pick the songs we sing each week. A free will donation will be accepted to cover the costs of the food and whatever is leftover goes to the Youth Group.

**Food for Soup Suppers** Can you help with our Soup Suppers by signing up to bring some food? Check out the bulletin board. If you need some help paying for the food you bring, there is a free will donation basket at the dinner to help you out.

**Angel Tree** Thank you everyone who has taken an ANGEL tag or two. Please have the wrapped presents under the tree by Tuesday, December 11 with the tag attached. If for some reason you are unable to buy a gift or get it to the church by December 11th please let Laura, Renee, or Cheryl know. If there is a missing gift, the gifts for that family cannot be delivered because it would not be fair for one person in the family not to receive a gift when others do. Our St Paul family is so generous in your compassion with this project. THANK YOU again !!!

**LWML Christmas Potluck & Party** All women are invited to join us on December 11 @ noon for a party. Meat, dessert, and coffee will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. We will share a short devotion and then enjoy a gift exchange game. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift.

**2018 Member Giving Statements** Because of the 2018 change to the standard income tax deductions, the Treasurer is wondering how many of you will need your statements this year. To save on copy costs, IF you would like your statement printed contact:

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**NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP** The Children’s Christmas Play will be during the 9:00am worship service Sunday, December 16. Immediately following there will be a Birthday Party for Jesus and Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall. There will not be Sunday School or an 11:30 service.

## THIS WEEK *at* ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 12/9	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Choir Practice
	10:30am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship
Tuesday 12/11	12:00pm	LWML Christmas Potluck
Wednesday 12/12	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	4:45pm	Family Promise
	5:30pm	Soup Supper
	6:15pm	Advent Worship
Thursday 12/13	12:00pm	Beautification Team Meeting
	4:45pm	Family Promise
Friday 12/14	4:45pm	Family Promise
Saturday 12/15	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
	10:00am	Book Club
Sunday 12/16	9:00am	Worship - Christmas Play
	10:00am	Birthday Party for Jesus

