

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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9:00 AM

Third Sunday in Advent

St. Paul's Annual Sunday School Program

We welcome you to our worship service this morning.

St. Paul's has a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM with Sunday School at 10:15 AM. We request that members and visitors fill out an attendance card.

Please pass the card down to the center aisle after the offering.

You are welcome in this house.

The Mission at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* is:

Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!

ACOLYTE: Paul Dunbar

LIVESTREAM: Paul Fisher

SOUND: Gerald Nolte

SCRIPTURE READER: Jonathan Becker

ELDER OF THE DAY: Gene Breitenkamp

USHERS: Gene Breitenkamp, Gene Hollrah, Ray Mueller

GREETERS: Adola Stocker & Lacie Heitfeld

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Stephen Wiederkehr

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Kathy Wuerflein

ATTENDANCE: 122

OFFERING: \$9,143

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$11,793

AS WE GATHER: It is certainly easy to complain. We all do it. We look around and see all those things that are not what we think they should be. We look in the mirror and we see what we lack. When John sent his disciples to Jesus, Jesus called them to rejoice in what is already present. Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, had come. He brings healing and salvation to all who will receive Him. Quite literally, these miracles are still happening all around us. Those wounded by affliction and despair find healing in Christ. The dead in trespasses

and sins are raised up to life. The weak are made strong, the poor are made rich, and those with only a past are given an eternal future. What do you see and hear? Look at the world, and you will find only complaint and fear; but look to Jesus, and you will find peace that surpasses all understanding and joy without end.

PRELUDE: “In the Black Midwinter” - Flute solo by Elizabeth Hinrichs
accompanied by Donna Doyle

THE RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Pastor: We begin this Christmas celebration in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (LSB #379)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels:

[Refrain] O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Highest, most holy, Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest: [Refrain]

(Stand)

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;
C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: The name of the Lord be praised.
P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C: Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.
P: Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: Make His paths straight.

- P: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C: **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**
- P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- 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.**
- P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The Word is read.

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

THE EPISTLE READING:

James 5:7-11

The Word is read.

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

(Stand)

THE GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 11:2-15

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel is read.

(Be Seated)

HYMN: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (LSB #357)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Children's Program:
THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
ABOUT THE GREATEST LIFE EVER LIVED

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NARRATOR:

HYMN: “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” Handbells

Directed by Martha Gabriel

THE THREE LITTLE SHEEP:

READING: Luke 2:1-5

Reader #1

THE STORY CONTINUES

READING: Luke 2:6-7

Reader #2

HYMN: **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ the newborn King.
2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night;
God with us is now abiding, yonder shines the Infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ the newborn King.

THE STORY CONTINUES

READING: Luke 2:8-14

Reader #2

HYMN: **“Angels We Have Heard On High” (LSB#368)**

1. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

READING: Luke 2:15-17

Reader #1

THE STORY CONTINUES

CONGREGATION: **“Away In A Manger” (LSB #364)**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

THE STORY CONTINUES

READING: Matthew 2:1-12

Reader #2

CONGREGATION: **“We Three Kings”**

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy heavenly light.

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy heavenly light.

THE STORY CONTINUES

HYMN: **“What Child Is This” (LSB #370)**

What Child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

THE STORY CONCLUDES:

Pastor

THE OFFERING

"Mary, Did you Know" - Violin solo by Justin Wiederkehr

PRAYERS:

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For the Holy Christian church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy.

P: Finally, for these and all our needs of body and soul, Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have Mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Lord, Have Mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Go Tell It On The Mountain" (LSB#388)

[Refrain] Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. (Ref)

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. (Ref)

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation That blessed this Christmas morn (Ref)

We wish to thank all the children and adults who helped with retelling the Christmas story this morning. We also thank our Board of Education for their dedication to our Christian education program. Finally, we also thank our musicians, Pam Wiederkehr, Elizabeth Hinrichs and Justin Wiederkehr, for sharing God's gift of music with us.

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We pray your worship with us was a Blessing and God will grant you a rich and Blessed week.

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If you are a first-time visitor, please let one of the ushers in the back know – they have a gift from the LWML waiting for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR CONGREGATION? We currently Live-Stream our services to YouTube. This puts our services out on the World Wide Web so they can be enjoyed by everyone. All files are available on our website at www.stpaulsenid.com and click on the Live Stream menu button. We are taking applications for 9:00AM audio techs and video recorders. Everything is supplied and no experience is necessary. On the job training provided. Nothing difficult and very rewarding!! Contact Gerald Nolte for the audio at 237-7163, or Paul Fisher for the Live Stream at 234-5411, or visit with either one of us after service. Thanks! Steve Fisher and Gerald Nolte

NOISY OFFERING: The Noisy Offering for the month of December will be collected for School Hardship. This fund helps school families who are experiencing hardship with their lunch bill, tuition, or any other school related fees. We have raised \$1,333.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: You may have noticed, offering envelopes for 2026 are ready. Thank you, Ron Krey, for preparing them. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please don't be alarmed! If you want a box and do not see one with your name, please just let me know. You may need to be assigned a new number or you may not have picked one up last year. We are trying to waste less boxes. We have several unclaimed boxes and you are welcome to request one. If you don't want a box, that is fine too! They are optional.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE: Join us Wednesday evening, at 6:30 PM, for the school Christmas program. Students and staff have been working hard to prepare for this special event!

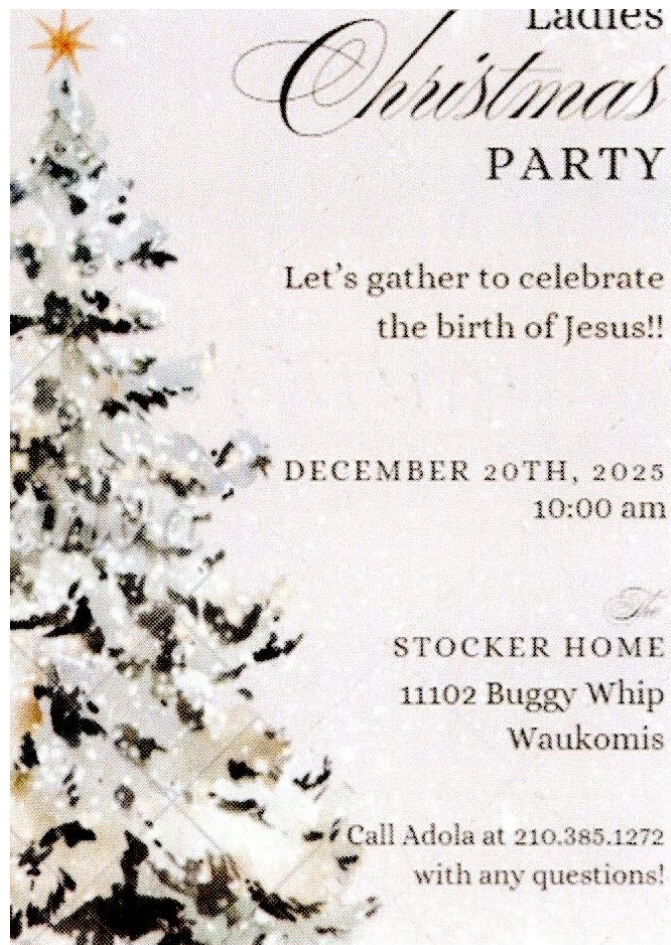
NEW MEMBER/ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: Pastor will have a new member/adult instruction class, January 7 - February 11, on Wednesday evenings, from 7—8:30pm. The objective of the class is to teach the basic teaching of the Lutheran Church, using Luther's Small Catechism, leading to membership at St. Paul's. This class is also open to anyone who would like to refresh what they learned in confirmation class years ago. Please let Pastor know if you are interested in attending the class. Location will either be the basement or the school library.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB RESUMES! If you would like to be part of the next Bible Book Club, we will resume in January with the book BEGINNINGS, covering the first five books of the Old Testament, Genesis - Deuteronomy. There will be two sections: Thursday mornings at 8:30am and Thursday evenings at 7pm. Starting January 8th, we'll meet in the basement. If you are interested, please let Pastor know by December 22 so we can get the books ordered. The cost of each book is approximately \$15, paid after you receive the book. If you prefer electronic format (ie., Kindle,) or a used copy, you can purchase it yourself. We'll meet on Thursday, January 8 thru February 26. **DEADLINE FOR BOOK ORDERS:** Please let Crystal know by December 26th if you want her to order your book.

BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL: Immanuel Lutheran Church in Broken Arrow is hosting its 2nd annual Boar's Head Festival on December 14th at 5 pm. The event is completely free, it will last about an hour, it's family friendly, and there's a cookie and cider reception afterward. The cast is made up of children, teens, young adults, and seniors, and there's lots of music from an orchestra, a choir, and handbells. It will be a lot of fun! This year we have added more carols for the audience to sing along with. More information is available at <https://immanuelba.org/boars-head>.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Please have your January newsletter submissions (Emailed if possible!) to office@stpaulsenid.com by Thursday, December 18th. Thank you!



LWML BAKE SALE: The LWML will have their annual Christmas bake sale on Sunday, December 21st, before and after the service. Funds are raised to support LWML missions throughout the year. Save yourself some baking and support their cause! Thanks for contributing.

THANK YOU: Ralph Kroll's surgery went well. We will know in a few days how successful it was. We want to thank everyone for the prayers and well wishes. Blessings, Ralph and Barbara Kroll



PRAYERS

Hospitalized: Eddie Morris – Mercy in OKC; Marcella Schroeder – St. Mary's Room #310

Recovering: Beverly Allen, Tim Braley, Brent Coffman, Bud Durham, Cindy Fischaber, Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Terry Herth, Milburn Kroll, Fran Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Sherri Lunday, Laura Meyer, Don Nobis, Patsy Nobis, Steve Nobis, Kristy Pendleton, Dian Salisbury, Timi Schoeling, Richard Simpson, Steve Simpson, John Smithson, Loren Wegele (Ruth Lyons' brother)

Cancer Patients: Pat Becker, Tommy Deterding, Bud Durham, Ed Fulk, Rev. Kenneth Haskell, Judy Helberg, Carolyn LaBrue, Ruth Lyons, Peter Markes (Cindy Fischaber's nephew), Eddie Morris, Timi Schoeling, Richard Simpson and Sandy Williams

Medical Problems: Steve Allen, David Braley, Cecil Durham, RoAnn Hejna, Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Darrell Lauppe (Cathy Breitenkamp's brother), Pat Lemke, Jerry Lichtenberg, Sharyn Mueller, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Todd Sanders, Valera Sheets, Steve Simpson, Kathy Snowden & Brenda Woodford

Prayer Request: Shirley Sanders' nephew, Craig McDonald, is dying. Pray for a peaceful end for himself, and peace for his mother, Helen, Shirley, and those who love him.

Prayer Request: Please keep Marcella Schroeder in your prayers. She is in the hospital with Covid. She may have visitors as long as they wear a mask.

Birthdays: December 14th – Carolyn LaBrue; December 15th – Cecil Durham & Betty Herth; December 16th – Owen Fox; December 17th – Trudy Clark; December 19th – Jared Lamle and James Wuerflein

Anniversaries:

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. 12/14

Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Worship/Sunday School Program

10:15 AM Sunday School

MON. 12/15

9:45 AM Dominoes

12:30 PM Finance Board

TUE. 12/16

11:00 AM Balance & Strength

1:00 PM Pinochle

5:00 PM School Board

7:00 PM Church Council

WED. 12/17

9:00 AM Chapel

6:30 PM School Christmas Program

THU. 12/18

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

11:00 AM Balance & Strength

FRI. 12/19

7:00 AM Men's BF & Bible Study (Boomerang - Oakwood)

SAT. 12/20

10:00 AM Ladies Christmas Party

SUN. 12/21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Communion

LWML Bake Sale

Winter Begins

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

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