

PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD

LUKE 3:4



Second Sunday in Advent December 5, 2021



AS WE GATHER

Preparing for Christmas, we buy presents, attend social gatherings, decorate, make plans to gather with family, and some will brace for the pain of grief that can be so difficult this time of year. In the middle of all our preparing, today the voice of John the Baptist rings out, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” Undergirding all the preparing we are doing is preparing for the Lord. John calls us to “bear fruits in keeping with repentance.” In worship, we do just that. We repent. We turn again to God, seeking His mercy, receiving His forgiveness, partaking of His grace. This leads to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. John highlights the fruit of generosity and contentment. What fruit is God calling you to bear as you prepare for Christmas?

REGARDING COMMUNION

*Advent calls our attention to Jesus—the Word made flesh who came among us, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)—who comes to us still in the bread of His Body and wine of His Blood in Holy Communion and will come again on the last day. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we celebrate and receive Christ’s Holy Supper for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us so that we might show forth his death and resurrection until He comes. **Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.***

Liturgical Color:

Blue is the color of water and sky, thus hope, for the baptized who know Christ came down from heaven to earth and is coming again.

Prelude Jerrode Marsh

Welcome

Singing Saints *“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (Jacques Berthier)*

Stand

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A Time of silence is observed.

P We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Kyrie for the Second Sunday in Advent

2 For-give us, Lord, for times when peace was lost, And

mo - ments when we nev - er thought to love, For
times when we op - press and of - fend And
fight for things that kill us in the end.
For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
sins And help us be in peace with all our kin.

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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.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Divine Service, Setting Four

Service of the Word

Salutation.....page 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

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. Amen.

Sit

Singing Saints Choral Selections

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" (Paul Manz)

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" (Elizabeth Poston)

The Jesse Tree Symbol

Old Testament Reading..... **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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual..... *(spoken in unison)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you. *(Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:26)*

Epistle Reading..... **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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Versepage 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel **Luke 3:1-14**

P The Holy Gospel according to 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.

Nicene Creed page 206

**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.

Sit

Sermon “Preparation & Change”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

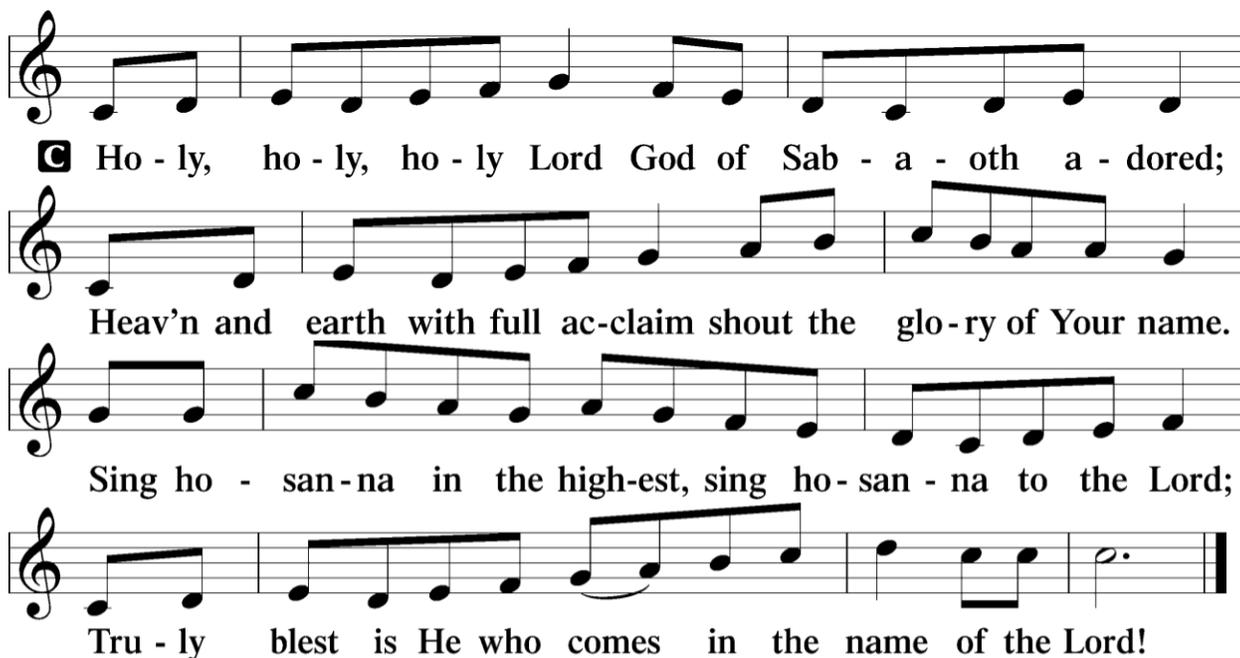
Offering

Two offering plates are in the narthex: The one marked “Congregation” (by the guest book) is for regular congregational offerings. The other marked “Choir” is for donations to help defray the Singing Saints’ expenses—and show gratitude for their presence here today. (You can also write a check to Bethlehem and designate for the Singing Saints in the memo line.)

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 208-209

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life....
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayerpage 209

The Words of Our Lord.....page 209

Pax Domini.....page 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Deipage 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).

Communion Distribution

Distribution of the Lord's gifts in Holy Communion is in standing format with Pastor and the Elder near the chancel steps. You will be released by the usher to head forward. Pastor will drop the wafer into your hands, so please cup them together and hold them chest-level. Common Cup and Individual plastic cups are being used, so if you're not taking the non-alcoholic wine from the center, please make sure to take from the outer circle first until all of those are gone before reaching for the next level in. A basket to the left of the table is available for you to place your used cup inside.

Congregational Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten", #384 (please remain seated during verse 5)

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

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Instrumental Music for Reflection

Stand

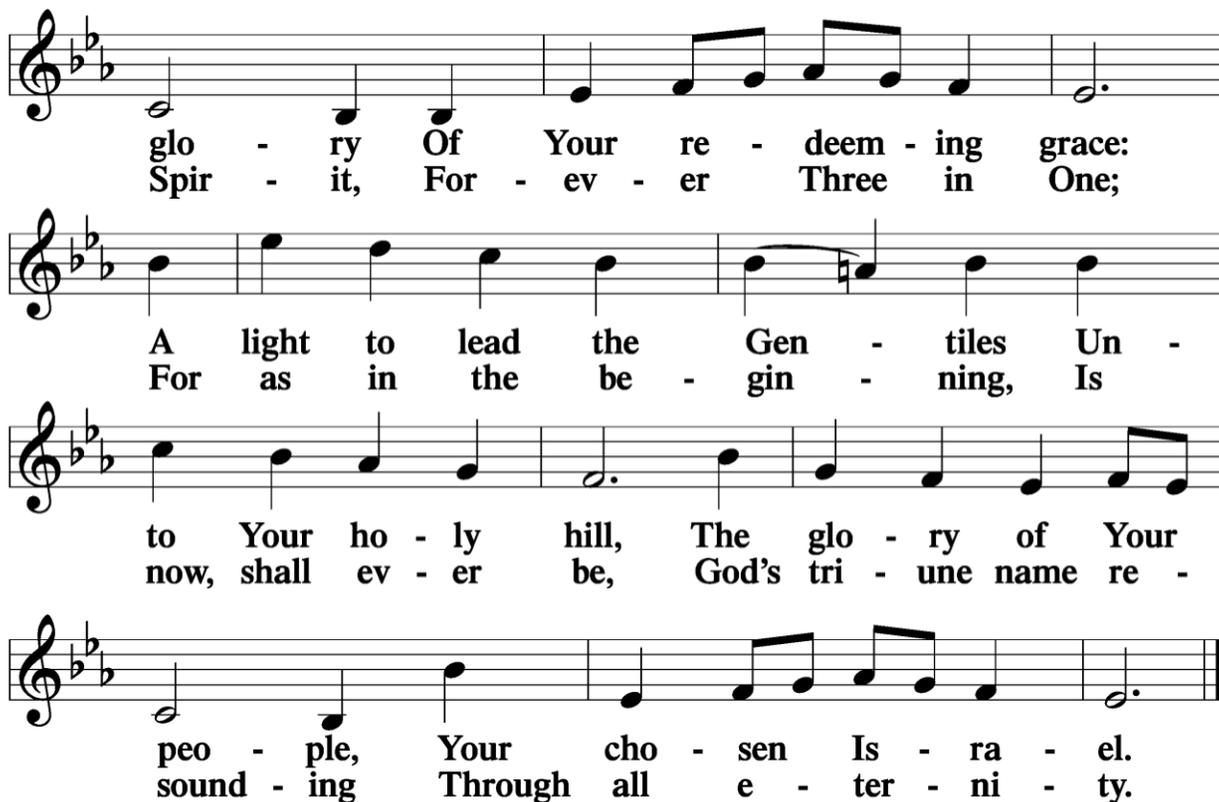
Post Communion Canticle..... "Nunc Dimittis" page 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect..... *page 212*

- P** Let us 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction..... *page 212*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- 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** Amen.

- Sit*
- Singing Saints Choral Selections**
- “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”* (Joseph Herl)
(See back page of bulletin; congregation joins in on the 4th verse)
- “Arise, Arise & Shine*” (Mary McDonald)
(Emme Rankin, pianist)

DismissalParting Words

(Bethlehem’s Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

PostludeJerrode Marsh

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Attendance Last Saturday: 34	Attendance Last Sunday: 55
	Attendance Advent: 31
Total Offering: \$2,845.00	Missions: \$110.00
Home Use: \$1,915.00	Benevolences: \$820.00

Serving us today:

Elders/Ushers.....Willie Crespo, Jeremy VanWey

MusiciansJerrode Marsh

Altar Committee Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Lisa Gulick,
Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills, Sheree Moody

Flower CommitteeEunice Cobb (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week’s Schedule

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	“Advent of the Savior” Bible Study (Zoom)
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt (see attached schedule)</i>
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	<i>Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt (see attached schedule)</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Worship

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Pr. Ricky Bertels, Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Sue Cottrill, Marion & Leona Droege, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter’s niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Lynn Lowe, Ron McComas, Johnny Nichol, Ron Niemeyer, Pam Petersen (Peggy Hoyer’s sister), Jim Rudy, and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown’s daughter & son-in-law). May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For The Newly Baptized—Especially Riley Rae Kelley (daughter of Rebekah and Chris Kelley, granddaughter of Luke and Debbie Hagle) who was baptized last night, and Lillian Isela Lute (daughter of Matthew and Catherine Lute, former members) who will be baptized here on **December 11th**.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Gabe Crespo, Chance Hillsman.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you’re feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don’t hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Ways to Serve

Winter Kindness Closet Action Team Event—Ever wonder what’s in that nice-looking wooden cabinets just inside the north entryway? Well, the doors will be open on **Sunday morning the 12th** so that you can not only see but also help restock the food supplies (and maybe some winter clothing gear yet) as part of Pr. Joel’s last Thrivent Action Team for the year (so shirts will be available too). The food, clothing, shoes, hygiene items, and basic necessities are there for those who come to our door in need—so that we can do the positive that James was getting at: *If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? (2:15-16).*

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Midweek Advent Services are being held on the Wednesdays leading up to Christmas Eve— **the 8th, 15th and 22nd yet—at 7:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary. As in past years, we're using the beautiful and renewing Holden Evening Prayer. Our theme this year—***When Heaven Meets Earth, with Questions and Answers***. Each week has a different theme, and we have yet to cover "*The Obedient Child: Did He Know?*"; "*The Man's Man: Why Would Jesus Even Cry?*"; and "*The Hidden King: Why Would He Go Unrecognized?*" Plan on setting aside this time for a quiet and contemplative keeping of the short and often crowded-out season of Advent!

Advent Offerings, using the seasonal envelopes and not designated elsewhere, will go to the Food Banks at our two denominational seminaries: Concordia—St. Louis and Concordia, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Children's Christmas Presentation—Practice for the children's Christmas presentation is happening during the Sunday School opening and closing times in preparation for **Sunday, December 19th** during the morning worship service. Contact Ellen Pederson or Penny Humphrey if you have questions.

Sunday School for PreK-12th grade begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in love toward the Lord and our neighbors, as Jesus said matters most!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew follows the evening service (from **6:45 to 7:30 p.m.** in the conference room) if enough people are present to have a class. Consider joining us as we explore the life and ministry of Jesus.

Sunday Bible Study is working through the recent book *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation*, as well as through companion passages in Scripture, so that we can all more firmly believe and live through Christ's own life, death, and resurrection. Plan on joining us **in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.**

Thursday Advent Zoom Bible Study. We will be discussing God's forgiving love for us in Christ Jesus. This class will be held on **Thursday, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 pm.** If you would like to join, please contact Cindy or Rebecca and we will provide you the materials for the zoom class. See you in December.

Fellowship

Thrivent will be putting together bags for the Children's Program after church next **Sunday, December 12.**

Exercise Class is held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come and play board games or cards. Bring a game and a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

Special Events & Opportunities

The New Century Dulcimer Ensemble will be presenting a Mini-Concert of Advent and Christmas music before the **Advent Service on Wednesday, December 8.** Becky Limback and Holli Burge are both members of this group. **Show up around 6:30 to hear what they play!**

2021 Christmas Store. This will be the 48th year we have worked to give those who struggle with food insecurity a meal for the Christmas season. This year we anticipate feeding over 300 families. To meet this need, we expect to spend approximately \$20,000. **Donations can be made by three ways:** (1) Make a check out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and in the memo section write "Christmas Store". (2) Mail your donation to Christmas Store, 212 N. Main Street, Warrensburg or (3) Donate online at: www.mannaharvestinc.org.

The Warrensburg Salvation Army is in need of men's coats (which will be given for free to those who need them). If you are able to donate some, please bring them to Pr. Joel, or take them directly to the Salvation Army Family Services office.

Sedalia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh, will present their Christmas Pops Concert on **Monday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Heckart Performing Arts Center in Sedalia. Our own Gary Moege will be part of the Orchestra as well as the Singing Saints. Tickets are \$10 at the door or you can purchase them online at Sedalia.Symphony.Orchestra.com.

Christkindlesmarkt—You are invited to Concordia's second annual German Christmas market—the *Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt*, held on the 40-acre campus

of Saint Paul Lutheran High School. **The market will be outdoors, and open from 4pm to 9pm on Friday, December 10th and on Saturday, December 11th from 11am to 9pm.** The market will include vendors, traditional German Christmas food, crafts for children, live stage entertainment and more. Please see our Facebook page “Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt” for more details or visit the website at www.splhs.org/events.

St. Paul Lutheran High School’s 2021 Christmas Concert—The Singing Saints Choir and Saint Paul Orchestra will be holding their December concert on **December 12 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Concordia.** There will be a free-will offering to support the SPLHS Music Department. Can’t attend? Watch via live-stream at stpaulsconcordia.org.

Country Kitchen Cards are available! You can get 10 buy-one, get-one meal **FREE** coupons for just **\$10.00**. All proceeds go towards helping the youth group. See a youth member, or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate with a prayer of trust for you, or you may also place your offering in the plate in the Narthex.

Simply Giving is the online program for donations and offerings. The website has changed a bit recently. If you need assistance, please let the office know and we will provide you with the steps to start it or help you change where you place your funds.

Elders

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2021 Market Schedule of Events and Entertainment

<u>Fri, 10 Dec</u>	<u>Event</u>
4:00	Market opens (Campus)
6:00	Opening Processional and Ceremony (Krueger Hall entrance and market stage) <i>*Concordia Christkind Welcome and Prologue</i> <i>*Welcome by City mayor and Saint Paul Headmaster</i> <i>*SPLHS Chamber Choir</i>
6:30	Concordia High School Jazz ensemble (Stage)
9:00	Market closes
<u>Sat, 11 Dec</u>	<u>Event</u>
11:00	Market opens (Campus) Concordia Christkind at market Scavenger Hunt passport books available (INFO booth) Coloring Contest drop-off (INFO booth)
11:30	Gibbs Family Brass (Stage)
12:00	Storytime with Concordia Christkind (Story center)
12:30	Saint Paul Lutheran School Band (Stage)
1:30	The Four Winds Brass Quartet (Stage)
2:00	Deutsche Weihnachtslieder/German Christmas Carols (Stage) Storytime with Concordia Christkind (Story center)
3:00	Coloring Contest entrance deadline
4:00	Shapes, Dance and Acro Studio (Stage)
4:30	Christmas Carols (Stage) Storytime with Concordia Christkind (Story center)
5:30	Singing Saints Concert Choir (Stage) St. Nikolaus arrives (Children's Center)
6:00	Announcement of the Coloring Contest winners/Chamber of Commerce Drawing (Stage)
7:00	Community Brass Choir (Stage)
7:30	St. Nikolaus leaves market Scavenger Hunt Passport books due (INFO booth)
9:00	Market closes/Vendor Breakdown
<u>Sun, 12 Dec</u>	<u>Event</u>
9:00	Vendor breakdown
3:00	Closing Concert and Ceremony at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (401 S. Main St.) Scavenger Hunt Drawing at concert

Contact Information

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



Rev. Joel R. Kurz

Tuesday & Thursday: 8am–5pm, Wednesday & Friday: 10am–5pm

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Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

SATB, Keyboard, Optional Congregation, Organ

Jaroslav J. Vajda

Joseph Herl

Choir

- 1 Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
but there is room and welcome there for me,
and welcome there for me.
- 2 In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:
sweet newborn babe, how frail! and in a manger bed:
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,
to cry one day for me.
- 3 How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
the Prince of Peace for me.



Congregation: 4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was



born, and burned its way in - to my heart— un-



asked, un - forced, un - earned, to die, to live, and



not a - lone for me, and not a - lone for me?

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