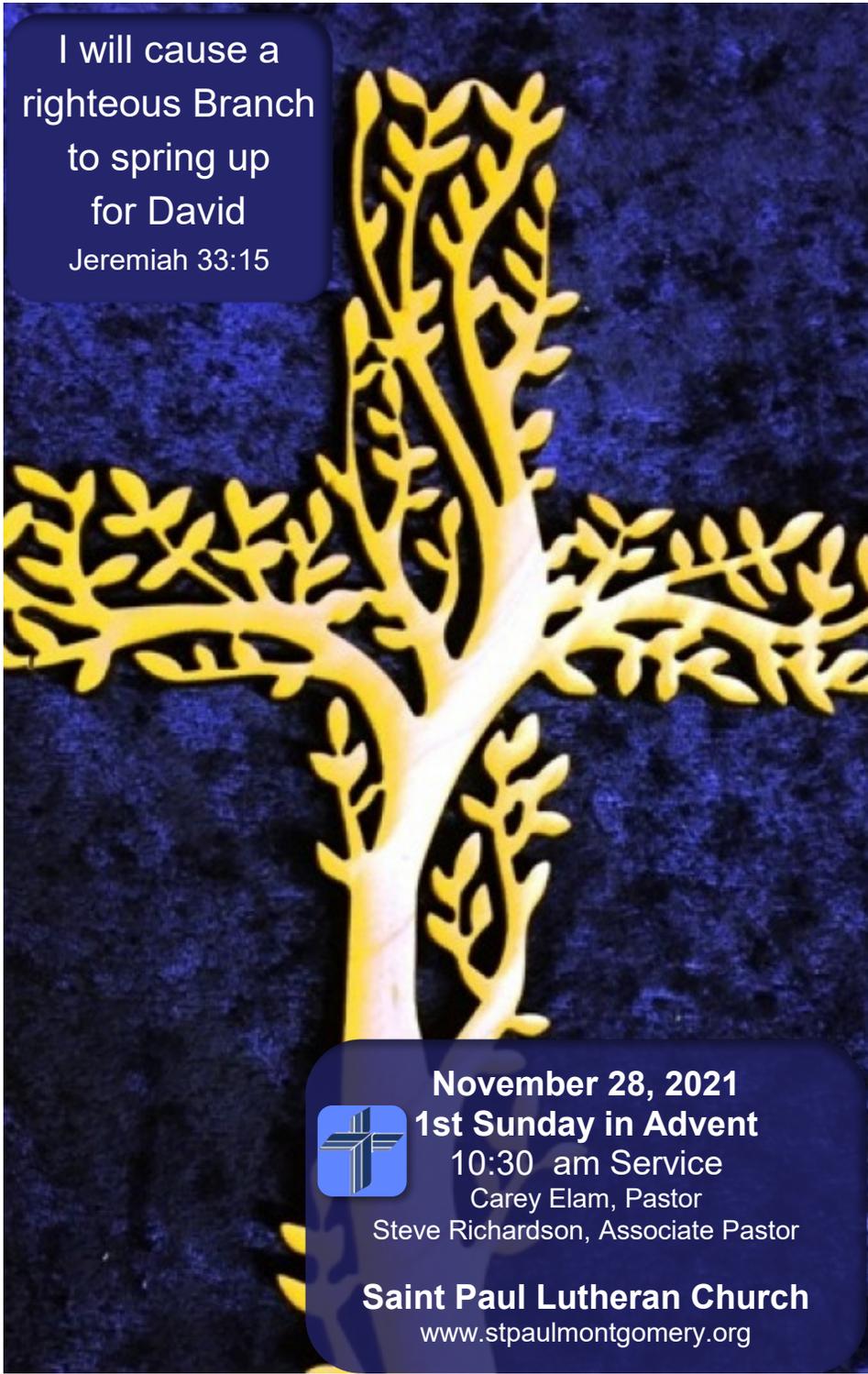


I will cause a  
righteous Branch  
to spring up  
for David  
Jeremiah 33:15



**November 28, 2021**  
**1st Sunday in Advent**  
 10:30 am Service  
 Carey Elam, Pastor  
 Steve Richardson, Associate Pastor

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**Meditation Psalm 25**

**Welcome**

**332 Savior of the Nations, Come stanzas 1–4, 7–8**



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

D 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

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## Invocation

- P: In the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**  
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.**

## Confession

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are  
by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors  
as ourselves.  
We justly deserve  
Your present and eternal punishment.  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways  
to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

- 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.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** - Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; Zechariah 9:9b

- P: Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C: righteous and having salvation.**  
P: Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?  
**C: Who among the heavenly beings is like  
the Lord?**  
P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation  
of your throne;  
**C: steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**  
P: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
**C: who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,**  
P: who exult in your name all the day  
**C: and in your righteousness are exalted.**  
P: For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
**C: our king to the Holy One of Israel.**  
**All: 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: Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C: righteous and having salvation.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being  
of the Church of God, and for the unity of all  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual****Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26**

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.

**Epistle Reading****1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia & Verse**

**C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to  
St. Luke , the 21st chapter.

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

## Holy Gospel

## Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles Creed

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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried  
He descended into hell.  
The third day, he rose again from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven and  
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen

*You may be seated*

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5

Christ, the way that leads unailing  
 To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father,  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
 There to share Your wedding feast.

6

Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

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Sermon

“Some Days Are  
 More Important Than Others”  
 Jeremiah 33:14-16

Notes

## Prayer of the Church

Offering

**Preface**

Pg. 160

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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples.

For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

Pg. 161

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pg. 161

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

Pg. 162

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

*“Take, eat; this is My body,  
which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

*“Drink of it, all of you;  
this cup is the new testament in My blood,  
which is shed for you f  
or the forgiveness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of Me.”*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

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.

## Pax Domini

Pg. 163

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

## Agnus Dei

Pg. 163

**C: Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Thank the Lord

Pg. 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord  
rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises  
and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Post-Communion Collect

Pg. 166

- A** 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 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.**

### Benediction

Pg. 166

- 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.**

## 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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May the Lord be with you  
on your homeward way

Announcements on back page

Check out the Calendar:  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LWML Sock Drive**

Until December 19th, LWML will be collecting socks and underwear for the homeless vets. Drop off box in the welcome center. "They gave so much for us, let's give back a small thank you!"

### **Advent Schedule**

#### Midweek (Wed) Advent Meal/Worship

Light meal - 6:00 pm / Worship - 7:00 pm

Dec 1

Dec 8

Dec 15 - Children's Worship Service

Dec 19 (Sun) - Happy Birthday Jesus Party  
during Sunday School

Dec 24 (Fri) - 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
w/ communion

### **Adult Sunday School**

We are in need of leaders for a 2nd Adult class. See Pastor Elam.

### **Food Bank Volunteers**

Interested in being part of helping feed 1/3 of Alabama's feed insecure? Come be part of our crew helping to organize food at the Montgomery Area Food Bank. Volunteer applications are in the Narthex and Welcome Center. See Mike Nisbet or Pastor Elam.

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