

For the Living of these Days November 25, 2020

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

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ST. PAUL'S Sermon and Lessons for the week 1-740-247-5551

COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th AT 4 P.M.!

WEAR A MASK! BRING HAND SANITIZER! SIT IN MARKED PEWS and

OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN FAMILY GROUPS!

PLEASE, DON'T COME IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL.

CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OUR SERVICE ONLINE ON FACEBOOK OR GO TO STPAULSELCA.ORG,

FOLLOW THE LINK AND OPEN THE VIDEO IN THE BROWSER OF YOUR CHOICE!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Dancing in our hearts. I cannot keep a beat, skip, or dance much to the amusement of my eldest niece who played the drums. Tim Utterback, who was our organist for a good long time used to say, "Well, at least we can dance in our hearts." Here in Advent, we sort of continue the theme of being prepared, not for the end of the world exactly but for the coming of the King; which can generate a good bit of anxiety. Be prepared! Be awake! Yikes! But here's a cool thing – a lot of Advent hymns are written in three/four time or six/eight time; that's dancing music! So, while we are preparing the way for the King, the preparations are joyous! He is coming! Be glad! Dance along with me in your heart! *Kerrill*

The Christ Mass – Thursday December 24th at 11 p.m. with special music starting at 10:30.

THE TIME HAS CHANGED Reservations must be made to attend the service by calling the church office as seating will be limited. We will broadcast this service live on Facebook and in addition place it on our usual web locations. The Christ Mass will be celebrated again **Saturday, December 26th at 4 p.m.** at our usual worship time. In the event we are once again in lockdown, the services will proceed and be filmed just without the presence of a congregation.

Time to Order Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service!

Order Form: On Christmas Eve the altar will be surrounded by a wonderful array of red poinsettia plants. This year the poinsettias cost \$10.00 each. To donate one or more plants, fill in the form below and place in the offering or send it to the church office.

Your name: _____ No. Of Plants _____

In memory of: _____

Or

In honor of: _____

One in the Spirit Food Drive Results As of last week we collected 1,063 items toward our goal of 3000 food items. People have asked about donating money for the food pantry. That's a great idea! For every \$1 donated the food chain tree can provide \$9 worth of food. You can send a check made out to Saint Paul's and designate on your envelope that it is for the Food Pantry, and Kerrill will write one big check. An additional \$200 in donations will allow us to reach our goal!

Salvation Army Mitten and Hat Tree is once again up at the back of the church. Donations will be accepted through December 14th. There will also be a box at the back door for donations brought to the church during the week. If you would like to donate, but don't want to come out, Marti Kolb will pick up items from your porch. Please call her at 740.973.1195.

Please Keep the following people in your prayers:

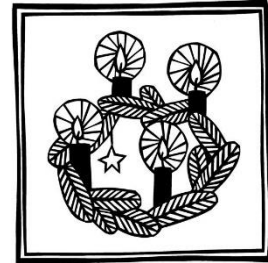
Tambra Simon	Mary Zartman	Logan Johnson	Steve Gall
Carmella Holman	Ruth Swinehart	Ginny Baker	Charles Cooperider
Diane Ganz	Ernie Cooperider	Pastor Betsy	Caroline King

Those with long-term ongoing concerns:

Dawn Campbell	Marshall Rosene	Terry Nelson	Rose Godenschwager
Davey & Mary Saylor	Betty Neighbarger	Margaret Marx	Frances Slebodnik
Mary Beamer	Wilma Keller	Terrie Baker	Alice Smith

1st Weekend of Advent Holy Eucharist
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 28, 2020 4 p.m.

Supply Organist: Andrew Willis
Council President: M. Jean Hovland
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. William J. Rauch
Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. John D. Stroup



PRELUDE: *“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming” - Diane Bish*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Dear Friends, please remember that there will be no singing or speaking in unison during the service to reduce the possible spread of disease. All text will be read by the supply pastor and singing by the cantor. The offering plates will be by the exit doors as you leave today. Standing at this service is optional.*

GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(You may kneel or remain seated.)* Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH HYMN ELW #240 *“Light One Candle To Watch For Messiah” (first verse only) Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring Salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

ADVENT PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

KYRIE - In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. 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. Lord, have mercy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen, amen.

GLORIA Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 80:17-7,17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore | us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD| God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears; you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand, the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you; give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

THE LESSON: *is written in the book of 1st Corinthians Chapter 1 beginning with the 3rd verse:*

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand as you are able. Standing is optional.)*

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: You say: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th chapter. (24-37)

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.” *The gospel of the Lord.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 257 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” verses 1-4

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom, from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Refrain

O Come, O Come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain

O come, O branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them victory o’er the grave. Refrain

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *please remember there are no responses said in unison.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Cantor will provide the responses

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; (*Please open your wafer and hold it up.*) broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying (*Please raise your cup but **do not open it yet***) This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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

Pastor says: Now my brothers and sisters in Christ, please join me in sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The body of Christ given for you (*Please consume the wafer.*)

The Blood of Christ shed for you (*Please open your cup and drink the juice.*)

THE BLESSING

And now may the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

DISMISSAL Go in peace, serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE: "People Look East" - Lloyd Larson