

# *Populus Zion*



*Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes."  
The LORD will cause His majestic voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.*

## **The Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 4, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

# ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**P** 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.

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O Most Merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and as promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## Introit

*Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29*



Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause His majestic voice | to be heard,\*

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph | like a flock!\***

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.**

Restore us, | O God;\*

let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**Turn again, O | God of hosts!\***

**Look down from Heav- | en, and see.**

But let Your hand be on the man of Your | right hand,\*

the Son of Man whom You have made strong | for Yourself!

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

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and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Song of Solomon 2:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my Beloved! Behold, He comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My Beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, there He stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My Beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, <sup>11</sup>for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. <sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. <sup>14</sup>O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely."

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



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 50:2–3a, 5*



Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*

Our God comes; He does not keep | silence;

**"Gather to Me My | faithful ones,\***

**who made a covenant with Me by | sacrifice!"**

## Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

*Brethren:* <sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles,  
and sing to Your Name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,  
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,  
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol Him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,  
"The root of Jesse will come,  
even He who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in Him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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



**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia & Verse

Luke 21:26b–27



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The powers of the heavens will be | shaken,\*  
and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great | glory.



## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:



*At that time Jesus said:* <sup>25</sup>“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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

**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 *worshipped 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

Hymn of the Day

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



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

### Proper Preface

It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## The Words of Our Lord

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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



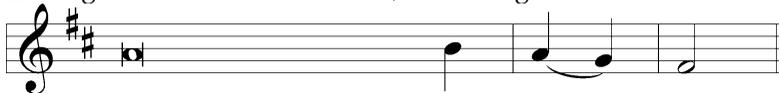
## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

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



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

### Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

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*"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"*

# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, December 4</b>	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>	9:30am	Matins	Sanctuary
	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class	Pastor's Study
	5:00pm	BOD Meeting	Zoom
<b>Thursday, December 8</b>	7:00pm	Advent Evening Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, December 10</b>	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

This year we will be putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations in the sanctuary and narthex on Saturday, December 10, 2022 after Matins around 11am. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, also called *Gaudete* (Rejoice!), is when we light the rose candle. It symbolizes that we are joyful people even in the midst of our penitential Advent preparation for the coming of our Lord. In years past the sanctuary and narthex were decorated prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Waiting a couple of Sundays to decorate for Christmas helps us preserve the solemnity of Advent.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The deadline for poinsettia orders is Sunday, December 18, 2022. The plants will be placed in the chancel and sanctuary area around the altar on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Please place payment in the white pew envelope and indicate if the plants are "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The congregational Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022 following the Divine Service. There will be a gift exchange and Christmas carol sing. No Adult Bible Class or Sunday School that day.

## MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS

This week's topics include: Decision Theology; The Incarnation of God & the Value of Man; 4<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop, Nicholas of Myra; Man & the Metaverse; and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, and your favorite podcast provider.

# MIDWEEK ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

December 1, 8, 15, and 22

# THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Saturday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm



# THE MASS OF JESUS CHRIST THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sunday, December 25 @ 9:30 am

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaulslutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaulslutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

### IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

**Debbie Dyjak** – Seeking employment in UAE and medical insurance to cover eye injections.

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

**Cymantha Makeley** – suffering from spinal injuries

**Christopher Richards** – ongoing health issues

**Vi Redner** – complication resulting from stroke

**Bea Hendricks** – fell and currently in a care center

**Michael Moreno** – recovering from surgery

**Kevin Stamm** – suffering from back pain

**Jon Brant** – health problems

**Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda**

**Dennis Stonecypher** – medical reasons

**Barbara Sand** – diagnosed with MDS

**Suzanne Berna** – on dialysis

**Suzi Riley** – suffering from sleep apnea

**Rose Tressler** – health issues

**Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer

**Doc Dalbey** – dealing with back pain

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Nathanael Dyjak** recovering from knee surgery.

**Travis Loeslie** (classmate of Pastor Proctor) diagnosed with Huntington’s Disease.

**Pam Werdabaugh** (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing chemotherapy.

**Jean Lorenzen** (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

**Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan**, serving in Japan. **Deborah Dyjak** serving in Abu Dhabi.

**Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco**, serving in Guatemala. **PSWD Missions**

**Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children**, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor, his wife, Joan, and children, Christian, Olivia (Joseph), Nigel, Fiona & Siwan  
Sunday School teachers & children

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and their advisors; for all who make and administer the laws in our land; for police officers, firefighters, emergency workers, and all who seek to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Julian Perez, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak**

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith, Arbutus Wood