

# November 27, 2022

## First Sunday in Advent

### Hymn: 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

LSB 335



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice  
2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.  
3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;  
4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;  
5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.  
Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.  
To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.  
Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

Text: Danish, c. 1600; tr. Victor O. Petersen, 1864-1929, alt.  
Tune: Der Bussfertige Sünder, 1679, Nürnberg  
Text and tune: Public domain

### Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- C** Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.
- L** Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C** Make His paths straight.
- L** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C** Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

- L** 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.

## Old Testament Canticle: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 sts. 1, ref, 2, 6-7



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

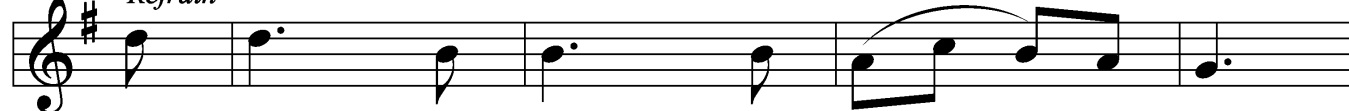


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -

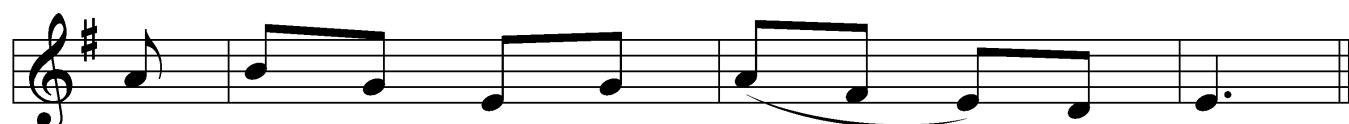


ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

### Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: French, 15th cent.  
Text and tune: Public domain

# Readings From Holy Scripture

## Psalm 122

(antiphon v. 6)

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!*

*“May they be secure who love you!*

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,

**“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

<sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing

**within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city

**that is bound firmly together,**

<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for Israel,

**to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set,

**the thrones of the house of David.**

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

**“May they be secure who love you!**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls

**and security within your towers!”**

<sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions’ sake

**I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

**I will seek your good.**

**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.**

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!*

*“May they be secure who love you!*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

**L** A reading from Isaiah, the second chapter.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,  
<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 13:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*Stand*

## Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## 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.

## 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.

## Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

## Hymn: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516



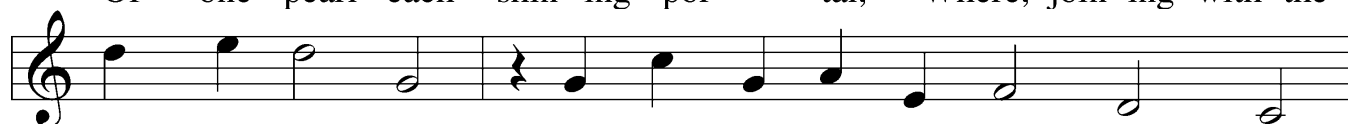
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel-come voic - es And at the thrill-ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join-ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your-selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!



## Offering

*Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.*

*Stand*

## Prayer

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, to rescue us from the dangers of this dark world by the advent of Your Son, that we may ever walk in His light and learn the way of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, though we do not know the day or hour of Your Son's appearing, grant that we would always be prepared by sending us faithful pastors and teachers who will boldly proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel to us, that we may be constantly encouraged and built up in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of Jacob, You have established Your kingdom as a beacon to call all nations unto Yourself. Teach us to walk in the light of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of love, visit our homes and defend us from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, that husbands and wives may love one another and raise their children in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Lord, You are the authority to whom all temporal authorities must bow. Give wisdom and godly insight to our president; our governor; and all who make, administer or judge our laws. Grant peace among the nations, that swords may be beaten to plowshares and spears to pruning hooks. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Compassionate Lord, look with mercy upon the sick. Visit them during these Advent days to comfort them with Your saving Gospel. If it be Your will, grant healing and peace to [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all for whom we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Draw us unto Yourself, O Lord, gathered around the holy body and precious blood of Your Son in the Sacrament of the Altar. Sustain us in saving faith, that we may eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O loving Father, You alone know the day and the hour when our Lord, Jesus Christ, will come again in glory. Keep us steadfast in the one, true faith, that we may ever be ready for His reappearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect of the Day

**L** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# New Testament Canticle

1 Corinthians 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11 LSB 266

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

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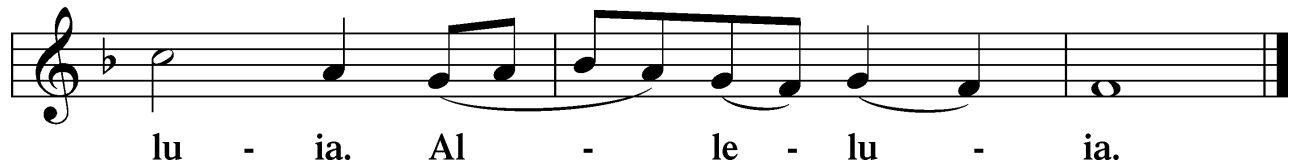
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.  
 Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth  
 Text and tune: Public domain

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Today	12-2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Today	2:00 PM	Christmas Family Tea
Monday	6-7:30 PM	Confirmation
Tuesday	12-2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Wednesday		NO Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Advent-1 Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Advent-1 Soup Supper
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Advent-1 Evening Worship
Sunday	After late Service	Choir Rehearsal

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed this morning from Sandy Turner in honor of loved ones.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY TEA** is today! at 2:00 PM. Begin your Advent season with songs from our members and cookies for all! Please join us whether you are a participant or a worshiper of our Newborn King.

**POINSETTIAS** Please grab, fill out and remit your order form located at the wooden drop box by the Welcome Center. (Sorry, no cyclamens this year.)

**STUDENT ART CONTEST** All Submissions must be postmarked by this Thursday, December 1st. Create an art piece that shows what "Only Jesus-No Other Name" means to you! See insert for more details. Sponsored by LCEF.

**VALLEY CITY SING ALONG** is on Saturday, December 10th, at 6:00 PM here at St. Paul. Everyone is welcomed! If you are interested in singing, setting-up or bringing goodies, please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

**For Choir Members:** You are also welcomed to sing one special song! We'll meet after late service on December 4th for a rehearsal.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - NEW TIMES AVAILABLE** Saturdays, January 14th and January 21st, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. To sign up, see Len Maver in the narthex between services and after late service.

Photos will be taken off to the side of the sanctuary behind the organ. Each household will receive an email of the digital photo that you can use however you'd like.

Questions? Contact Len Maver (440-781-9009).

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Children are welcomed to perform at the late service on December 18th. We will rehearse our songs during Sunday School time throughout December. Contact Sarah Moser for questions.

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**YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided, most likely first a weekday morning playdate. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** Adult and Children's Devotion booklets are available in the Narthex hallway, please take one home today.

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP** Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

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### **COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

1. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

#### **"Walk-In" times at Church:**

- Sundays, 12 – 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

#### **Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:**

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
  - Call Pastor 440-458-0189
  - Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

**WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS** You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place **ONLY** bulletins and unused attendance slips. Thank you.

**IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

**PASTORAL CARE** Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to [prayer@spvc.org](mailto:prayer@spvc.org) (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

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**HAPPY 175TH BIRTHDAY** to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod! Merchandise is available from the LCMS Store, such as T-Shirts, travel tumblers, magnets and more to commemorate this special event! Please visit: <https://the-lcms-store.square.site/s/shop>

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** We continue to take offerings to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL** If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH.

**2022 Choice Dollars expire March 2023**, so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

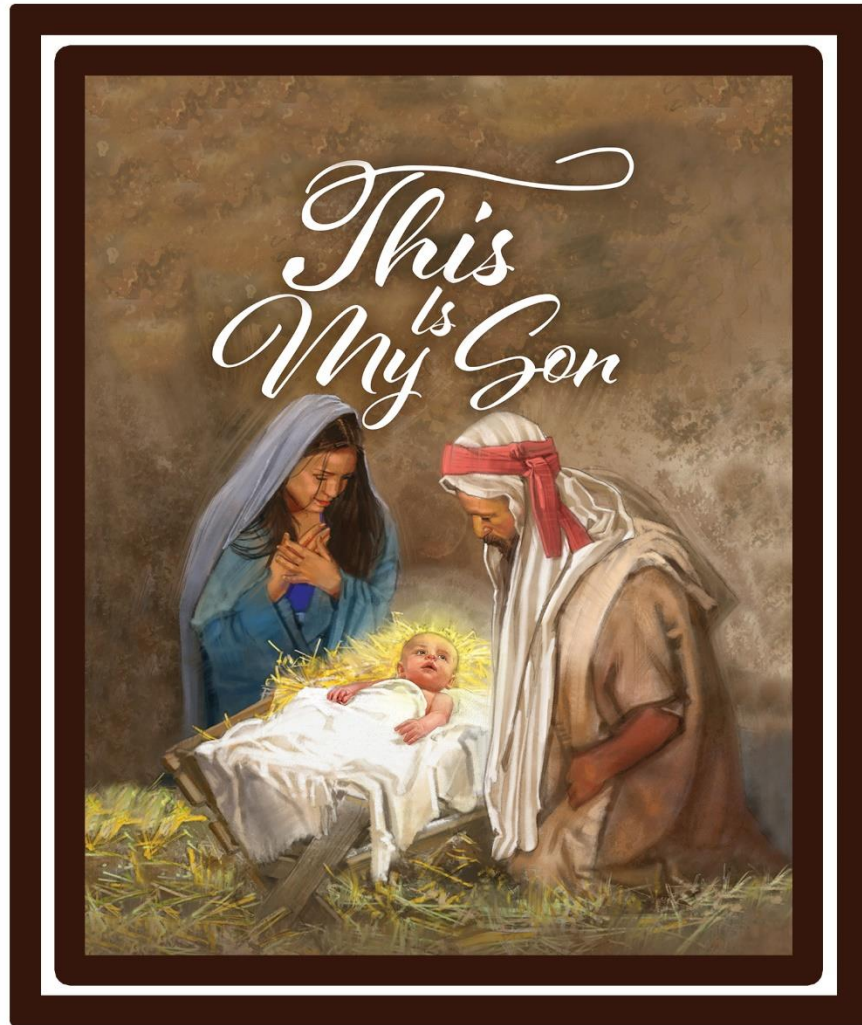
# NOVEMBER 2022

	SERVICE	November 6 SUNDAY All Saints Day <b>Communion</b>	November 13 SUNDAY	November 20 SUNDAY <b>Communion</b>	November 23 Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve <b>Communion</b>	November 27 SUNDAY	November 30 Wednesday Advent-1
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Jim Jackson / Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Jim Jackson
	10:30am	Rob Zacharias / Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Rob Zacharias / Sam Jakabcic	N/A	Jim Jackson	N/A
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Jim Rafter	Chris Duran		Dave Hesketh	
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Brian Dearth	Jay Moser		Brian Dearth	
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke		Branko & Charlie Djordjevic	
	10:30am	Elder	Jim Jackson	Elder		Elder	
ELDER INFO							
Stephen Kato							
330-242-7183							
Tim Wadle							
216-214-7109							
Jim Jackson							
330-391-6393							
Rob Zacharias							
330-416-6013							
Sam Jakabcic							
216-789-1076							



# DECEMBER 2022

	SERVICE	December 4 SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	December 7 Wednesday Advent Service	December 11 SUNDAY	December 14 Wednesday Advent Service	December 18 SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	December 21 Wednesday Advent Service <i>Communion</i>	December 24 Saturday Christmas Eve	December 25 Sunday Christmas Day <i>Communion</i>
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Sam Jakabcsic	See Below	Steve Kato / Jim Jackson
	10:30am	Rob Zacharias / Sam Jakabcsic		Jim Jackson		Rob Zacharias / Jim Jackson			
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon		Dave Hesketh		Mark Gordon			
	10:30am	Brian Dearth		Jay Moser		Brian Dearth		N/A	N/A
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes		David & Mackenzie Duran		Dean & Beth Bremke			
	10:30am	Elder		Jim Jackson		Elder			
ELDER INFO								11:30	
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183								Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	
Tim Wadle 216-214-7109								4:00	
Jim Jackson 330-391-6393								Steve Kato / Sam Jakabcsic	
Rob Zacharias 330-416-6013								7:00	
Sam Jakabcsic 216-789-1076								Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	



Christmas Tea      Sunday, November 27, 2:00pm

Wednesdays      11:30 am & 7:00pm (supper @ 6pm)  
in Advent      November 30; December 7, 14, & 21

Sunday School      Sunday, December 18  
Program      10:30am

**Christmas Eve 11:30am** 11am Carols by Request  
Candlelight Lessons and Carols  
**4:00pm & 7:00pm**  
3:30pm & 6:30pm Carols by Request

**Christmas Day 10:00am**  
Sunday, December 25 & January 1 - One worship service.

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Create an art piece that shows what  
**“Only Jesus–No Other Name”** means to you!

### **TYPES OF ENTRIES:**

Drawings, paintings, collages, graphic designs, posters, banners, sculptures, pottery, leather crafts, metal art, beads, baskets, etc.

### **SUBMISSION LEVELS:**

- **Kindergarten-5th Grade:** \$50 LCEF gift card
- **6th-12th Grade:** \$100 LCEF gift card
- **College:** \$200 LCEF gift card

All submissions must be postmarked by **December 1, 2022.**

For more information, visit **[lcef.org/art-contest](https://lcef.org/art-contest)**.

### ***Terms and Conditions***

*The winners of the contest will be notified by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Artwork is subject to being displayed at the 2023 synodical convention and/or the LCMS International Center and/or LCEF headquarters.*

*Shipping of artwork is the responsibility of the participant. LCEF is not responsible for loss or damage during mailing. You also will not receive your art piece back. LCEF reserves the right to keep and distribute artwork as necessary for display.*

*If the contestant misrepresents any information, LCEF reserves the right to revoke the submission.*

## **TOY COLLECTION**

### **MARYSSA'S MISSION**

The Maryssa's Mission Foundation serves medically fragile communities. We here at St. Paul Church are collecting **UNWRAPPED** toys for all ages, infants through teens.

Toys will be given out by Santa at Ronald McDonald house of Cleveland, Akron and Columbus, also Ronald McDonald rooms at Cleveland Clinic, Fairview and University hospitals.

**We are now accepting UNWRAPPED toys**  
which will run through  
**Sunday, December 11th.**

**PLEASE:** (Due to safety issues)  
No stuffed toys/animals or toys from the Dollar Tree.

There will be a box in the Narthex for drop off.

Thank you for your caring and giving to these children and their families helping to make their Christmas a joyful and blessed time this Christmas season. God Bless you.



## Prayers for Worship

### On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

### After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.