# First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015



WELCOME

Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

# Our Worship Service

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#### Please Stand

### THE INVOCATION

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

# THE CONFESSION OF SINS

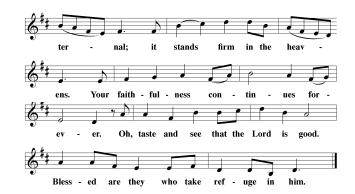
- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# OH, TASTE AND SEE C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

Anthem......"(I Love You, Lord" 8:00 am & 10:30 am Dick Miller & John Mertz

#### Soloist:

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice, Take joy, my King, In what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

#### Congregation Joins:

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice, Take joy, my King, In what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. THE FIRST LESSON ......Jeremiah 33:14-16 Jeremiah prophesies that the promised savior would come from David's family line.

<sup>14</sup> "'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.' <sup>15</sup> 'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.'"



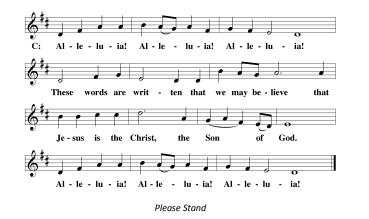
THE SECOND LESSON...... 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

St. Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians have been given saving faith. It is his prayer that the Lord keep them in the faith until they enter eternal life on the last day when the Lord comes again.

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)



THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 21:25-36

Jesus explains that the end of the world will be preceded by many gloomy signs which already began appearing at his time. These serve as reminders that the coming of the Lord is near. We need to watch and pray that we do not fall away but stand firm in the faith. <sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup> "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to scape so that is about to happen, and that you may be able to scape.



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Anthem	"The Old Rugged Cross"
	8:00 am & 10:30am
	Dick Miller & John Mertz

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Soloist:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross The emblem of suff'ring and shame; and I love that old rugged cross, Where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God Left his glory above to bear it to Calvary.

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#### **Congregation joins:**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

# Soloist:

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ... . "Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes" Christian Worship #9 6 - sus, your Church with long - ing your ex-1 Je eyes For 2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try 3 Come, gra-cious Lord, Our sins forour hearts re - new, 4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan 5 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer То wait for When will the pect ed com ing waits. prom ised clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure Our root - ed give, our foes sup - press, ên mi from his be hurled. Let throne na - tions bow to your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your glo - ry beam from light a - rise And heav - en's gates? we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh. sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess. ty Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world. your com-mand; grace to share The tri-umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r. Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877, abr., alt. Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

THE SERMON ......Jeremiah 33:14-16

# "Christ Makes a Meaningful Connection in Advent"

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Please Stand

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

# Please be Seated

#### THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

#### THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS

#### 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.

Please be Seated

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CONGREGATION HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" Christian Worship #82
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your
you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest, faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine; ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do
To the Ma - gi In your God - head Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like
Da - vid's stem, pow'r di - vine, gra - cious will, trum - pet hear; you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny
An - thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest. An - thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest. An - thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest. You by all will be con-fessed, God in man made man-i-fest. And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man-i-fest.

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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt. Tune: ST. GEORGE's, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

#### Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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# THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

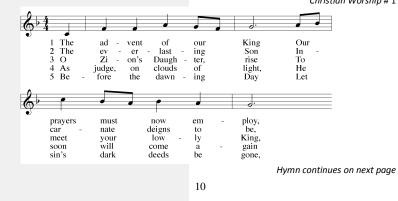
The Lord bless you and keep you.

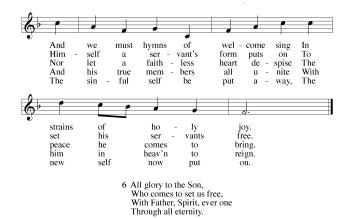
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt. Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

# Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher	Pastor Wayne Shevey, WLC Campus Pastor
Organist	Mrs. Karen Pautz
Soloists	Dick Miller and John Mertz

## 5 Announcements

2<sup>ND</sup> PASTOR CALLED: This past Monday evening, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. Paul's called Pastor Jacob Hoff to be a second pastor here at St. Paul's. Pastor Hoff is currently serving at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sterling, Virginia. He is married and has 3 children. Please keep he and his family in your prayers as the Lord guides him as to where he may best serve the kingdom of God. CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: The Lord called Mrs. Arlene Grunze to her heavenly home on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 91. Funeral services were held yesterday, Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at Heritage Funeral Home in Oak Creek. May the Lord comfort her family with his everlasting comfort in Jesus. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE: Following the worship services next weekend, Mary Martha will be having their annual cookie sale.

150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT: God has blessed St. Paul's for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for the Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. The final cost of the organ is \$58,150. To date, we have received \$45,060.00. More information as to how everyone can participate in the project will be coming out soon. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that God has showered upon us.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In December, there will be many different opportunities to worship our coming Savior. The schedule is below: December 6 – Advent 2 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 7 – Advent 2 (6:30pm) December 9 – Midweek Advent (6:30pm) December 13 - Advent 3 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 14 – Advent 3 (6:30pm) December 20 - Advent 4 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 21 – Advent 4 (6:30pm) December 23 - Children's Christmas Service (6:30pm) December 24 – Children's Christmas Service (4:30pm) December 24 – Candlelight Service (10:00pm) December 25 – Christmas Day Worship (10:00am) December 27 - Christmas 1 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 28 - No Monday Worship December 31 – New Year's Eve (6:30 pm)

**NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** We will once again go Christmas caroling in the neighborhoods around church. We will meet at church at 6pm on December 20th. Following Christmas caroling, everyone is invited back to the parsonage for refreshments.

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- SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Adult Bible Class & Sunday school will resume next Sunday, December 6.
- **CHURCH DECORATING:** As has become the tradition in recent years, the Confirmation Classes at St. Paul's and their families are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service at around 11:30am. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.
- **GREETER SCHEDULE 2016:** The Greeter Schedule for 2016 is currently being created. If you have any changes from last year, please let Marge Gebert (414)425-5041 know by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you would like to be a greeter, there are sign- up sheets on the counter in the narthex.
- MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP & DINNER: On Wednesday, December 9th, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir, Adult Choir, Junior Handbells and Adult Handbells will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service beginning at 5:30pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up either on the sheet in the back of church or online at our website if you are desiring to attend the meal. If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex. (If you are donating food, please have the items at church by 4:30pm.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.
- ST. PAUL'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: As part of St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration we are pleased to announce "Advent Movie Night" with a showing of "My Son, My Savior". This is a wonderful way to start the season of Advent and give thanks for the 150 years of our many blessings at St. Paul's. The movie will be shown in church on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. It has a run time of 45 minutes. We will have a pot luck supper starting at 4:30 PM. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. We will also have copies of the movie available. There is no cost however, we will be taking a free will offering. Please invite your family and friends.
- **150th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT:** God has blessed St. Paul's for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for that Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. Final numbers, manufacturer of the organ, etc. will be presented to the Voters of St. Paul's this week for their final approval. St. Paul's has also received a gift of \$37,500 this past week designated to be used towards the new organ. At this point, we give thanks to God for the \$45,000 that has already been donated towards this project.

- LIVING NATIVITY: Our Living Nativity will be the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping with it or being part of the cast, please contact Pastor Adams or Mark Ziegler.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** This week, the altar flowers are given by the Seymer family, in celebration of Joesph Lengyel's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday which was on November 16th.
- CHRISTMAS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY: Join the Seminary Chorus on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 or 7:00 PM for Christmas at the Seminary. The 54-voice men's choir will share the story of Jesus' birth in songs, carols, and hymns. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is located in Mequon at 11831 N. Seminary Drive. The concert is held in the campus auditorium, and seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis. The 3:00 PM concert is streamed live at http://livestream.com/WLSLive.
- **2016 GALA AUCTION:** Hello Families! The Gala and Auction committee needs your help and creativity to plan an amazing event to be held on February 20, 2016. Currently, we need items like restaurant gift cards, event tickets, and experiences. We know that you have some great ideas and suggestions to make this event even bigger than the last time, please don't hesitate to share those ideas with us! Forms are located in the back of church on the counter in the narthex and can be returned to the office or via email to <u>auction@stpaulsfranklin.org</u>. Most importantly, please put this date on your calendar and invite family and friends! Tickets can be purchased at http://bidpal.net/stpf.
- ADULT CHOIR: The Advent, Christmas, Epiphany choir will begin soon. The first rehearsal is December 2. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Advent through Epiphany choir is from December 2 -January 17. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and take place on Wednesday evenings. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262)-623-4145 or email her at mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.
- **FUTURE PASTOR'S OFFICES:** We will soon be starting construction on new offices for the Pastors. The cost to complete this project will be approximately \$18,000. To date we have received \$8,086.00. This work will be done with our own people including rough carpentry, drywall, insulation, painting, suspended ceilings and floor covering. If you are able to help financially in addition to your weekly offering, please place in separate envelopes stating

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"New Pastor's Offices". You may drop off your contribution in the school office, put it into the collection plate, or give it to Pastor Adams. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Derouin (414) 881-8944 or Bob Hille (414) 427-6106.

**NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE JOB OPORTUNITY:** NPH is currently looking to fill a job position for an Information Technology Specialist. This is part-time/30 hours per week. This position will support the IT function at Northwestern Publishing House. This individual will assist users with hardware, software, and ERP system needs. This position will support both Mac and Pc environments. For a complete job description and instructions on how to apply go to nph.net/employment.

WLHS LUTHERLAND TOUR 2017: As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Wisco alumni, friends, parents, and students are invited to travel to Germany to see all of the significant sites of the Lutheran Reformation on a ten day tour from March 24 to April 2, 2017. By registering now until December 1, 2015, you will receive a special Early bird savings of \$150. This trip will be in conjunction with a WLHS special traveling choir. For more information about the tour and to register, go to www.wlhs.org/Lutherland2017.

WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT: Don't miss the annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This concert features the WLHS Concert Band, A Cappella Choir, Inspiration, Wisco Kids Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Choir, and other instrumental ensembles. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Afterward, enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

HOSTS NEEDED: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is closed during Christmas break, however some of the international students living in the student housing on campus will need a home for the holidays from Friday, December 18 after school until Sunday, January 3. Consider opening your home to share Christ's love to our students from different countries. Compensation is given to help cover the cost of food for the student(s) staying in your home during this time. For more information, please contact April Goldschmidt (april.goldschmidt@wlhs.org) or Micah Ricke (micah.ricke@wlhs.org).

#### Volunteers

#### GREETERS THIS WEEK (November 29 & 30)

8:00 AM – Roger Buntrock 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

# GREETERS NEXT WEEK (December 6 & 7)

8:00 AM – Nancy Adams 10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

#### USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski
10:30 AM TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Peter Eppen, Ian Eppen
6:30 PM TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

## USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser 10:30 AM TEAM #8 – 6:30 PM TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### ALTAR GUILD:

November 25-December 8- TEAM #1 Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves December 9-December 15- TEAM #2 Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

# The Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, November 29

Worship Service	8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.	9:15 AM

# Monday, November 30

Worship Service		6:30 PM
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#### Tuesday, December 1

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#### Wednesday, December 2

Board of Lutheran Schools	6:00 PM

#### Friday, December 4

School Devotion	8:30 AM
Preschool Power Hour1	0:45 AM

# Sunday, December 6

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Church Decorating	
Worship Service with Communion	
Dinner/Advent Movie night	

# Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am 81, Communed-n/a 10:30 am- 110, Communed-n/a 6:30 pm-36, Communed-n/a Total Attendance 227, Total Communed n/a Sunday School-7; Bible Class-2