# First Sunday of Advent November 30, & December 1, 2014



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!

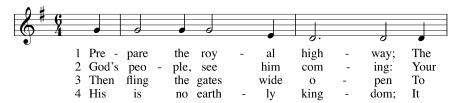
## **Our Worship Service**

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#### WELCOME

He Comes to Those Who Were Waiting for Him (Mark 1:1-8)

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This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

#### 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

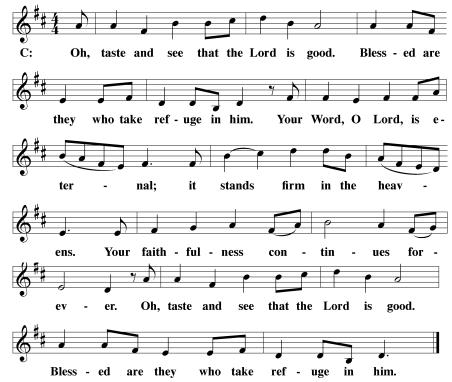
- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from 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



Anthem......""My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sung by Duet & Congregation (8:00 & 10:30am)

#### **Duet:**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine; Now hear me when I pray, Take all my sin away, O let me from this day Be wholy Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure, warm and changeless be A living fire!

### **Congregation Joins:**

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrows tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold sullen stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove, O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated (Monday)

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The children of Israel needed comfort while they were in captivity. God sent the prophet Isaiah to them with words of comfort. They were to look forward to the Messiah who would bring them eternal comfort.

<sup>40:1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out. "And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. 8The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." <sup>9</sup>You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup>He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

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You showed favor to your land, O LORD;\* you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people\* and covered all their sins. Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,\* and grant us your salvation.

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Psalm tone

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;\* he promises peace to his people, his saints. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,\* that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together;\* righteousness and peace kiss each other.

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.

## Refrain

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## THE SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 3:8-14

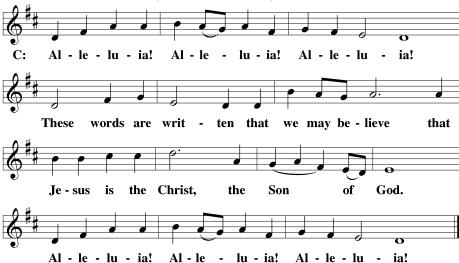
Peter describes the Lord's patience, his desire for man's repentance, and his sudden return. We do not fear his return, "we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth," and we shape our lives to fit into the pattern of that promise. We look forward to the day when our Lord will return.

<sup>8</sup>But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in

it will be laid bare. <sup>11</sup>Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup>as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup>But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

**P:** Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4,6 cf. NIV)



Anthem....."'I Love You Lord"

Sung by Duet & Congregation (8:00 & 10:30am)

#### Duet

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.

#### **Harmonica Interlude**

### **Congregation Joins**

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<sup>1:1</sup>The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" — <sup>3</sup>"a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." <sup>4</sup>And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

Christian Worship #6



2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re-lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im-part, By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt. Tune: St. Hilary (87 87 D) Unknown.

#### Please Stand

**Response to the Sermon.....** "Hark The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

By Congregation; Christian Worship #12, verse 1

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

#### 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.

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#### THE OFFERING

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

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#### THE PRAYERS

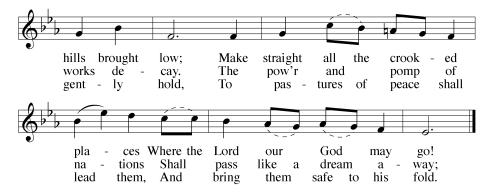
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## CONGREGATION HYMN ......""There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying" Christian Worship #13





Text: James L. Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.

Tune: ASCENSION (Irregular) Henry H. Bancroft, b. 1904–1988.

#### 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.



#### THE BENEDICTION

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

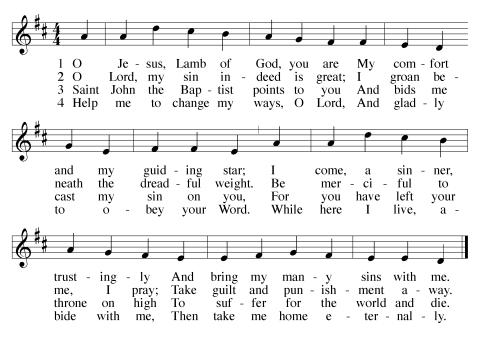
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated



Text: Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: WEIMAR (LM) C. P. E. Bach, 1714-88.

## **Worship Participants**

Preacher	Pastor Wayne Shevey
Liturgist	
Pianist	
Guitarist	
Harmonica	John Mertz
Duet	Pete & Sherry Kosovich

### **Announcements**

PASTORAL CALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Over the last several months, the Board of Elders has continued its work of reviewing and discussing the roles and responsibilities of two pastors, as well as articulating the ministry priorities of St. Paul's going forward. That work was presented to the Church Council on Tuesday, November 11th. The Church Council reviewed that work. They fully support the calling of a second pastor, and are recommending that this proposal be shared with the congregation in a presentation following all the worship services on December 7th and 8th. This information will be presented by Mr. Steve Baade, the current chairman of the Board of Elders. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions in regards to this proposal. Following this informational meeting, any additional concerns or questions will be addressed by the Board of Elders and the Church Council. At that time, the church council will schedule a Voter's Meeting, in the first quarter of 2015, for the purpose of calling a second Pastor at St. Paul's. Please mark December 7th or 8th on your calendar.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** There will not be Sunday adult bible class & Sunday School this weekend (November 30<sup>th</sup>/December 1<sup>st</sup>) because of the Thanksgiving weekend.

**NIEGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** We would like to once again go Christmas Caroling into the neighborhoods around church on December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. We will meet at church at 6:00pm. After caroling, you are invited to Pastor Adams' house for refreshments.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP & DINNER: On Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The school, Junior Choir, Senior 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. If you would like to help bringing 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.

**NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS THIS WEEKEND:** We begin a new series that concentrates our attention on the coming of Christ to meet the needs of individuals. Waiting and anticipating something is both exciting and scary at the same time. We look forward to some happy event. We also dread things that make us uncomfortable. Yet, we can join with the hymn writer in saying: "Hark the Glad Song, the Savior Comes."

**Advent 1: November 30/December** 1 – He Comes to Those Who Were Waiting for Him (Mark 1:1-8)

Advent 2: December 7 & 8 – He Comes to Those in Darkness (John 3:1-21)

Advent 3: December 14 & 15 – He Comes to Those Caught in Sin (Luke 19:1-10)

Advent 4: December 21 & 22 – He Comes to Those who Believe (Matthew 1:18-25)

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** In the next month, there will be many different opportunities to worship our coming Savior. The schedule is below:

November 30 – Advent 1 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 1 – Advent 1 (6:30pm)

December 7 – Advent 2 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 8 – Advent 2 (6:30pm)

December 10 – Midweek Advent service (6:30pm)

December 14 – Advent 3 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 15 – Advent 3 (6:30pm)

December 21 – Advent 4 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 22 – 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 28 – Christmas 1 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 29 - No Monday Worship

December 31 – New Year's Eve (6:30 pm)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Advent by Candlelight (3pm – 4:30pm)

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Caroling (6pm)

December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Living Nativity (6pm)

MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE: A signup sheet is located in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled "Mary & Martha cookie sale" and dropped off at church by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 6. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 7th and 8th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT: Don't miss the annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 7, 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 Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 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.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:** Our Advent by Candlelight is a special time for women (ages 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) to ponder and reflect on the coming of Jesus' birth. Our special service will focus on a Christ filled message, music, fellowship and dessert. The special service is for women of St. Paul's, but please invite your friends, relatives and neighbors, too. A sign up sheet is on the counter in the narthex. This year Advent by Candlelight will be **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** Notice the time change from other years. We look forward to seeing many of you there. God bless and keep all of you. ~St. Paul's Advent by Candlelight Committee. **The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, November 25.** 

**LIVING NATIVITY:** Our Living Nativity will be the weekend of December 20 & 21. If you are interested in helping with it or being part of the cast, please contact Pastor Adams, Pete Kosovich or Mark Ziegler.

**MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** Registration for Men of His Word 2015 "A Shelter from the Storm" is now open. The Conference is January 31, 2015 in Oshkosh. Don't miss this chance to gather with hundreds of your fellow Christian men for a day of inspiration. The 20 different sessions will both encourage and challenge you in your walk of faith. For more information and registration go to: <a href="https://www.menofhisword.org">www.menofhisword.org</a>.

**FINISHING COMMITTEE:** The Finishing Committee will meet on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** The Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> at about 12:30 pm. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

## **Volunteers**

#### **GREETERS THIS WEEK 11/30 & 12/1):**

8:00 AM - Larry & Marilee Stujenske; Courtney

10:30 AM- Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian

6:30 PM - Donna LaBlanc

#### **GREETERS NEXT WEEK (12/7 & 12/8)**

8:00 AM10:30 AM6:30 PMDave & Marlene Horn
Charles & Sharie Snyder
Marion Szudrowitz

#### **CLEANING CREWS:**

**December 2-Crew #1-**Steve & Irva Baade; Nathan & Jill Archer, Tina Just, John & Barb Migacz Family, Bill & Linda Petrie, Jerry Reinke, Jim & Lois Schachtschneider, Steve Schachtschneider, Chris & Jenny Triplett

**December 9- Crew #2-**David & Dawn Brightsman Family; Becky Barwick, Jeff & Laura Eichel Family, Gary & Chris Eickhorst Family, Paul & Sue Goral, Kim Guerra Family, Elena Hubred Family,

#### **USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:**

**8:00 AM TEAM # 3-**Donn Johnson, Todd Johnson, John Migacz, Steve Migacz, Frank Krajewski

**10:30 AM TEAM #7-**Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Ian Wirtz **6:30 PM TEAM # 9-**Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Gruenberg

#### **USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

8: 00 AM TEAM #1-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser 10:30 AM TEAM # 8-Mike Destrampe, David Destrampe, DanielDestrampe, Paul Larsen 6:30 PM TEAM # 9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

November 26-December 9-TEAM #3 Lois Martin, Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms December 10-23-Team #4 Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

## The Weekly Schedule

## Sunday, November 30

Worship Service	8:00 AM
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Monday, December 1 Worship Service Finishing Committee Meeting	6:30 PM7:30 PM
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Thursday, December 4 Adult Handbells	6:30 PM
Friday, December 5	
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**Statistics - Last Week**Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –120, Communed N/A; 10:30 AM –158, Communed N/A; 6:30 PM –17, Communed N/A; Total Attendance – 295; Total Communed N/A; Bible Study 18; Sunday School 6