

1st Weekend of Advent December 1 & 2, 2019

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- f* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- f* We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- f* Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f* If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- f* For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:

KEEP WATCH FOR THE UNEXPECTED COMING OF CHRIST!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Christian Worship #23



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
 4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 6:9-22

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.


¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵ This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶ Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 18

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Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

**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

THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Christian Worship #2



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
 God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

THE SERMONRomans 13:11-14

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy

Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

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

Throughout these 10 weeks of our 10 for 10 stewardship emphasis, we will be watching a short video segment during the offering. This week's focus is "God is the Owner"

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes"

Christian Worship #9

1 Je - sus, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
 2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
 3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
 4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan
 5 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for
 spect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
 clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure
 give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi -
 from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to
 your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your
 light a - rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
 we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
 ty sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
 your com - mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
 grace to share The tri - umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r.

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE BLESSING

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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "The Advent of our King"
Christian Worship #1

1 The ad - vent of our King Our
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -
3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let

prayers must now em - ploy,
car - nate deigns to be,
meet your low - ly King,
soon will come a gain
sin's dark deeds be gone,

And we must hymns of wel - come sing In
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To
Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The
And his true mem - bers all u - nite With
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The

strains of ho - ly joy.
set his ser - vants free.
peace he comes to bring.
him in heav'n to reign.
new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Jeff & Chris Romeis in thanksgiving for their 25th wedding anniversary.

DOOR COLLECTION: This weekend we will be doing a door collection for Southside Ministries. The money we collect will help purchase items to build Christmas gift bags for the immigrant children. Each bag contains apples, oranges, peanuts, and candy. The bags are distributed during the December Food Pantry.

THANK YOU: Thank you. It is hard for me to find the words that express my gratitude, not just for last Sunday, but for the past 25 years. For 25 years, I have been called by you to share God's incredible love with you and the people of Franklin area. As I have looked back over those 25 years, I am so thankful for all of you and all that you have do for St. Paul's. It is very humbling to see how much God works through all of us. You are all awesome people. I am so grateful for all the love that you have expressed toward myself and my family. For all of this, I say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart. ~ Pastor Brian Adams

NO CLASSES TODAY: There will be no Adult Bible Study, Confirmation Class or Sunday School today due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. All classes will resume on Sunday, December 8th.

CHURCH DECORATING: The Confirmation classes at St. Paul's and their families are asked to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place on Sunday, December 8th after the Voter's Meeting. We will begin at about 12:00 PM.

THANK YOU: The Mary and Martha Society would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the hat and mitten collection (as well as coats and toys) for Southside Ministries. Many children and adults will be warmer this winter and the children will have a merrier Christmas because of your generosity. Thank you!

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 9:00a.m. on Saturday, December 7th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 7th at 9am. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 8th and 9th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING: We are once again planning to do our "Neighborhood Caroling" on Sunday, December 15th. This is a great opportunity to invite our neighbors around the church to our worship services at Christmas. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will meet in the school at 6:00 pm. We will then walk to one of the neighborhoods in the area. Everyone is invited to come to the parsonage afterwards and have some of Pastor Adams' chili. If you are able, you are invited to bring some Christmas cookies to share that night as well at the parsonage.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 11th we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to the service beginning at 5:30pm. If you would like to contribute a dessert for the meal, please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter. Monetary donations are welcome at any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

CALL MEETING: A call meeting for a 6th grade/upper grade teacher is planned for Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 AM. Our current teacher, Mr. Mayer, was called to this position for only a single year and would be eligible for this call as well. If you would like to add a name for consideration please contact Principal Schulmeister by December 1st, as the Synod would like to have all names prepared before the meeting. We encourage all voting members to be in attendance.

USHERS: Current ushers – a new usher schedule is in your church mailbox. We currently have (4) open spots in both services. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: December 5 & 19, January 16, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT: Enjoy early Christmas merriment at the annual WLHS Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert features bands, choirs, and instrumental ensembles at the high school. Admission is free. Enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch after the concert.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual WLHS Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert features the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free.

LUTHERAN CHORALE CONCERT: The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee is pleased to present it's "Prelude to Christmas" concert under the theme "Comfort and Joy". This concert will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church (1052 White Rock Ave., Waukesha) on December 1st at 2:00 and 4:30 PM. A free will offering will be collected to support the choir's ministry. More info at lutheranchorale.org.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (December 1 & 2)

- 8:00 AM – Dave & Marlene Horn
- 10:30 AM – Chuck & Connie Roedel; Lauren
- 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (December 8 & 9)

- 8:00 AM – Jacque & Doreen Vallier
- 10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall
- 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser, Adrian Boldt
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha, Scott Seymer
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

- Nov 27-Dec 3 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee
- Dec 4-10 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Dec 1: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon
- Dec 8: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1

- Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
- NO Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/PSCIC
- Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Monday, December 2

- Lutheran Girl Pioneers 6:00 PM
- Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 3

- Board of Outreach 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 4

- Senior Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 5

- Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM
- Men's Basketball..... 7:30 PM

Friday, December 6

School Devotion8:30 AM

Saturday, December 7

Mary & Martha Cookie Pack9:00 AM

Sunday, December 8

Mary & Martha Cookie Sale *Before & After Services*

Worship Service8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School9:15 AM

Worship Service10:30 AM

Call Meeting11:30 AM

Church Decorating 12:00 PM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 82, 10:30 AM – 297, 6:30 PM – 38

Total Attendance – 417

Sunday Bible Class – 17, Sunday School – 17