

# THE LORD WILL COME TO BRING DELIVERANCE

First Sunday in Advent

# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** | Bangor, WI

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*November 28, 2021*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

## **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Father, we praise you for your promise of a Savior, and we thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling that promise. Keep our eyes on the skies as we await his return, and keep our hearts fastened on your Word of grace. Remind us continually of what his return will mean for us: eternal deliverance. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

## **THANK OFFERING**

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



# THE COMMON SERVICE

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*The Common Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. As with all of our liturgies, its purpose is to focus us on the good news of forgiveness and to build us up in Christ.*

## CHILDREN'S GROUP

*Seek Ye First*

*(10:00 am)*

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Allelujah!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Allelujah!*

*Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.  
Allelu, Allelujah!*

## OPENING HYMN

*Prepare the Royal Highway | 702*



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and  
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -  
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry  
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and

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val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall  
 All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:  
 doubt as - sail you!  
 now a - dore him! Ho - san - na to the  
 so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

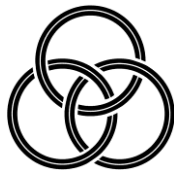
*please stand*

**INVOCATION**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.



**C: A - men.**



## CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

## ABSOLUTION

M: 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: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note G. The notes are simple quarter notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

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## *Prayer and Praise*

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD



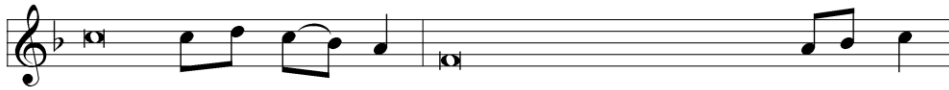
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



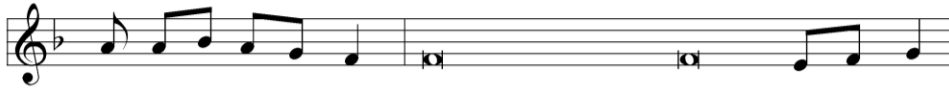
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: 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.**

*be seated*

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29*

<sup>15</sup>When the dawn came, the angels urged Lot, "Get going! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that you will not be swept away by the guilt of the city." <sup>16</sup>But Lot was taking too much time, so the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, because of the Lord's compassion for him. They led him out and placed him outside of the city. <sup>17</sup>Then when they had taken them out, one of them said, "Run for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, so that you are not swept away!"

<sup>23</sup>The sun had risen over the land when Lot came to Zoar. <sup>24</sup>Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire out of the sky from the Lord. <sup>25</sup>He overthrew those cities, as well as all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and whatever grew in the soil.

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<sup>26</sup>But Lot's wife, who was behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

<sup>27</sup>Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the Lord. <sup>28</sup>He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and all the land of the plain. As he looked, he saw that the smoke from the land was going up like the smoke from a kiln.

<sup>29</sup>And so when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and brought Lot out through the middle of the devastation, when he overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 25, CW p.74*

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Revelation 22:20*

**Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.**





*please stand*

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 21:25-36*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.”

<sup>29</sup>He told them a parable. “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. <sup>35</sup>For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **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.**

*be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Savior of the Nations, Come | 2*

## **SERMON**

*Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29*

**Where's Your Heart Looking?**

*please stand*

## CREATE IN ME

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

*be seated*

## OFFERING

*"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Come, dear Savior.

**C: We long for your appearing!**

M: Come to cheer us with your promises,

**C: as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of waiting and watching.**

M: Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair and lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals.

**C: Direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.**

M: Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin. Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the hurtful way we have dealt with one another.

**C: Through your mighty Word, stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others, as you have given yourself for us.**

M: Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming. Do not permit a frenzied busyness to rob us of your peace or to deprive us of times to ponder and to wonder at your Word.

**C: Set our hearts apart from the bustle and the clamor of these days. Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger.**

M: We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing spiritual trial, and for those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming.

**C: Comfort and strengthen them with the sweet peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace by your Holy Word.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the light of your coming!  
We wait, we keep watch, and in you we put our hope. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## HYMN

*Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes* | 12

*please stand*

## PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

M: 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.

*be seated*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Come, O Long-Expected Jesus* | 6

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAITH EDIFYING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *God calls us to serve him.*

Midweek Bible Study (Tues., 7pm; Wed. 9am): *One by One – Evangelism Workshop*

## GIVING TREE

There's a tree set up in the narthex near the church entryway. Feel free to grab something on there that you need or would enjoy. Also feel free to add anything to the tree for someone else to enjoy! Merry Christmas!

## CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

It's important for a congregation to have a pulse on the thoughts and desires of its members, and it's important for members to be able to share their honest input and opinions about their congregation's ministry. To serve both of those purposes, a congregational survey has been prepared at the link below (hard copies are available for those who *cannot* use the link). **The survey is completely anonymous.** Your honest input will be invaluable to the leadership here at St. Paul's as we move forward in gospel ministry for the sake of Christ's name. Each member may fill out the survey, but **please only submit one survey response per person** so we can get an accurate assessment of St. Paul's ministry. We'll be collecting responses until the first of the year. Thank you for your input!

Survey link (also in email): <https://forms.gle/rTzVyDZzpJvRBPRF8>

## ONE BY ONE

We've begun a series of evangelism studies during our midweek Bible study time. The workshop is entitled *One by One*. *One by One* is a Bible study based on Pastor David Rosenau's keynote presentation at the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership in January of 2020. Using powerful personal stories and drawing from his wealth of experience both as a detective and a parish pastor, Pastor Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

## **PRINCIPAL CALL EXTENDED**

The voters have extended a divine call to Mr. Mark Hesse of St. Lucas Lutheran School in Kewaskum, WI, to serve as our principal and grades 7-8 teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Please keep Mr. Hesse in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best glorify God's kingdom with his gifts. His contact info will be shared with the congregation in the near future.

## **ST. PAUL'S @ THE LIVE NATIVITY**

The Live Nativity begins this week, and St. Paul's is scheduled to volunteer on Saturday, December 18, from 5:00-10:00 pm, and Sunday, December 19, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Please visit the following URL to volunteer for a specific role: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aacac2ba3fcc25-december1>. If you need help signing up, please contact Pastor Groth at [pastor@stpaulsbangor.com](mailto:pastor@stpaulsbangor.com).

## **MORNINGS WITH MOMMY**

We are looking to start a program for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers in the new year! The program would take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We are looking for volunteers that could help organize, set up, prepare materials, and meet and greet! If you are interested in helping with this program in any way, please contact Heather Groth at 608-351-1025 or [heather.l.korb@gmail.com](mailto:heather.l.korb@gmail.com).

## **BASKETBALL GAMES HELP**

Would you be able to help with home games for our St. Paul's Redwings basketball team? If you would be able to help with the games and with concessions, please contact Mrs. Handy at 608-394-8681 or [chandy@stpaulsbangor.com](mailto:chandy@stpaulsbangor.com).

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Our church directory is over 10 years old. We need to update it. We believe that with modern technology, obtaining photographs and setting up the layout can be done on our own. We are looking for a committee of volunteers who would be willing to help coordinate, design and update the church directory. If you would like to serve on that committee, please contact Jeff Parr at 608-792-4044.



## **GOOD STEWARD**

Good Steward Resale Shop is looking for volunteers to help with tasks around the store. If you can help by giving 2 or 20 hours per week for Christ-centered Lutheran education, call Lisa at 608-779-9763. They are also hiring for the positions of store coordinator and warehouse worker. Interested parties may obtain a job description and an application form at the store or by calling 608-784-5035.

## **CHURCH WIFI**

The church building now has its own dedicated Wi-Fi for streaming our services. We hope this will strengthen our ability to stream not only worship services but also Bible studies in the near future. This also means we're able to offer a separate guest Wi-Fi signal for attendees of Bible studies, meetings, etc. Check out the guest Wi-Fi name and password on the back of the worship folder.

## **WANT A PIANO?**

The Luther High School Music Department is looking to find new homes for several gently used acoustic and digital pianos. If you are interested in adopting a piano, there is no cost. Please contact Paul Adickes for more information at [adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us).

## **OFFERING SUMMARY** (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2021 Weekly Budget: \$9,855.43      Budget to Date: \$443,494.35  
Received 11/21: \$9,183.98          Rec'd to Date: \$360,306.13

## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

8:00 am: 104    10:00 am: 62    Total: 166  
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 22  
Sunday Bible Study: 30  
Sunday School: 8  
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: --

# CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	3:30 pm	Public School Catechism Class
	6:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**  
**Accompanist**

Pastor Brock Groth  
Harriet Langrehr

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Example of how *members* can fill out the new Connection Cards:

**CONNECTION CARD**

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

DATE  
11/28/21

NAME  
Ofnazareth

ADDRESS  
(If address change)

EMAIL  
(If email change)

I WOULD LIKE TO

- GET INVOLVED
- TALK TO A PASTOR
- ASK SOME QUESTIONS

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MEMBERS ATTENDING TODAY // COMMUNING?

	YES
Joseph	// <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary	// <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jesus	// <input type="checkbox"/>
James	// <input type="checkbox"/>
	// <input type="checkbox"/>
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PRAYER REQUESTS:

*(only communion Sundays)*

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