



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**"In Jesus' name, Do justice, Love kindness, Walk humbly with God."**

St. Paul is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

515 S Wheaton Avenue · Wheaton, Illinois · 630-668-5953

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2018**



# Second Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to St. Paul

Visiting today? We are glad you are here!

Stop by the Welcome Center and receive a sweet gift.

- Please write your name and other information on the yellow welcome card.
- There are multiple areas and resources designed for children to participate in worship according to their needs, including but not limited to: a Children's Message at the start of worship, Rainbow Bags with quiet toys, and an attended Nursery on the lower level of the building for 0 to 3-year-olds. Additional info about resources for parents and kids is on the "Children at St. Paul Wheaton" laminated page posted at the outside aisle-end of your pew.
- Assisted listening headphones are available for those having difficulty hearing.
- Members, please wear your name tag. Extras are located in the pew racks.

## About Worship

We follow an ancient pattern through the *liturgy* (which literally means "the work of the people"). Some parts of the service may change each week, but there is a consistent flow: praising God, hearing God's word, offering our prayers and gifts, celebrating communion, and being sent into the world for service. The format remains fairly constant, but the style will vary widely. Sometimes we sing with the pipe organ, and the ministers chant. Sometimes we worship accompanied by piano, guitars, drums, violins, flutes — or whatever our folk play. We range from Bach to blues, because we know that different styles connect to different people. So we all worship together, and change the style every few weeks. It's one of the ways we minister to and with each other and build community. Thank you for being part of our worship and community today!

*\*At the asterisk, stand as you are able.*

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) page numbers are printed in the lower corners in the front portion of the hymnal. Hymn numbers are large numbers printed beside hymn titles in the rest of the book.

## Serving Today

<b><u>Presiding Minister</u></b> Rev. Jared Olson	<b><u>Crucifer/Acolytes</u></b> 8:30 Hans and Grayson Therron, Will Richards 11:00 Aidan and Mia McCoyd, Mikayla Moody	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 8:30 Nancy & Rich Wilen, John & Pat Vicha 11:00 Tom Hansen, Anne & Bud Krick
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b> Phil Adams	<b><u>Bread Host</u></b> 8:30 Trish Seagren 11:00 Carl & Marilyn Sodergren	<b><u>Altar Care</u></b> Pat Beck, Deanna Sons, Nancy Wilen
<b><u>Director of Music</u></b> Dr. Tony Payne	<b><u>Sound Board</u></b> 8:30 Ron Mertzlufft 11:00 Bryon Noeske	<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b> 8:30 Ann Holmstrom 11:00 Dawn Amundsen
<b><u>Communion Deacon</u></b> 8:30 Heidi Cox 11:00 Bob Cook	<b><u>Ushers</u></b> 8:30 Ed & Susan Mullinger, Ben Mullinger, Marilyn Sodergren 11:00 Diana Lee & Terrie Troxel, Mike Harrington, Anthony Tarpeh	<b><u>Counters</u></b> Dan Marsh, Diana Lee & Terrie Troxel, Anna Shindler

# Preparing to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Jared

Children's Message

Pastor Jared

\*Entrance Hymn:

*Joy to the World vs. 1-3*

ELW 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## Gathering Together in Worship

\*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C:** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father; and of the Son; and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(8:30) The Johnson Family  
(11:00) The Yurko Family

### \*Prayer of the Day

**P:** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Responding to the Word of God

### Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

The Word of God as written in Malachi:

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation

p. 151



L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Jared

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW 249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

## Reception of New Members (11:00)

### \*Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Prayers of the People

*After each petition of the prayers,*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### \*Passing the Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share the peace.

### Offering

#### Music During Offering

(8:30) *Jesu, Joy of My Desiring*  
St. Paul Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

(11:00) *In this Season of the Winter Snow*  
Jason Chase

Tony Payne

**\*Offertory Response**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

ELW 245, verses 1&5



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

A: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Sharing the Eucharistic Meal

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right . . . join their unending hymn.

**Service Continues on the Following Page**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**\*Words of Institution and the Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Lord, hear us as we pray...

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Distribution of Communion**

*The body and blood of Christ are present in this sacrament, for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. All people are welcome to share in this meal. Parents, if you have a young child who receives communion, please indicate that when the minister comes to you. Those who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply keep your hands folded. Come forward and receive the bread from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available. The gold chalice contains wine; you may drink directly from the cup or dip your bread into the wine. The pottery chalice contains non-alcoholic grape juice, which you may receive by dipping your bread into the juice. Return to your seat by the side aisles.*

**If you would like communion brought to you, simply let an usher know.**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn During Communion:

*Drawn to the Light*

ELW 593

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the  
 heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn-ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -  
 lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.  
*Refrain*  
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the  
 light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a  
 sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Service Continues on the Following Page

## \*Post-Communion Prayer

A: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## \*Post Communion Canticle

*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

ELW 251, verse 1



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

## Going Out into the World Sent by God

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever,

C: **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:**

*Joy to the World vs. 4*

ELW 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**\*Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

