



Advent & Sundays after Christmas  
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

***Season of Advent—2018***

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## **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Welcome to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church!**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today! Whatever your religious background, or however you come to be here with us, **we welcome you and are glad you are here!** In order to help us properly acknowledge your presence we invite you to sign the guest register in the Narthex and complete a visitor card found in the pew . Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. We hope you will feel challenged today & be comforted by your experience and we look forward to seeing you again. We hope that you'll consider becoming a regular part of our community of worship and service in Christ's name.

**Cell Phones & Pagers:** As a courtesy to others we ask that all cell phones and pagers be turned off and silence be maintained in the Sanctuary.

**Prayer Concerns** can be added to the list found in the Narthex next to the guest registry. The request will be listed and will be printed weekly in the bulletin. Requests will be shared for four weeks and then must be re-submitted.

**Coffee Fellowship**—Immediately following worship, everyone is invited to join us for a gathering time of coffee & conversation. Sunday School for all ages will follow at 10:15 in the Education Building next door.

**We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table**—All baptized persons who have received their first communion in a congregation of any denomination will be communed here. All children who are accustomed to receiving communion elsewhere will be communed here as well. Anyone who is not baptized or otherwise does not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, should stand at the rail with folded hands. Communion is by tables and at the direction of the ushers. Please respond by saying "Amen" after receiving each element.

**Passing of the Peace**—The passing of the peace is a long established part of Christian worship. It is thought by some to be part of an act that New Testament writers, such as the Apostle Paul, referred to as "greet one another with a holy kiss" found in Romans 16:16 and 1 Corinthians 16:20. There are many ways to share Christ's peace with one another such as: handshake, hug, nod, wave etc. accompanied by the verbal greeting "peace be with you" and the response "and also with you." You are encouraged to use whatever feels comfortable to you.

*Remember the Sabbath day. Call the Sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's Day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does; feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice in all the wonderful things God is doing.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

C: Congregation

P: Pastor

\*Stand (as you are able)

### PASTOR'S WELCOME PRELUDE

### The Gathering

*In each service of Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the sacraments.*

#### • BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, Father ( † ) Son and Holy Spirit:  
The Lord of Israel who comes to us set free,  
The mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,  
The Dawn from on high who guides us into the way of peace.

C: Amen

P: Let us come before God in confession.  
To you, O God,

C: We lift up our souls.

**You know us through and through;  
we confess our sins to you.**

**Do not, we ask you, remember our sins,  
but with your steadfast love.**

**show us your ways; teach us your paths;  
and lead us into ways of justice and truth.**

**For the sake of your love and grace,  
given to us through the death of your son,  
Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*The Gathering Hymn welcomes us to the mercy of God and moves us from our individual experiences in confession into the purpose of worship.*

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of the Triune God.*

P: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all who come to repentance.  
In the name of Jesus Christ ( † ), I bring you this good news:  
You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven.  
God heals our broken hearts.  
Live in peace and harmony as together we wait for the day of God.

**C: Amen**

**• GATHERING HYMN**

*Lutheran Book of Worship* (Green Hymnal) or *With One Voice* (Blue Hymnal)

**• GREETING**

P: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*The Kyrie  
We reverently  
recognize God's  
presence in our  
worship here. We  
pray for God's  
blessings not  
only for  
ourselves but for  
others.*

## KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.  
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.  
C Lord, have mer - cy.  
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
C Lord, have mer - cy.  
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.  
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. C A - men

*The Prayer of the Day gathers all our praise into one and highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.*

### • Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray...

**Prayer of the Day (Today's Readings insert, read in unison)**

*The Lord  
Speaks to us in  
Scripture  
reading,  
preaching and  
song.*

## FIRST READING

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(WEEK 1: V. 1, WEEK 2: VS. 1 & 2. WEEK 3: VS. 1-3, WEEK 4: VS. 1-4)

### Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on  
3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's  
4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your  
5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save  
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - try 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.

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: *VENI, EMMANUEL*, French processional, 15th cent.

**Psalm: A psalm  
is sung in  
response to  
the 1st Reading.**

### PSALM (Today's Readings Insert)

## SECOND READING

*Before the Gospel is read, we stand and acclaim the living Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who speaks to us in the Gospel.*

*The Gospel then leads directly to preaching. The preaching event is a means of grace.*

*The Hymn of the Day is our response to God's word read and preached and echoes themes of the season or day.*

### • ALLELUIA

Music notation for the Alleluia hymn. The first line shows a soprano C note followed by the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second line shows a soprano C note followed by "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

### • GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ chapter.

Music notation for the Gospel acclamation. The lyrics "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." are written below the notes.

Reading of the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord

Music notation for the Gospel acclamation. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the notes.

### SERMON

### • HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Book of Worship* (Green Hymnal) or *With One Voice* (Blue Hymnal)

*The Creed is a statement of the faith of the whole church and is a response to the Word and proclamation of the Word.*

## **. NICENE CREED (IN UNISON)**

**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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was  
made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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**

*The Prayers of  
the People are  
our prayers for  
God's mercy to  
be known  
throughout the  
world.*

*This greeting is  
the very peace by  
which Jesus  
greeted his  
disciples  
following the  
resurrection. We  
share that peace  
with each other.*

*The offering of  
material goods  
for the church's  
mission, includes  
the care of those  
in need and is a  
sign of the giving  
of our whole  
selves in grateful  
response for all  
God's gifts.*

## • PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Filled with expectation and longing for the return of Christ, let us pray for the church and for all people who are in any need.

**A:**Lord, in your mercy,

**C:**hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

**P:** Hear the prayers of people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:**Amen

## The Meal

### • SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

**C:** And also with you.

Peace be with you. **Peace be with you.**

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Wk 1, v. 1, Wk 2 vs. 1-2; Week 3, Vs. 1-3; Wk 4: vs. 1-4)

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern throughout. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. There are four lines of lyrics, each starting with a number (1, 2, 3, 4) followed by the corresponding verse.

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
Music: STUTTGART, Christian Friedrich Witt, 1660–1716

*The Offering  
Prayer reminds us  
that God is the  
source of all gifts.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (IN UNISON):

C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shines ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen

## • THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The first staff begins with "P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you." The second staff begins with "P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord." The third staff begins with "P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff begins with "C It is right to give him thanks and praise."

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*Before the Lord's Supper is shared,  
the Pastor leads us into  
thanksgiving for the gifts of  
redemption.*

## PREFACE

P. It is indeed a good and joyful thing to offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*As part of this thanksgiving we join our voices with all of creation and sing the angels song, Holy, Holy, Holy. (Isaiah 6:3)*

*In the meal of Holy Communion, the grace of God's gift for us is always proclaimed by the pastor in Jesus' own words of command and promise included in a prayer of thanksgiving. The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

## • HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C 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.

## • PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## • THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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

*In Christ's body  
and blood given  
and shed for us,  
God's saving  
grace is made  
known. We receive  
the Lamb of God  
who takes away  
the sin of the world  
(John 1:29) We are  
forgiven and given  
new life. Christ,  
who died and rose  
from the dead, is  
given to us and we  
are united with one  
another in the  
body of Christ.  
Through this meal,  
God nourishes us  
for mission in the  
world.*

## • BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

## COMMUNION

## • POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C:Amen

*We bless God  
and return our  
thanks and  
praise for the  
love and gifts  
God has given us  
in the Sacrament.*

## • POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-calls 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.

## • POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**C: God, for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people of the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Sending

### • BENEDICTION

P: Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C:Amen

### • SENDING HYMN

*Lutheran Book of Worship* (Green Hymnal) or *With One Voice* (Blue Hymnal)

### • DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*At the close of worship, please return only the Worship Booklet to the back of the Sanctuary. The inserts & announcement pages are for you to take with you.*

***Enter to worship, depart to serve.***

We welcome you to this holy time of sharing in the worship of our Triune God on this, the Lord's Day. If you are a guest, please let us know who you are by filling out a visitor card located in the pew and placing it in the offering plate. Please sign the guest register in the narthex.



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