

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and ECC

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



## 1ST SUNDAY IN *Advent*



210 East Pleasant Street  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066  
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)

Worship Schedule: \*Saturday 5:00 pm \* Sunday 8:00 am Traditional \*  
\* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary \*

**St. Paul's Mission Statement: "Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"**

December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jill George, Interim Principal  
Volume 23

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director

Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 46

WELCOME to everyone, especially our guests.  
Your presence is important to us.

St. Paul's is an evangelical Christian congregation, embracing historic Christian teaching on all doctrines, centered on Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring the Gospel both to those who are searching for answers to the meaning of life and to those who desire a closer relationship with God. We here at St. Paul's have chosen to align ourselves with the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation, due to the clarity with which these help us to see the true meaning of God's Word. Specifically, St. Paul's is a ministry of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, one of America's truly biblical churches!

- **Members and guests:** please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate to indicate your presence today. For Holy Communion, please read our confession and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.
- Those sharing our beliefs, especially from parishes in fellowship with us, are welcome to receive.
- If you desire Holy Communion but hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, please speak with a Pastor or an Elder.
- Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

**Please note:** Half the inner circle of individual glasses in each tray contains water with **one drop** of communion wine for those hesitant to drink larger amounts of wine. Those glasses with wine are rose in color.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Come to worship.** As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Quindecennial Thanksgivings, Part 2*

Traditional Worship

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151**

Contemporary Worship

**Special Order**

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Reformation Bible Study**

**567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

**Salvation**

**567-8195 Tues. - 7:00 p.m. Muecke's Home**

**Women's Bible Study**

**490-2879 Sat. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 a.m. Whelan's**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by a member in praise to God for blessings received. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at [wtkm.com](http://wtkm.com).

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### CHRISTMAS CARING TREE GIFTS

It's here! The best giving time of the year! We are blessed to be able to help those children in need from our community and Bethesda. The trees are in the narthex and in the school entryway with the ornaments which have the child's/Bethesda resident's name, their age, and choice of asked for gift or clothing items (recommended price range \$20/\$25). On the back of the ornament are the instructions for this gift with due date (December 10<sup>th</sup>) for the gift to be returned to the church in time for pickup and delivery. If for some reason you want to participate and are unable to get the gift and wrap it, please consider the idea of offering a gift card (use the \$crip program!) or money to purchase a gift card. Please give this to the church office or in the offering plate (in an envelope marked Christmas Caring Tree). If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynne Lavota @ 262-527-4768 (cell). Thank you for your generosity, prayers and have a blessed Christmas season!

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### FAMILY PROMISE OF WAUKESHA COUNTY

Family Promise started 3 years ago in November to help the homeless families in Waukesha County. There have been almost 8,000 overnight stays for 56 homeless families with 30 of those families being placed into fully furnished apartments! Please see the most current newsletter on what is going on with Family Promise. It is printed out on the Mission board in the Fellowship Hall or go to their website at: <http://familypromisewaukesha.org/> You can view their wish list and see the upcoming "Match" campaign. Also how you can help them through AmazonSmile. There are currently 3 families in the program-3 adults and 4 children (5, 10, 10, 14 years of age) Please continue to pray for these families and for the volunteers. Our next volunteer week that we help support the host church-Our Savior's where the families spend the night is February 25-March 3. More info to come soon about how you can help during that time. Thank you for your continued support of this incredible outreach to homeless families in our surrounding community!

### LORD'S CUPBOARD NEEDED ITEMS

The cupboard is getting low on the following items: soup, toothpaste, hand soap. Please put these items in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much for your prayers and support of this needed outreach ministry for our community!

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### LWML

LWML meets Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Marlene Steinberg for our annual Christmas devotion and fellowship. Bring an appetizer or treat, Christmas stocking offering and Mites. If you have a caroling book, please bring that along too!

## 2018 FLOWER CHART

The 2018 flower chart is now posted in the church narthex (west side) for those of you who would like to sign up for flowers for the Traditional Worship services for the coming year. The cost is \$37.50 for two bouquets. You are welcome to split the cost with someone if you wish and each one could take one bouquet. Thank you.

## THE DENNY ZASTROW SING-A-LONG AND JOURNEYMEN'S 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again the Journeymen are having a Christmas Party celebrating the joy the Christ-Child brings to our lives and especially the fellowship for us as Christian men! The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Journeymen Christmas party is on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pete Sheild's from 7:30 am—9:00 am. All men of the congregation are invited. Pete lives at 15 White Tail Lane, Oconomowoc. If you need a map we will have them at the church office or just ask Pete. Come and enjoy some great fellowship and bring your singing voice!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, PASTOR O'DONNELL!

This weekend, we will be celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor O'Donnell's ordination into the ministry. There will be a combination reception/Bible class in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services on Sunday. Please join us in celebrating with him!

## LADIES AID

We will be having our annual Christmas Party at Rosati's on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship begins at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. We have 25 ladies attending. Don't forget your "UGLY SWEATER" and please bring red and/or green non-perishable items for the Lord's Cupboard.

## "THEE BOOKSTORE" NEWS!

Come and find the new and more convenient location of "Thee Bookstore" in the east end of the narthex of the church (by the coat rack). You can still get your cards, napkins, Bibles and many books. Come and visit us to see what is available this Advent Season.



**1 Corinthians 1:9** *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."* This Faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The First Sunday in Advent: Quindecennial Thanksgivings, Part 2*

*December 3–10, 2017*

## **Quindecennial Thanksgivings, Part 2 (Pastor O'Donnell)**

We are all sinful. "All our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment" (Is. 64:6). Thus, we can wonder, "Shall we be saved?" (Is. 64:5). Thankfully, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are "enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge." We "are not lacking in any gift." (1 Cor 1.7) He will "sustain us to the end" (1 Cor. 1:5, 8)

## **The Order of Meditation and Prayer**

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Christ still comes to forgive, equip, and sustain.

**Verse:** John 8:31b-32 If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**Psalm:** Psalm 24 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	24	122	33	50	18:1-20	102	90	24
<b>Evening</b>	25, 110	40, 67	85, 91	14, 16	126, 62	130, 16	80, 72	25, 110

## Catechism: The Creed: The Lord's Prayer—Second and Third Petitions

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Second Petition)</i>  <b>Thy kingdom come.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>                  The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p><i>How does God's kingdom come?</i>                  God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, So that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Third Petition)</i>  <b>Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>                  The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p><i>How is God's will done?</i>                  God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.                  This is His good and gracious will.</p>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +

## The First Sunday in Advent: *Quindecennial Thanksgivings, Part 2*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem—Matthew 21:1-9	Is. 9:8-10:11	2 Peter 5:1-14
<b>Mon.</b>	Boaz Receives the Right of Redemption from the Near Kinsman—Ruth 4:1-22	Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
<b>Tue.</b>	Hannah Prays for a Son—1 Samuel 1:1-18	Is. 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18
<b>Wed.</b>	The Prophet Samuel Is Born—1 Samuel 1:19–2:2	Is. 24:1-13	1 John 1:1-2:14
<b>Thur.</b>	The Song of Hannah—1 Samuel 2:1-11	Is. 24:14-25:12	1 John 2:15-29
<b>Fri.</b>	Gabriel Appears to Zachariah—Luke 1:5-25	Is. 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24

### **Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's**

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### **Daily Themes for Prayer**

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

### **In Our Prayers this Week**

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Carrie Boldt—breast cancer surgery (12/6); Richard Blanck—back surgery (11/28); Jean Vogel—hospice; Larry Hansen—knee surgery (12/5); Kathy Wickersham; Wilbur Pieper; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; Duane Olson—kidney cancer; Duane Peterson; Carol Fellin—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Louise Lang; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Sue Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin)—cancer returned; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)—colon cancer; the sister of a member with breast cancer; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Dan (stage -four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Vicki Kuhl—afib; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright; Bryan True—coma from motorcycle accident; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members)—stage 3 colon cancer; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Shawn—vascular problems; Kristal—lung surgery; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Clem—high calcium heart; Bob—prostate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Barb (Dave Schlomer's mom)—severe headaches; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—afib; Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Justin Michener; PFC Nicholas Lang; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Captain Chad Kelling; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Tom, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; Alvin Wolter (brother of Nancy and Louann) and his wife, Sue Wolter (Pat Gartzke's sister), who both died; Matt, friend of Heather Gartzke; for a family struggling with job loss; David; those struggling with addiction-Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week: "O Bride Of Christ, Rejoice"**

**LSB 335**

**Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 9/10, 2017**

**Hymns: 343, 335 (348, 620, 353) 332**

**O Christmas Tree**

"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) is the Good News that the Savior has come! Jesus Christ is "the glory of the Lord [whom] shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5). He is "the Word of our God" who "stands forever." (Is. 40:8) He is the Good Shepherd who "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

## A new church directory is in the works!

Mortensen Photography will take family pictures in January at St. Paul's. There is a link on our website ([www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)) where you can sign-up online during the week. Sign-up sheets will be available in the nave on the weekends.

- Please notify the church office (262-567-5001 or [heather@splco.org](mailto:heather@splco.org)) of any family, address, phone number, or email address changes by March 1, 2018.
- If you have digital photos of any St. Paul's activities from 2017 and would like to include them in the directory, email your photos to Amy Hackbarth by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, please email Amy Hackbarth at [amy@splco.org](mailto:amy@splco.org) or John Melvin [johnlm00@hotmail.com](mailto:johnlm00@hotmail.com).

God's Blessings and thank you for your participation.  
Amy Hackbarth  
John Melvin



# St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

## ***What's happening in Kindergarten?***

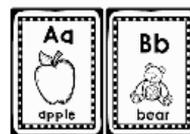


Kindergarten is a time of making new buddies...

Our chapel buddies are the eighth graders and the fourth graders. Third grade reading buddies come to read to us on Fridays. We love sharing a good story! Having so many friends throughout the school helps increase confidence.

Kindergarten is a time of learning new things...

Our reading series is called *Superkids*. It is a phonics-based program which introduces letter sounds with the help of story characters and their songs. We are learning to recognize and write our numbers. We also compare to find more, fewer, most, fewest and as many as.



Kindergarten is a time of service to others...

Earlier this year the children made gift bags for pastors, teachers, and other workers in our building. These included things like chips, soup, hot chocolate mix, and stickers. Recently, tags for the Giving Tree were made by the kindergarten and third grade. Be sure to pick one off the tree to provide a gift for someone less fortunate.

**Kindergarten is a time of helping...**

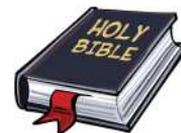
**The children just finished decorating over 200 bags for the Lord Cupboard Thanksgiving giveaway! We will begin to work on another bunch of bags for Christmas! We love being helpful!**



**Kindergarten is a time of many changes. The children are learning to be more independent. Most can zip their jackets and a few can tie their shoes.**

Kindergarten is a time to grow as God's child. . .

Most importantly we are learning God's Word. We praise Him with our words and music using our voices, rhythm instruments, and hand bells.



Mission Statement: *Helping God's children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.*

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to St. Paul's online giving webpage.



For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at [splco.org](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: December 4<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Hallway Room 201 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY December 5 <sup>th</sup>	LWML Christmas Party Auction Meeting Praise Team Practice	Marlene Steinberg's Room 219 Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Hymn Sing Advent Worship Parish Choir Advent Soup Supper Advent Hymn Sing Advent Worship Adult Choir	Church Church Balcony Fellowship Hall Church Church Balcony	12:00 pm 12:15 pm 5:20 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Aid Christmas Party Praise Team Practice	Rosati's Church	5:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Journeyman Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Reformation Adult Bible Study <b>Contemporary Christmas Worship</b> Voters' Meeting Sunday Night Alive (5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Church Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall <b>Church</b> Church Gym/Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 12:00 pm 6:00 pm

# ATTENDANCE

November 22/23 & 25/26

## Church Attendance:

Thanksgiving—206

5:00 pm—84

8:00 am—145

10:30 am—157

## Weekend Attendance Totals:

386 Total; 22 visitors; 364 members

ST. PAUL'S DECEMBER EPISTLE IS  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
[SPLCO.ORG](http://SPLCO.ORG).

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

We rejoice to have families with small children participating in our worship services. There are baskets available with items that might be helpful for your children behind the back pews.

## THIS SUNDAY

### 3:00 PM

### 8:00 AM

### 10:30 AM

	3:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	Dave Schlomer	Dave Schlomer	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dorothy Duchow	Dorothy Duchow	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Tesch	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Shirley Smart (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Anne Fait
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Meyer	Dorothy Duchow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

## NEXT WEEK

### 5:00 PM

### 8:00 AM

### 10:30 AM

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Wesley Weaver	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Ashworth	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Dave Meyer	Scott Kalien
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Jamie Stache
<b>Lectors</b>	Erik Benes	Cheryl Tesch	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Jim Steinberg
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Leah Johnson	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Bratz	Mike Papa	Scott Kalien

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## **Isaiah 64:1–9**

*Pew Bible pg. 791*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

## **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*Pew Bible pg. 1210*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **St. Mark 11:1-10**

*Pew Bible pg. 1077*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"