

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Populus Zion –December 9th, 2018

Order of Service: (LSB) Page 184, Divine Service, Setting Three

Hymns: 341, 514, 359, 331

Psalms: 50

Catechetical Review: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Q: What is Baptism?

A: Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's word.

Q: Which is that word of God?

A: Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap."

OUR LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US! One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. We practice what is known as "closed communion" because of the Bible's teaching that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP and center our thoughts and minds on God's Word, the organists will be playing 10 minutes of pre-service/prelude music. Please observe silence once the music begins. A few good spiritual disciplines to prepare for worship during this time include: reading the lessons, the hymns of the day, the psalms, and the Catechism (p.321 in the hymnal); examining your life and your sins and giving thanks for receiving God's forgiveness; and, of course prayer. Because of Jesus, we can approach our heavenly Father in confidence that He is tender and merciful. However, and we have all been in this situation, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or cannot find the words. Remember that the Holy Spirit is already praying for you, and that through the Word of God, He guides us in prayer. Specific prayers for worship are found on the first page of the hymnal, additional prayers for many concerns are found on pages 305-318, and of course, there is the prayer that our Lord taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

REMINDER: Please remember to sign the record of fellowship during the offering. It is located in the binder at the end of each pew. Thank you.

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS for the Prayer Partners, call Cathie Mann at (262) 994-7371, or email: cmann5@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the church office.

FRIENDS AND VISITORS: Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the early service downstairs and stay for Bible Study as we continue our study of the Life of Luther. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK: **Elder:** Wednesday – Carl Trost; Sunday: 8:00 – Randy Verbeten; 10:30 – Doug Just. **Organist:** Wednesday – Ruth Feldscher; Sunday: 8:00 – Lora Heinz; 10:30 – Sharon Mueller. **Altar Guild:** Wednesday – Lori Arnold; Kevin Steffens and Bernice Steffens; Sunday: 8:00 – Sharon Tilton; 10:30 – Ron & Greta Martin. **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – . **PRELUDE:** "Christians Awake!"

ATTENDANCE: Last Week: Wednesday– 38; Sunday: 8:00– 69; 10:30– 51;

TOTAL: 158. Sunday School- 9.

OUR GIVING: Last Week: General Fund - \$5,605.00; Sunday School – \$2.00;

TOTAL - \$5,607.00. Needed each week to meet budget - \$5,450.00.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE for the month of December is given to the glory of God by Maria Engelhardt, in loving memory of Eldon Engelhardt, George & Lavina Engelhardt, and Algot & Winifred Carlson.

CHOIRS: Vocal choirs will meet on Dec. 12, at 6:00. Chime Choirs will meet on Dec 19, at 6:00, and Dec. 24, at 6:15. January we go back to the 2nd and 4th Tue of the month.

QUILTS: The quilts in the narthex are for the Union Grove Area Foodbank for distribution with their Christmas baskets. Many thanks to the Quilting Crew for their efforts, and to St. Paul's members for donated supplies.

CHURCH DECORATING: Thank you to all who came out to help decorate. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and the church looks wonderful!

A DOOR OFFERING will be collected on Dec. 9th for the construction of a new building for University Lutheran Chapel at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT INVITATION: The Senior, Children's and Handbell Choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1501 Erie St, Racine, invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 will feature guest organist Frederik M. Bach. All in attendance are invited to a reception following the concert in the school cafeteria.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS CAROLING will be on Friday, Dec. 14. We will go bowling and have pizza at Old Settler's in Union Grove after caroling.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL OF THE CROSS is having the Live Nativity Dec. 14th at 7pm and Dec. 15th at 4:30 and 6:30.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: We will be holding our annual Christmas program on December 16th at 4:00 pm. Please come out to enjoy all the hard work that our children have done to prepare for the birth of our Savior!

ABOUT THE COVER: As the signs of the times and tribulations of this world increase, as a tree sends out leaves when summer approaches, we are to cling to Jesus' promise of mercy and grace in His Word.