

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Ad Te Levavi –December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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

Hymns: 336, 332, (358, 357, 636), 343

Psalms: 24

Catechetical Review: The Lord's Prayer

Q: What is the conclusion of The Lord's Prayer?

**A: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Q: What is meant by the word "Amen"?

**A: That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, yea, it shall be so.**

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**"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you'"**

**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. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

**SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK:** **Elder:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – Todd Wilks ; 10:30 – Joe Bloomer and Jerry Nigro. **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 – Maryann Melby; 10:30 – Ron & Greta Martin. **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – .  
**PRELUDE FOR 10:30 SERVICE:** "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

**ATTENDANCE:** **Last Week:** Wednesday– 35; Sunday: 8:00– 60; 10:30– 54; **TOTAL:** 149. Sunday School- 21.

**OUR GIVING:** **Last Week:** General Fund - \$2,780.00; Sunday School – \$27.00; **TOTAL - \$3,217.00. 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 Nov. 28, and Dec. 12, at 6:00. Chime Choirs will meet on Dec 5, Dec 19, at 6:00, and Dec. 24, at 6:15. January we go back to the 2nd and 4th Tue of the month.

**CHURCH DECORATING:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 2nd directly following the late service. Any and ALL help would be greatly appreciated! Hope to see many helping hands here for this joyous event.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding a Christian Formation Night at St. Paul's - Union Grove, 4-6:00pm. Pizza and games will follow the study.

**RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** presents a service of lessons and carols at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. Pre-concert music begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. The school is located at 251 Luedtke Ave., off Spring St. All are welcome!  
A DOOR OFFERING will be collected on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Jesus rides into Jerusalem to fulfill His work of salvation. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem reminds us of His coming in the flesh at His birth, his future return in glory, and His continuing coming to us by the means of grace--His Word and Sacrament.