

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship**  
**Sunday, December 5, 2021 – Second Sunday of Advent**  
*Setting One of the ELW*

Prelude - *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* by Johannes Brahms

**GATHERING**

**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.**

C **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.**

**Gathering Song - Prepare the Royal Highway**

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**Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

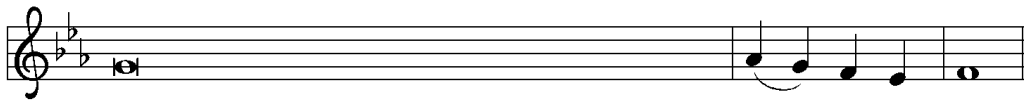
**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



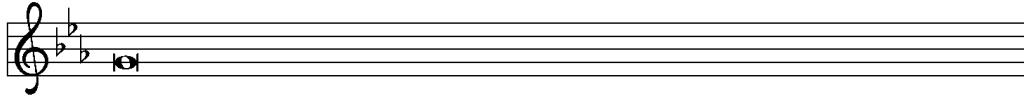
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



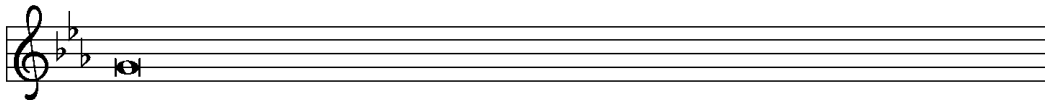
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE – THIS IS THE FEAST


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



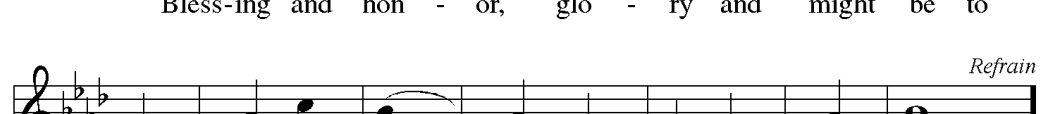
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**  
P Let us pray

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4**

*God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.*

<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.

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Hymn - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – verse 2**

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### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11**

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming 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.’ ”

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day - There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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### Reception of New Member

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Rafael Ribeiro de Oliveira has come to our congregation from the Protestant church in Portugal.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

### *Address and Questions*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Brother in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in his life in Christ?

**We do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome *(to congregation)*

Let us welcome this brother in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all

who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill (*especially*) Barbara, Jan, Tony, JoAnn, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Leslie, Bob, Ellie, Barbara, Naomi, Fran, Anastasia, Larry, David, Dorothy, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Offering**

Offertory - *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* by Gerald Near

## Offertory - Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by a half note G, then a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The second staff continues with a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The third staff continues with a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The fourth staff concludes with a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C.

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## Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray together

**C** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The second staff continues with a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The third staff continues with a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F#. The fourth staff concludes with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G.



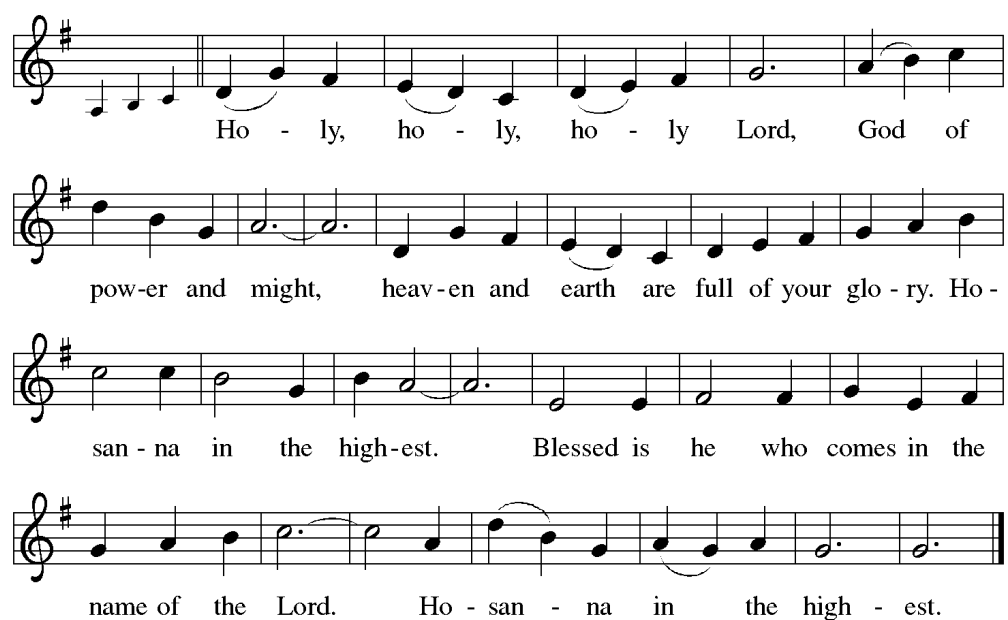
## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

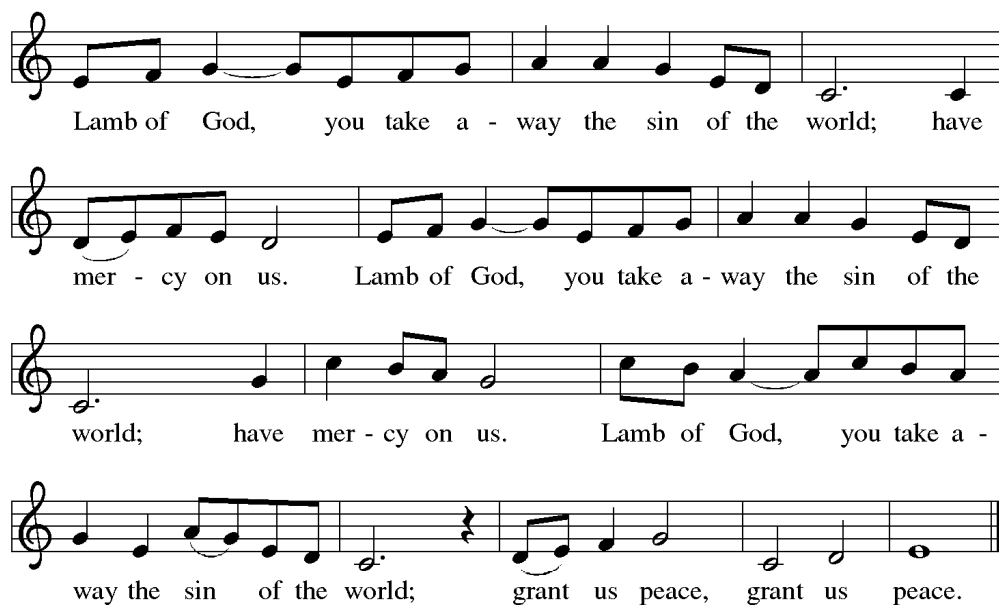
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** Come to the banquet for all is ready.

### **COMMUNION SONG – LAMB OF GOD**



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 DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

## COMMUNION HYMN – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

*We give you thanks, almighty God...*

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OR

***O God, we give you thanks...***

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OR

***God of abundance...***

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN – Hark, the Glad Sound!**

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**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **We will. Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee by Paul Manz*

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**On the First Sunday of each month**, we will offer drive through communion at the rear entrance of the church from 11:30 am until noon.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God with the following recognitions:

✙ In honor of Ida Elliott and in memory of Jim Elliott Sr. by Theresa and Christian Oertel

**The roses on the altar** are in honor of the birth of twins, William and Evie O'Neill, who were born Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. They are still in the NICU but are progressing. Parents are Dorothy and Bret O'Neill and siblings include Hannah, James, Jason, John, Kathryn, and Abigail.

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Tony Perrotte, JoAnn Bowman, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis Jenkins, Leslie Johnson, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Barbara Shade, Naomi Watson, Fran Whitfield, Anastasia Smith, Larry Hawley, David Franzen, Dorothy O'Neill

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), David Deardorff (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Chuck Noll (friend of the Waugh's), Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Marjorie Bower (daughter of Doug and Fran Whitfield), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Betty Sue Dickerson and son Barry Dickerson (friends of the church), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Clarence Schulze (father of Sharon Schulze), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Mary Bader, Lisa Cortopassi (by Bill Dahl), Cynthia Sund (grandmother of Megan Cunningham), Steve and Hut Craig (family of Pat Casper), Nancy Urbach (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl), Amy Natzle (friend of Megan Cunningham), McKay Family (by Pat Casper), Ruth Parker (aunt of Pat Casper), Jerry Bukiewicz (family of Bill and Barbara Dahl)

**On Sunday mornings, we want to be sure our handicapped persons** have accessible seating in the sanctuary. We have therefore added reserved signs to three of our handicap rows for their use.

**Nurturing Committee – Be-Friend** – The Be-Friend branch of the nurturing Committee has sprouted. The flowers on the Caring Tree (in the narthex) have blossomed into bold Words of Hope. These are supportive scriptures that Nurturing Committee members and others have pointed to as meaningful. Also, in the basket unit by the Caring Tree are items put together to add a smile as you grow and develop a new and/or an already up and running relationship. Look for the clear portfolio Be-Friend Idea Starter Kit as well as card making and other supplies in this place. Help yourself!

**Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11. Here is the info:

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

**"By Heart"** – Vicar Mac is leading a study of "By Heart," a historical, theological, and spiritual deep-dive into Luther's Small Catechism. Classes meet on Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm. The classes will be about seven weeks, unless the discussions run longer. In-person in Trinity Hall and Zoom will both be available. Email Vicar Mac ([vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)) with any questions.

**St. Paul's Readers** – During the month of December, our church book club takes a holiday break. We are currently finalizing our 2022 reading list. The January book is Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Frann. The book chronicles one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history. Members of the Osage Nation in the 1920s were the richest people in the world. Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. The newly created FBI was called upon to unravel these mysterious deaths. Barb Shade will lead the discussion on Thursday, January 20.

St. Paul's Readers meet at 3 pm on the third Thursday of the month in Trinity Hall. Please consider participating. We welcome all readers – men and women! Contact Katherine Trexler ([katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM**

Bible Study will be in Trinity Hall and over Zoom. We are studying the book: Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. We will send emails if any study guides are needed.

#### **Here is the zoom information.**

Topic: Pastor's Bible Study

**Time: Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM** (and the weeks following will use the same link)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526693517?pwd=UVI2SldvRTVtYTdQOHFEa2N1THREdz09>

Meeting ID: 895 2669 3517 -- Passcode: 727541

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526693517?pwd=UVI2SldvRTVtYTdQOHFEa2N1THREdz09>

**Croasdaile Worship in December** – The Croasdaile worship in December will be held on Thursday, December 23 at 2:00 pm. Still on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

### **All the Details!**

#### **Parktown Food Hub Christmas Giveaway 2021**

The Parktown Food Hub Christmas Giveaway is coming up and there are many ways you can help:

- **Sponsor a child (or more than one child!)** - Families are signing up now and will be available for “adoption” starting on 11/3/21. If there are people in your group who would like to sponsor a child, please have them contact Pastor Sharon at [parktownhub@gmail.com](mailto:parktownhub@gmail.com).
- **Help with preparations:** On the other side of this sheet is the schedule of dates when we will be receiving and sorting gifts, signing cards that accompany the food cards, wrapping gifts (there is ALWAYS somebody who brings unwrapped gifts), checking gifts to make sure they are appropriate for the child, tagging gifts so that all gifts for a single family are together, and a variety of other things that come up in a large undertaking like this. It's always a fun time and we appreciate all the help we can get.
- **Special arrangements for groups:** If your group would like to volunteer together, take up a collection and make a single cash donation, or deliver gifts as a group just let me know. We \*love\* accommodating groups and are happy to work with you.

At the Parktown Food Hub we say that when there is abundance there is enough for everyone, and that is true in this case, too. Families and children are blessed with gifts but volunteers often tell us how much participating has enhanced their own holiday celebrations.

Thank you for helping!  
Pastor Sharon Schulze

#### **The Women's Connections group at St. Paul's is participating in the Parktown Food Hub Christmas Giveaway 2021 in the following way:**

There is a Christmas tree in the atrium which is decorated with envelopes. You may “choose an envelope – purchase the gift card and return it in the provided envelope.” They may be returned to the offering plate, or put in the Finance Office wall slot in the staff hallway. There will be instructions posted by the Tree. The cards will need to be returned to St. Paul's by **December 9** at which time they will be delivered to the Parktown Food Hub Christmas Giveaway.

#### **St. Paul's In-Person Worship and Building Guidelines**

The Reopening Task Force met and reviewed the rules announced by our governor and the CDC.

- On Sunday mornings, we will continue to meet at 10:00 am for one worship service, socially distancing in the sanctuary at every other pew, and also gathering in Trinity Hall where the service is projected. All will gather in the sanctuary for Holy Communion.
- We will still wear masks in worship in an effort to offer some protection from disease. We will allow singing and humming while masked.

- All areas of the church are purified with IWave technology which eliminates up to 97% of all virus and bacteria particles.
- Committees may begin meeting in person or a combination of in person and zoom. Contact the church office to reserve space.
- In order to be able to offer in person worship we need assistance on Sunday morning. Visit the listing below of Sign-Up Genius links. We also need people to help with the new video and sound equipment. Contact Curtis Chi or Tim Hoke if you would like to be trained.

We are using a live link to view our weekly Worship Services on Sundays at 10:00 AM Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223> The live feed is a much better video experience and the recording of this live service will be put on the vimeo site after the service is concluded and can be watched at any time. That link is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> (then choose the service date or event you wish to watch).

**We are in need of worship assistants!** Here is a listing of the Sign-Up Genius links we are presently using to accomplish our many needed tasks. Please fill in as you are able. You can bookmark these sites to make it easier to return to them.

- ◆ Devotions – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1> Please send your devotions to Vicar Mac Mullins at [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)
- ◆ Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Worship Tasks  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>  
Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, video, altar guild, etc.
- ◆ Sunday morning 10:00 AM Communion Assistants and Lock-Up  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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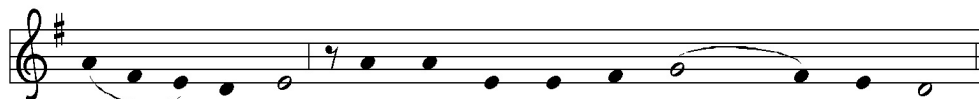
# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## Hymn - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – verse 2

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- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
- 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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1 There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a  
 2 O Je-ru-sa-lem, her-ald good tid-ings, as-  
 3 But the word of our Sav-ior is faith-ful, the

call from the ways un-trod: Pre-pare in the des-ert a  
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro-claim to a des-o-late  
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high-way, a high-way for our God!  
 peo-ple the com-ing of their king.  
 na-tions and soon will right the wrong.

The val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the  
 Like flow'rs of the field we per-ish, like  
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep-herd, the

loft-y hills brought low; make straight all the crook-ed  
 grass our works de-cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
 lambs so gent-ly hold; in pas-tures of peace now

plac-es where God, our God, may go!  
 na-tions shall pass like a dream a-way.  
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.

Music: ASCENSION, Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988

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1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820