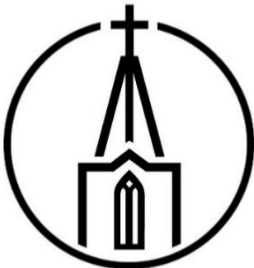


Sunday, December 8, 2024  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent



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# GOOD MORNING & WELCOME!!

Our prayer is that as we worship this morning, we all be filled with the joy and peace that are ours through faith, and that we also see the many reasons we have to praise and glorify our God and Savior!! If you have no church home, we invite you to join us as often as you like, and if you have any questions, please call or talk to Pastor Hirsch.

God bless our worship!!

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## ***A PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP***

*Gracious Lord, I have come to Your house this morning to worship Your holy name and to grow in my faith through Your Word. Please clear my heart and mind of all selfish thoughts, and any distractions so that I may give You all my attention. Use me to share the most precious gifts of all, the gift of Christ, with my family, friends, and all whom I know. Once again I thank You for another day of grace today, and bless me with a safe and restful night so that I can faithfully serve You again tomorrow. Amen.*

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## **Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30 PM	Worship Service
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
<b>Monday:</b>	6:30 PM	Sisters-In-Faith Group
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 AM	Bible Class
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>NO</b> Donnerstag Group in December	

*The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM, and livestreamed via our website – [stpls.com](http://stpls.com). These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.*

# THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP THEME

## The Preparation for Purity

*Too often we look for an easy fix for our problems. But let's remember that many times God uses these unpleasant realities in life to embrace our Savior even more, looking forward to that time when there aren't any unpleasant realities!*

### The Order of Service -- "Morning Praise"

**Morning Hymn** #6 "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

#### Our Worship Introduction



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



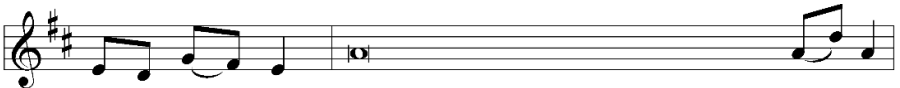
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

*P: Behold the King comes: let us worship Him!*

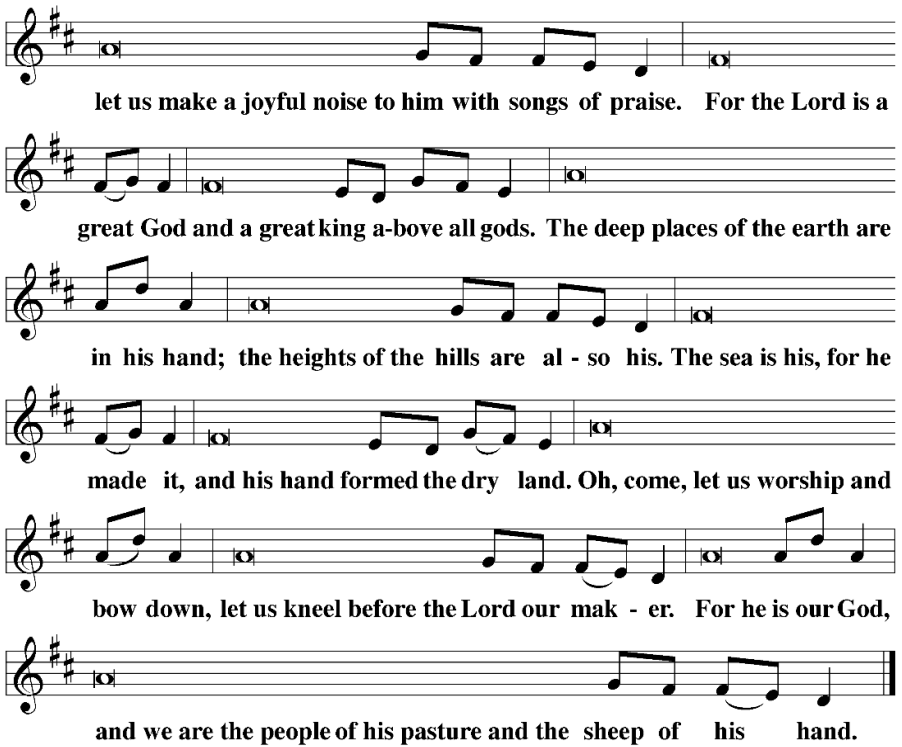
#### Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a  
 great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are  
 in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
 made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and  
 bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Anthem** “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

**A Scripture Lesson** Philippians 1:1-11

*God, who brought us to faith, will continue to bless us and keep us in the faith until the day when Christ Jesus comes again.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
 To all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together  
 with the overseers and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord  
 Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my  
 prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your  
 partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being  
 confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will  
 carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I  
 have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending

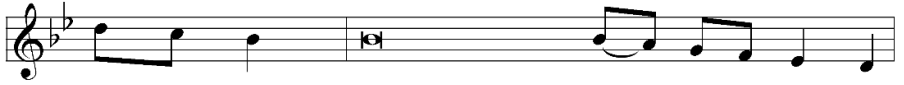




Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



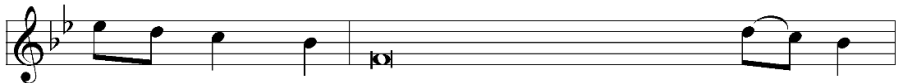
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



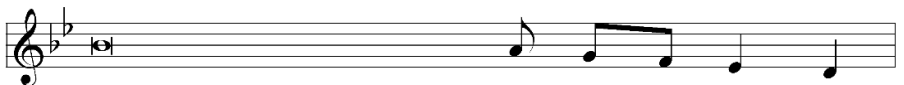
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



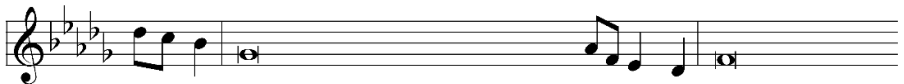
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



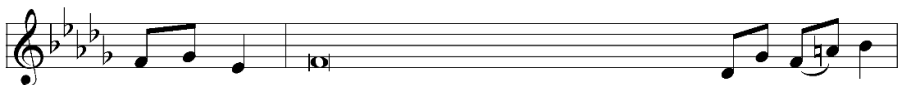
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.







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.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

**The Blessing**



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - - - men.

**Closing Hymn** #12 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”



**Worshipping the Lord**

Last Week’s Attendance: Thanksgiving Eve 118  
 Saturday – 64 Sunday – 100 **Total: 282**

Sunday Bible Class – 23 Wednesday Bible Class – N/A  
 Sisters in Faith – 12 Donnerstag – N/A

### Serving this Week

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Hirsch    **Organist:** Alicia Moyer

**Elder:** Jeff Sperry    **Usher:** Eric Nunnenkamp/Joe Myers

**Radio Broadcasters:** Glynn Grebe/Katy Nichols

**Video Tech:** Darol Dusseau

**Power Point:** 12/7 - Athena Bretschneider    12/8 - Caleb Brown

### Serving Next Week Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Hirsch    **Organist:** Shannon Spreeman

**Elder:** Dave Nelson    **Usher:** Curt Dinkel

**Radio Broadcasters:** Glynn Grebe/Katy Nichols

**Video Tech:** Chad Moyer

**Power Point:** 12/14 - Abi Bretschneider    12/15 - Logan Weinrich

### **St. Paul's General Fund – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 1st, 2024**

Yearly Needed: \$479,710.00

YTD Need: \$182,395.10

YTD Offerings: \$183,587.60

YTD Need vs Offerings: \$1192.50

Last Week Received: \$6,870.01

Weekly Need: \$9,497.90

Difference: -\$3,100.89

## **SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) **Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoskins invites you to join us for an Advent and Christmas Hymn Sing on December 15th, 4:00-5:00 PM.** Following the hymn sing, we'll have fellowship and snacks. You are welcome to bring a light snack to share with the group. We'll provide the warm beverages! There are so many great Advent and Christmas hymns that we don't always get to sing, but we'd love to get together and enjoy them with you! You may even learn some fun facts about some of the popular Christmas songs! This is open to all, feel free to invite friends and family!
- 2) For the **Bible Class Sundays in November (11/24) and December (12/1,8,22)** we'll be looking at a series that encourages and trains us as individuals in our personal evangelism called "One By One."

- 3) **SCRIP Cards for Christmas Gifts!!** We have a wide variety of cards available to order - Cabelas, Scheels, Old Navy, Maurice's, Chipotle, Olive Garden, Omaha Steaks, prepaid Visa cards, hotels, and many other clothing and restaurant options. We will try to keep the on hand cards well stocked - Lou's, HyVee, Walmart, Target, Amazon, Bath and Body, Starbucks and many other local locations. Stop by the scrip table to get more information. You can pay by check or cash. The money generated helps with tuition assistance or will go to the school. Thanks.
- 4) There will be **NO** Donnerstag Group held in December.
- 5) The **NELHS Christmas concert** will be held on Sunday, December 8, 4:00 PM, in the south gym.
- 6) Volunteers are needed to help clear walkways around the school when snow has fallen overnight. Heavier amounts will be handled commercially. Our goal is to have sidewalks around school cleared before students arrive. A sign up sheet is available in the communication center. Thank you
- 7) Please feel free to bring a **poinsettia** or two to church in the near future as we go through another Advent season, gearing up for Christmas!
- 8) **Barb Brandt** went home to heaven on November 22. A Christian memorial service for her will be held here at St. Paul's on Saturday, December 21. A visitation will be at 10:00 AM, with the service led by Pastor Schlieve at 11:00 AM. A lunch will be served after.

## Upcoming Events This Week:

- Sunday, 12/8**      Worship Service, 9:00 AM  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sings, 9:00 AM  
Special Congregational Meeting, 10:15 AM
- Monday, 12/9**      Red Cross Blood Drive, Noon-6:00 PM  
Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, 12/11**      Chapel, 8:15 AM  
Bible Class, 10:00 AM  
PS Cat., 2:15 PM
- Thursday, 12/12**      Winter Band Concert 🎷, 6:30 PM
- Saturday, 12/14**      Worship Service w/ HC, 6:30 PM  
Fellowship after Services
- Sunday, 12/15**      Worship Service w/ HC, 9:00 AM  
Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts, 10:15 AM  
Winter Piano Recital 🎹, 1:00 PM

## Church Cleaning Teams

### **Weeks of December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Team #4**

Pat Jamison, Leonard Janovec, John & Jan Schlomer,  
JoAnn Winter

### **Weeks of December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Team #5**

Gary & Sue Bretschneider, Joan Ellenberger,  
Rick & Diane Ellenberger, Shannon Spreeman

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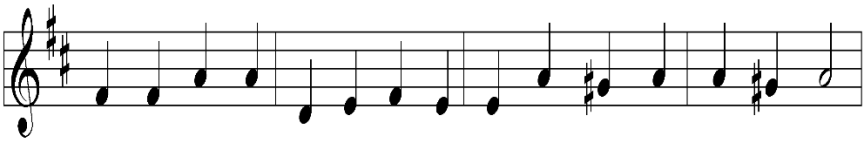
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## Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



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



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.  
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,  
 By your 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 your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

# To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came  
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The  
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To  
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The  
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This  
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The  
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -  
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The  
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
 one I love, who pleas - es me."  
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
 This man in Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

# 12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the cap - tives 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 -  
pris - on 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.