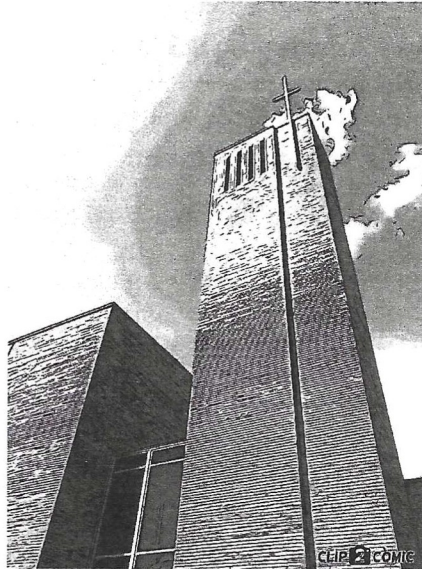


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+Order of Service+
December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting One
LSB 151

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Hymn **Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring** LSB 353
Confession and Absolution LSB 151
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Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:1-10
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Closing **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** LSB 338

December 4, 2022 Of Our Time: 107 Communion:85

Giving: \$ 3,948.00

Advent: Of Our Time: 47 Giving: \$ 100.26

Old Testament**Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; (2) it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. (3) Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. (4) Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." (5) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; (6) then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; (7) the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. (8) And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. (9) No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. (10) And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Epistle**James 5:7-11**

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. (8) You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (9) Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. (10) As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (11) Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Gospel**Matthew 11:2-15**

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples (3) and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (4) And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: (5) the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. (6) And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." (7) As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? (8) What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. (9) What then did you go out to see? A

prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. (10) This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' (11) Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (12) From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. (13) For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, (14) and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. (15) He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

DR. MICHAEL ZEIGLER shows how even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler message: "Gestures of Hope" (Isaiah 7:14) on the Lutheran Hour on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM. Today's message: Beauty We Can't See" (Isaiah 28:5).

THANK YOU FOR the Poinsettia I received from the Ladies Aid/LWML. Eulalie Grunig

WE WILL START the poinsettia tradition again. Please let the office know the names of the persons you want in the bulletin by December 15. The names will be in the bulletin on December 18. Poinsettias can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Halverson 507-432-8248.

'PRAISE YE THE Lord.' Any special music during our worship services would enrich our praise to our wonderful Lord. Sign up for a Sunday with Chris.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING is designated for MLHS tuition aid unless specified otherwise. New Year's Eve offering is designated for seminary student aid unless specified otherwise.

THE MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR High School Music Department invites everyone to "O Magnum Mysterium" a Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Opera House. Elementary and high school musicians in band and choir will perform under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will offering.

A BENEFIT FOR Myron Kietzer of Willow Creek is planned for Saturday, January 14th from 3-7 PM at the Amboy Snowbirds Event Center on Main Street, Amboy. Menu will include pork sandwiches, beans, chips, pickles and dessert. You can participate in a stretch raffle for some great prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Free Will offering. Snow date will be on Saturday, January 21st.

Introit

Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

I will hope con- | tinually*
and will praise you yet | more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,*
for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come;*
I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*
and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,*
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ **Stephen Reckard, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Norman Wiederhoeft, Pastor Fretham, Mel Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz. Bea Schultz, Richard Gottschalk, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit, who face prolonged illnesses.** May the Lord's grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: Eulalie Grunig, Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler.** May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

THERE WILL BE no Sunday School on Sundays, December 25th and January 1st.

THERE WILL BE no Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study – December 13th, 20th, or 27th. We will start again on Tuesday, January 3rd.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.,	Dec.	11	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Mon.,	Dec.	12	7:00	Board of Trustees meet
Tues.,	Dec.	13	7:00	Board of Education meets
			7:30	Elders meet
Wed.,	Dec.	14	10:00	Chapel
			4:30	after school Confirmation
			5:45-6:45	Supper by the Crusaders
			7:00	Advent Service
Sat.,	Dec.	17	7:00	MLHS Christmas Concert @ Opera House
Sun.,	Dec.	18	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
			4:00	Jennie Williamson Church Concert

Organists: 12/11 Chris 12/14 Chris 12/18 Heidi 12/21 Sylvia

12/11 Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

12/14 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

12/18 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly


12/24 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban

12/25 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

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Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**