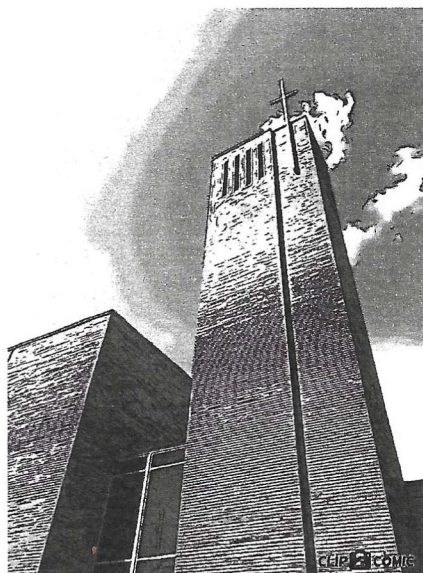


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+Order of Service+
December 18, 2022
4th Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

LSB 341

Rite of Holy Baptism LSB 268

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit, Gloria Patri, and Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria In Excelsis- Omitted during Advent

Collect of the Day LSB 189

Old Testament Isaiah 7:10-17

Epistle Romans 1:1-7

Holy Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** LSB 357

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

Arise, O Christian People LSB 354

The Infant Priest was Holy Born LSB 624

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming LSB 359

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**
LSB 348

December 11, 2022 Of Our Time: 95 Communion: 75

Giving: \$ 5,457.00

Advent: Of Our Time: 42 Giving: \$ 427.00

Old Testament**Isaiah 7:10-17**

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: (11) “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” (12) But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” (13) And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? (14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (15) He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. (16) For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. (17) The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

Epistle**Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, (2) which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, (3) concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh (4) and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, (5) through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, (6) including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, (7) To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel**Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (19) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (20) But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (21) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: (23) “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). (24) When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, (25) but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Baptized Into Christ: Blaine Joseph Krenz. Blaine is the son of Christopher and Angelina Krenz, grandson of Wade and DeLaine Krenz. Blaine was born September 16, 2022, he is reborn this morning by God's grace in Christ Jesus in Holy Baptism. His baptismal sponsors are Tyler and Hannah Krenz. May we rejoice to see God's kingdom come through Holy Baptism welcoming Blaine as a member of our congregation and Christ's body.

A SHOOT SPRINGS forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a sign of hope--or a threat? Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler message: "A Shoot from the Stump" (Isaiah 11:1) on the Lutheran Hour on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM. Today's message: "Gestures of Hope" (Isaiah 7:14).

THE LWML LADIES would like to thank those who donated to the sock and mitten tree/box for Heavens Table. They really appreciated the gift. And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Mathew 25:40

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.

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.

You can give to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry while you shop! Use HyVee Cards. (Or give them as gifts!) Available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Purchase KWIK TRIP cards through MLHS. MLHS earns 5% on each Gas and Gift Card. Available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Give them as gifts also! They can be used at KWIK TRIP and KWIK STAR. Special KWIK TRIP Grocery Only cards are available in \$100 and \$200 which provides 15% to MLHS on in-store grocery purchases ONLY. *Items not eligible to be purchased with Grocery Only include fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps. Both HyVee & KWIK TRIP cards can be purchased from the MLHS School Office during regular office hours. Please call 436-5249 and we will have them ready for you.**

Introit

Ps. 130:5–8; antiphon: Is. 64:1

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.
I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.
And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.
Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ The family of **Stephen Reckard** who was called home to heaven on Sunday, December 11. Funeral pending. May the Living Lord Jesus comfort all who mourn.

+ **Marci Barfknecht, 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 20th, or 27th. We will start again on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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

Sun.,	Dec. 18	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		4:00	Jennie Williamson Church Concert
Mon.,	Dec. 19	10:00	Jennie Williamson School Concert
Wed.,	Dec. 21	10:00	Chapel
		4:30	after school Confirmation
		5:45-6:45	Supper by the Crusaders
		7:00	Advent Service
Sat.,	Dec. 24	5:00	Candlelight Service
Sun.,	Dec. 25	9:00	Christmas Day Service & Holy Communion

Organists: 12/18 Heidi 12/21 Sylvia

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


12/31 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban

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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

 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.**