

Advent Four at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cudahy, Wisconsin

December 20, 2020



THE ADVENT WREATH – “Advent” is Latin and it means “coming.” Christians celebrate the season of Advent as a time of preparation and reflection as we anticipate (the color blue) Christ’s “coming” to earth at Christmas. The Advent wreath itself is a circle to represent God’s unending love. The evergreens symbolize the hope of eternal life. The four outer candles represent the four Sundays until Christmas Day. The white center candle is the Christ candle. May the Lord bless your time spent in His House as you prepare your heart this Advent Season.

Advent Gathering Rite

*God’s people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement.
This Gathering Rite reminds people of the blessings of God’s Word.*

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

C: **On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

M: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

C: **And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times gave holy law, In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: As people waiting and watching for our Savior’s advent, we confess our sins.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: As soon as Adam and Eve sinned, God announced the coming Savior. Jesus Christ was finally born as that Savior in Bethlehem. After completing his work of redemption through his perfect life, death and resurrection, he returned to heaven. He promises to come again not as our suffering servant, but as our glorious king. You need not fear the second and final coming of our King Jesus. He is coming again, not to condemn you, but to welcome you into his eternal home of heaven.

Jesus said, "Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Lk 21:28). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**



M: We light four Advent candles, remembering to prepare a place for Jesus.

C: He came as our Savior.

M: He came to save his people from their sin.

C: The gate to heaven he swings wide open.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, prepare in our hearts a place.

C: So that one day we'll see you face-to-face.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION – St. Paul's Sunday School Students & Staff

PRAYER OF THE DAY – "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" (28 v.4-6)

4 Wel - come, O my Sav - ior, now! Joy - ful,
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
Lord, to you I bow. Come in - to my
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
heart, I pray; Oh, pre - pare your - self a way.
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death,

6 And, when you shall come again
As a glorious king to reign,
I with joy may see your face,
Freely ransomed by your grace.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Genesis 3:8-15

“As soon as Adam and Eve sinned, God announced the coming Savior.” Those are the words we’ve been using to announce forgiveness following our confession sins during Advent. Our prophecy includes God’s exact words.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT – Matthew 1:18-25

Many Old Testament prophecies about the Savior find their fulfillment in these words.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Behold, a Branch Is Growing” (47)

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1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro -
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With
 5 O Sav - ior, Child of Mar - y, Who



love - liest form and grace, As proph - ets sang, fore -
 words of prom - ise sure, And Mar - y's arms en -
 claimed by an - gels bright, How Christ, the Lord of
 fra - grance fills the air; His bright - ness ends the
 felt our hu - man woes, O Sav - ior, King of



know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race And
 fold it, A vir - gin meek and pure. Through
 glo - ry, Was born on earth this night. To
 dark - ness That kept the earth in fear. True
 glo - ry, Who con - quered all our foes, Bring



bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est
 God's e - ter - nal will This child to her is
 Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger
 God and yet true man, He came to save his
 us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of



win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 found him, As an - gel her - alds said.
 peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.
 heav - en And to the end - less day.

THE MESSAGE

Prepare a Place for Jesus ... as Your Savior



HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” (34)



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to
 3 Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di -
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly



voice; He from whom joy stream - eth Poor
 thee. Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O
 vine. Death o'er us had reign - ed Through
 ground? Where the an - gels sing - ing With



in a man - ger lies; Not so bright - ly
 pure and ho - ly Child; Through thy grace and
 sin and van - i - ty; He for us ob -
 all his saints u - nite, Sweet - est prais - es



beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high.
 bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
 May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION – “Come, O Precious Ransom Come” (8)



1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly Hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
O - pen are to you all por - tals. Come, your beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
will be mine When you are my guest di - vine!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – (*melody: “From Heaven Above” 38*)

M: The Lord institutes his Supper for his people to eat and to drink, until he returns:

**C: The night Lord Jesus was betrayed,
He took the bread, and when he'd prayed,
He broke and gave them of the bread,
And unto his disciples said:**

M: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**C: Then, when the sacred meal was o'er,
Our blessed Savior spoke once more:
He offered thanks, and lifted up,
To give to all, the blessed cup:**

M: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A CHRISTMAS LAMB OF GOD (*melody: “From Heaven Above” #38*)

**C: He comes to us in bread and wine,
To give himself and gifts divine.
Oh, praise him for this sacrament,
Redeeming love's great testament!**

**O Lamb of God, you take away,
The sin of all; now hear us pray,
And grant us from our sin release:
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!**

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



THE BLESSING

M: May the blessing of our Savior-God be upon us during this Advent Season.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CAROL OF THANKSGIVING – (*melody: “God Rest, Ye Merry Gentlemen”*)

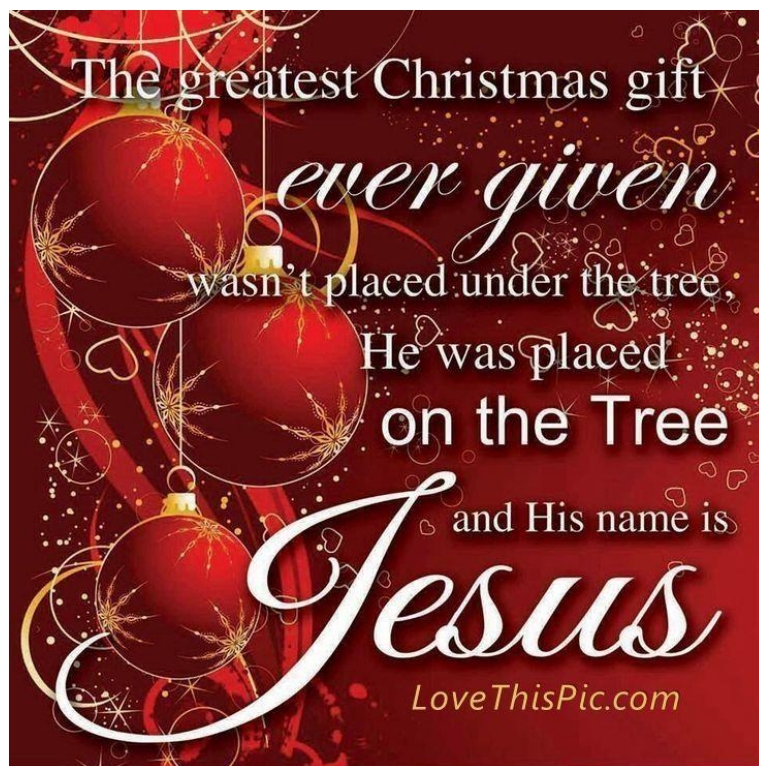
**Oh, thank the Lord and sing his praise,
What he has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear his name
Who leads his thankful people forth
His promises to claim.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Lord, let your servants go in peace,
Your Word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the saving work,
Which for the world you willed:
The glory of your chosen race
As Light for all revealed.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Oh, praise to God the Father,
And praise to God the Son,
And praise to God the Spirit,
Most blessed Three in One,
As ‘twas, is now, and e’er shall be
While endless ages run!
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.**

Prepare a Place for Jesus This Christmas

Thursday, 12/24 6:30 PM..... Christmas Eve Candlelight
Friday, 12/25 9:30 AM..... Christmas Day Song Service
Sunday, 12/27 9:30 AM..... Christmas One Worship
Thursday, 12/31 6:30 PM..... New Year's Eve Candlelight
Sunday, 1/3 9:30 AM..... Christmas Two Worship



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Cudahy, Wisconsin

A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

December 20, 2020

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN WORSHIP TODAY!

We pray that all who are here today are blessed by the Word of God that you will hear in our lessons, hymns and message. These are challenging times. We are striving to worship our God in a meaningful and yet safe way. Thank you for your patience and kindness as we do that. To assist you as you worship

- **Masks Are Required!** Governor Evers has extended the mandate to use face masks while indoors at a public facility into January 2021. That means masks are required for in-person worship according to the state-wide policy. If we see someone not wearing a mask in church, assume they have a condition or circumstance that makes wearing a mask difficult or dangerous. While there may be concerns about this mandate, it's an opportunity for us to express Christian love to each other.
- During the Communion portion of the service, please remain in your pew and participate at the pastor's direction.
- Offering envelopes can be placed in the offering baskets in the back row of pews as you exit.
- You will be ushered out at the direction of the ushers moving from the back pews to front pews.
- Service folders will not be reused. You may take it home or toss it in a receptacle as you are leave.
- To visit following the service, please use the open-air areas - sidewalks and grass - around the church.
- Pastor will greet people outside of the church, but won't be shaking hands.
- You can sign-up for worship by using the "Sign-up Genius" at stpaulscudahy.com or calling the office at 744-9988.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message any time.

Today (December 20)

8:30 AM.....Bible Class (*Church*)
8:30 AM.....Sunday School (*Fellowship Hall*)
9:30 AM.....Advent Four Worship / Comm

Monday (December 21)

4:30 PM.....Confirmation Class
6:30 PM.....Bible Class (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday (December 22)

11:45 AM.....Early Dismissal from School

Thursday (December 24)

6:30 PM.....Christmas Eve Candlelight

Friday (December 25)

9:30 AM.....Christmas Day Song Service

Sunday (December 27)

9:30 AM.....Christmas One Worship

Organist

Mary Wilde

Ushers

Thurs. (12-24)
T Herbst,
D Rickaby
Fri. (12-25)
D Borree
J Ziemann
D Richter
Sun. (12-27)
L Ubl

Our Worship

28 (Thursday) + 60 (Sunday) = 88

Our Offerings

Envelopes..... \$8,222.00
Holiday.....\$220.00
Memorials..... \$1,075.00
Electronic..... \$1,864.37
Total\$11,381.37

Memorials

In Memory of Ron Hanson, Family
and Friends have given \$1,075.00

Marriage Moments

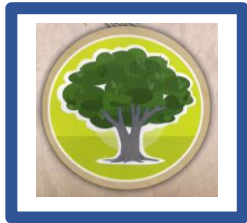
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Are you enjoying your Jesse Tree Devotions?

Use Advent as a time to refresh yourself as you ponder again the Old Testament stories leading to the birth of Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David and his father, Jesse.



“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit” (Isaiah 11:1).

Lutheran Chorale Christmas Playlist

Since they couldn't have their usual concert to kick off the Christmas season, The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee invites you to listen to some of their best recordings from their past Prelude to Christmas concerts. The playlist includes almost 90 minutes of Christmas favorites! To find the playlist, just go to the Chorale website www.lutheranchorale.org and click on the Prelude to Christmas banner at the top of the page!

If you enjoy the Christmas playlist, please consider making a donation to the Lutheran Chorale. This can be done by clicking the Give tab on our website or going to www.lutheranchorale.org/give

2021 Offering Envelope Packs

Your 2021 Offering Envelope Packs were mailed to your home. If you didn't receive them, contact the church. Please wait until 2021 to use them. Offerings are one way God's people respond to His grace and goodness. Your offering packs provide a weekly response to His daily blessings! The packs are "Mail Ready" when you're unable to attend worship.

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Thank You for the Festive Look

Our Decorating Team did a terrific job both inside and outside of God's House. Special thanks to Tammy & Jim Nygaard, Lucas Nygaard, Kelly Nygaard, Gail & Dale Kolosovsky, Geri & Jim Hansen, Heather & Jason Henn, Adde Henn. The Chrismons (Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them) on the large tree were made by Diane Trossen.

Thank You for the Large Red Poinsettias

In honor of Kurt & Kim Nygaard's 35th Wedding Anniversary on December 21st. Congratulations and the Lord's blessings!

2021 Calendars & White Poinsettias

Thank You to Schmidt-Bartelt & Scott Koeske for the calendars on the entryway rack, along with the beautiful white poinsettias in the altar area.

Sunday School

3-12 year olds meet in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9:15 AM

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

First & Third Tuesdays at 6:15 AM,
at Andrea's Restaurant in Cudahy.

Women's Bible Study

Meets again in June.

Bible Study - The Book of Revelation

Sunday 8:30 AM (Church) *or*
Monday 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

