

Advent Two at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cudahy, Wisconsin

December 6, 2020



THE ADVENT WREATH – The color of anticipation – blue – welcomes us to the season of Advent. “Advent” is Latin and it means “coming.” Christians celebrate the season of Advent as a time of preparation and reflection as we anticipate 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 (3 blue, 1 pink) represent the four Sundays until Christmas Day. The white center candle is the Christ candle.

The lighting of the candles each week in Advent marks the growing anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. 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.

**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!**

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, 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.

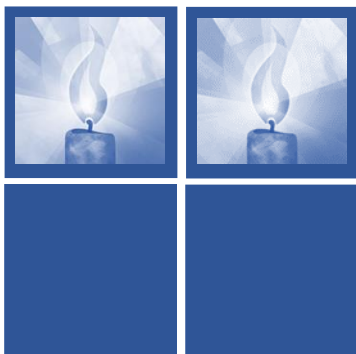
C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my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

**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!**

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 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 two Advent candles, remembering to prepare a place for Jesus.

C: He came as our Priest.

M: Jesus offered himself as the Lamb of God, the sacrifice for all.

C: Now, he intercedes for us and hears us when we call.

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins. Prepare a quiet chamber in my heart just for you in my heart, which you made clean and new; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Psalm 110:4

If the Lord appoints someone as a priest, then they are a priest.
The One promised to save would serve as a priest forever.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT – Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Jesus is already a one-of-a-kind priest. The order of Melchizedek makes him ever more unique.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

⁶ And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Arise, O Christian People!” (14 v.1-2)

SPECIAL VIDEO – St. Paul's K-4 + K-5 Classes bring us a Christmas message in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Arise, O Christian People!” (14 v.3-4)

1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him; Pre -
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn

pare your - selves to - day. Pre - pare to greet the
 pare for him the best. Cast out what would of -
 rais - es up on high; Be - neath his feet in -
 not from me a - side, And help me to re -

Sav - ior, Who takes your sins a - way. To
 fend him, This great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make
 ter - ror The haugh - ty soul shall lie. The
 ceive you This bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From

us by grace a - lone The truth and
 straight, make plain the way: The low - ly
 heart sin - cere and right, That heeds God's
 stall and man - ger low Come now to

light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 dwell with - in me; I'll sing your prais - es

heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth your glo - ry show.

THE MESSAGE

Prepare a Place for Jesus ... as Your Priest



HYMN OF RESPONSE – “O Child of Promise, Come”



1 O Child of prom - ise, come! O come, Em -
2 The Lord's true Ser - vant, come, in whom is
3 O come, a - noint - ed One, to show blind
4 O Man of sor - rows, come, de - spised and



man - u - ell Come, prince of peace, to
His de - light, on whom His Ho - ly
eyes Your face! Good ti - dings to the
cast a - side! O bear our griefs, and



Da - vid's throne; come, God, with us to dwell!
Spir - it rests, the Gen - tiles' prom - ised light!
poor an - nounce; pro - claim God's year of grace!
by Your wounds re - deem us from our pride!

5) O come, God's holy Lamb,
To death be meekly led!
O save the many by Your blood,
For sin so gladly shed!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: **Move us to take to heart the Advent word: “Repent!”**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: **Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Time for Contemplation and Personal Prayer

Special Requests.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! And now we pray as you taught:

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 – (309)



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;



Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

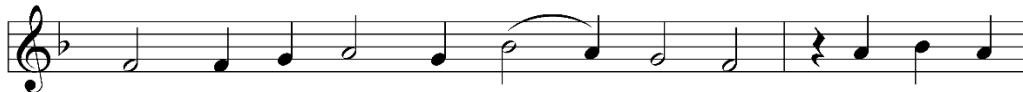
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name in song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – “Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains” (102 v.3-5)



1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its
2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the
◆ 3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -
◆ 4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue
◆ 5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our



dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -
world's col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase
fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His
guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,
grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor



last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.
our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.
pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.
dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.
yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “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.

C: Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – “O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are” (27)



1 O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com - fort
 2 O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be -
 3 Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me
 4 Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly



and my guid - ing star; I come, a sin - ner,
 neath the dread - ful weight. Be mer - ci - ful to
 cast my sin on you, For you have left your
 to o - bey your Word. While here I live, a -



trust - ing - ly And bring my man - y sins with me.
 me, I pray; Take guilt and pun - ish - ment a - way.
 throne on high To suf - fer for the world and die.
 bide with me, Then take me home e - ter - nal - ly.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THANKSGIVING – “Not All the Blood of Beasts” (128)



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael’s
 2 But Christ, the heav’n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the



al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
 sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
 head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I
 you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed
 curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful



peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 name And rich - er blood than they.
 stand And lay on him my sin.
 tree— I know my guilt was there!
 voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN – “As Angels Joyed with One Accord” (5)



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty Nor pow'r
3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet or -
4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— He comes;
5 He comes in wa - ter to the child And cleans -



the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
that suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
phaned not his cho - sen band, For he, not bound in
we hear his voice re-sound. His glo - rious gos - pel
es it, from birth de - filed. This wash - ing seals his



bless the name Of him who from the Fa - ther came.
walked till he In dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
grace and pow'r, At - tends his own each day and hour.
does not cease To bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.
pard - 'ning grace And shows the Fa - ther's kind - ly face.

6) 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!

Prepare a Place for Jesus

Sunday, 11/299:30 AMAdvent One: *Jesus Our Prophet*
Sunday, 12/6.....9:30 AMAdvent Two: *Jesus Our Priest*
Sunday, 12/139:30 AMAdvent Three: *Jesus Our King*
Wednesday, 12/166:30 PM.....Advent Service
Sunday, 12/209:30 AMAdvent Four, *Jesus Our Savior*
Sunday, 12/209:30 AMSunday School Christmas
Thursday, 12/24.....6:30 PM.....Christmas Eve Candlelight
Friday, 12/259:30 AMChristmas Day Song Service
Sunday, 12/279:30 AMChristmas One Worship
Thursday, 12/316:30 PM.....New Year's Eve Candlelight
Sunday, 1/3.....9:30 AMChristmas Two Worship



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

A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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. 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 6)

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

Monday (December 7)

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

Tuesday (December 8)

6:00 PM.....School Board

Thursday (December 10)

6:30 PM.....Advent Three Worship

Sunday (December 13)

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

Organist

Mary Wilde

Ushers

Thurs. (12-10)
M Coulthurst,
R Vircks

Sun. (12-13)
D Borree,
J Ziemann,
D Richter

Our Worship

80 (Thanksgiving) + 71 (Sunday) = 151

Our Offerings

Envelopes.....5,160.00
Holiday.....1,698.00
Memorials.....2,640.00
Electronic.....1,664.74
Total.....11,162.74

Memorial

In Memory of John Koniar, \$2,640
has been given by family and friends.

Marriage Moments

Couples can subscribe to these short weekly videos at: welscongregationalservices.net
Scroll to **Useful Links** on the bottom of the page and click **Subscriptions**.
St. Paul's has the videos on our website:
stpaulscudahy.com.

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).

Advent Sermon Series

Prepare a Place for Jesus



As Priest (Dec.6)
As King (Dec.13)
As Savior (Dec.20)

St. Paul's School Accreditation Update

The WELS Schools Accreditation (WELSSA) Team was here this week to review the academic program of our school. Schools that go through the process can receive accreditation at a number of levels:

- (1) Accreditation with Conditions,
- (2) Full Accreditation, or
- (3) Exemplary Accreditation.

We are excited to report that St. Paul's Lutheran School is going to be recommended for **EXEMPLARY ACCREDITATION** by the visiting team. This is the highest level of accreditation that WELSSA grants and receiving it is a wonderful honor for our school. Working through the accreditation process validates the excellent Christian education that is being provided each day at St. Paul's! Thank you to everyone who served on a committee, completed a survey, or who helped in any way with this process. We pray that God will continue to bless the efforts of everyone involved with our school!

2021 Offering Envelope Packs

Look for your 2021 Offering Envelope Packs in your mailbox at home. They were sent out this week using the USPS. If you don't receive your pack by December 4, contact the church. Please wait until 2021, before using them.

Offerings are one way God's people respond to His grace and goodness. Your offering packs provide a weekly response for His daily blessings! The packs are "Mail Ready" - when you're unable to attend worship.

2021 Calendars

Thank You to Schmidt-Bartelt & Scott Koeske for the calendars on the entryway rack.

Sunday School

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

Bible Study - The Book of Revelation

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

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

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

Women's Bible Study

First & Third Tuesdays at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM,
at Dorothy Schlueter's Cudahy home.

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