



**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

John 3:16-17



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

First Sunday in Advent - November 30, 2025

Welcome!

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Congregation responses are in bold

Opening Hymn - 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

Please stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Confession and Absolution*

Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Please Kneel/Stand/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please stand

Lighting of Advent Wreath Takes place while Introit is read responsively

Introit

Psalm 118:25–28;
antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

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357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel sts.1, ref

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that
by Your protection we may be rescued from
the threatening perils of our sins and saved
by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into
plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Zechariah 9:9;
Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia

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Verse

Psalm 24:7

Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that
the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed

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Please Sit

Sermon Hymn - 332

Savior of the Nations, Come sts. 1–2, 4–6

Sermon

Please Stand

Offertory

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Please Sit

Offering

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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Salutation

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Benedicamus

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Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn - How Many Kings

Handout

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Prayer Concerns

Ashley Forba – Ongoing health issues

Mary Ellen Mills – Eye issues

Janet Finn – Continued rehab after knee replacement

Elaine Decker – Ongoing health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko – Healing and well-being – Marina Yarasavage's parents

Keith Mitchell's father – Kendall Health issues

All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse

All those suffering due to natural disasters

Business cards and bookmarks are available for everyone to use!

Please pick-up a handful and give them out as you invite friends and neighbors to church. I would love for us to run out and I have to reprint! – *Diane*

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov 4 Pete Waldenberger

Nov 8 ***Paul & Marianne Degroat Anniversary***
Samuel Makey

Nov 13 Donna Waldenberger

Nov 20 ***Mike & Deb Joyce Anniversary***

Church Events

Month of Thanksgiving:

Soup Kitchen Donations - all of Novemeber
Soup–Cereal–Chef Boyardee (and the like)
Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)

Please drop off your purchases in the entrance hallway and we will deliver them to the soup kitchen at the end of November.

They need ALL canned goods like vegetables, soups, canned meats, fruits. Also cereals, boxed stuffing, pasta, jarred sauce, any NON-PERISHABLE items with a current use-by date.

We will also take monetary donations if you don't like to shop. Just put the donation in an envelope marked Soup Kitchen.

Meet with Pastor Josh – sign-up sheet in narthex

Advent Bible Study on Wednesday Night

Starting Dec 3. Light dinner at 5 pm.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but where does the celebration originate?

With so much information about Christmas out there, it is hard to know what to believe.

Join us Wednesdays during Advent as we separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition by using Lee Strobel's The Case for Christmas.

Youth Cookie Bake - Dec 13 at 9 am

Youth Christmas Program and Brunch

Sunday Dec 14 – 10 am service

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Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Nov 2	Donna W	Willy F & Jack P	Kayla S
Nov 9	Bill Y	Pete W & Don S	Nate J
Nov 16	Kevin D	Bill Y & Keith M	Nate J
Nov 23	Diane T	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Nov 30	Nancy P	Gene A & Don S	Nate J

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Offering - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75. Offerings for October were \$8967.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Youth Night 1
2 Communion	3	4	5 Bible Study 5 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Council mtg 4 pm	11	12 Bible Study 5 pm	13	14	15
16 Voters mtg after church & Coffee hour	17	18	19 Bible Study 5 pm	20	21	Youth Night 22
23 Communion	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Advent Bible Study 5 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Advent Bible Study	11	12 Christmas in Our Hometown 4 pm set-up	13 Youth Cookie Bake 9 am
14 Youth Program & Brunch Christmas Gifts due	15	16	17 Advent Bible Study	18 Christmas Gifts delivered	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm	25 Christmas!	26	27
28	29	30	31			