



Bear fruit in keeping with repentance

*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.
We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son
who came from the Father full of grace and truth. John 1:14*



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

Second Sunday in Advent - December 7, 2025

Welcome!

Setting Three

Hymnal (LSB) page 184

Congregation responses are in bold

Opening Hymn - 936

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

Please stand

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

Invocation

Confession and Absolution*

Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6

May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Silence 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 105:4–8;

antiphon: Is 40:3b

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the Lord our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded,

for a thousand generations.

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.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway

for our God.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

357 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel sts. ref, 4

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y

pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

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.
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Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

Verse Luke 3:4b, 6

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1–12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume

to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 191

Sermon Hymn - 344
On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Sermon

Please Stand

Offertory LSB 192

Please Sit

Offering

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface LSB 194

Proper Preface (Full)

Sanctus LSB 195

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Pax Domini LSB 197

Agnus Dei LSB 198

Please Sit

Distribution

Communion Hymn - 347
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Please Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect*

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits

of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

Benedicamus LSB 202

Benediction LSB 202

Closing Hymn - 346
When All the World Was Cursed

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December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec 1 **Rob and Heather Slater - Anniversary**

Dec 6 Marina Yarasavage

Dec 13 **Jerry and Elaine Decker - Anniversary**

Dec 16 Jacob Learn
Keith Mitchell

Dec 29 Diane Turrell

Dec 30 Richard Cline III

Christmas in Our Home Town

Dec 12 - Friday -5-8 - Tunkhannock, Rt 6.

We will be setting up a tent and handing out cookies, bracelets and bookmarks, please join us!

Youth Cookie Bake - Dec 13 at 9 am

Youth Christmas Program and Brunch

Sunday Dec 14 - 10 am service

Church Events

Christmas Gifts DUE Dec 14 at the church!

Many Thanks to ALL that contributed to the Soup Kitchen collection of goods and money!

If you would still like to donate, please leave the goods at the church and Paster Josh will deliver. Please place and check cash donations oin the offering plate and note the envelope or check for the Soup Kitchen.

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.

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*.

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

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youtube.com/@StPaulsLutheran-Tunkhannock/streams

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

Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Dec 7	Donna W	Willy F & Jack P	Nate J
Dec 14	Karen M	Keith M & Willy F	Kayla S
Dec 21	Bill Y	Jack W & Gene A	Nate J
Dec 24 Eve	Donna W	Will F & Bill Y	Nate J

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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	Advent 3 Bible Study 5 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	Advent 10 Bible Study	11	Christmas 12 in Our Hometown 4 pm set-up	Youth 13 Cookie Bake 9 am
Youth 14 Program & Brunch Christmas Gifts due	15	16	Advent 17 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			