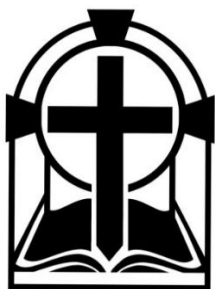


## *Blessed is He Who Comes*

First Sunday in Advent—8 AM Service

November 30, 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod  
Columbus, Indiana

## Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

**The Family Quiet Room and Restroom** are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

**Our Communion Practice:** We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

**Communion Preparation:** To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

### Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent) meets in the conference room  
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade  
Confirmation Class meets in the confirmation room  
SPY Class (grades 9-12) meets in the youth room  
The Discussion Class meets in the gathering space for a study on the Early Church  
Bible Study in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Sarah Arnholt

10:45 AM Service William Laws

## Church Calendar

Today

### First Sunday in Advent

#### 8:00 AM Divine Service

9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

#### 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Lunch

Noon Gingerbread Dough Making

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation Make-Up

12:15 PM Choristers Rehearsal

12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

5:00 PM Pitch-In Supper

6:00 PM Annual Meeting

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

8:30 AM Gingerbread House Baking

10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Moms in the Word

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Tuesday

8:30 AM Gingerbread House Baking

9:00 AM-Noon OGT Work Day

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

#### 10:15 AM Matins Service

5:45 PM Sr. Handbells

#### 6:45 PM Advent Service

7:45 PM Sr. Choir

Thursday

6:00 PM Tri-W Meeting

Friday

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday

2:30 PM Nay-Branaman Wedding

6:00 PM Christmas Party at the Shaffers

Next Sunday

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3:00 PM Christmas Caroling--Seymour

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

# First Sunday in Advent – 8AM Service

## Prelude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659—J. S. Bach (Hymn 332)

## Welcome and Announcements

New Member—Jenny Chavez

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

## Ringin of the Bell

## Opening Hymn

350

## Confession of Sins

*please stand* pages 184-185

## Introit

*from Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118*

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed 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.

**G** (*all sing—page 186*) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son...**

## Kyrie

page 186

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent. The service continues with the Salutation and Collect for the Day.*

## Salutation and Collect for the Day

page 189

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

**P** 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.

**G** (*sung*) **Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

It 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, and 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 forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He 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.

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** sung by the choir *Rise Up! Rise Up!—J. Walter*  
"Rise up, rise up!" The watchmen cry to all with eager voices.  
Wake up from sleep; the Lord is night in whom your heart rejoices.  
Fling wide the door; your hope let soar; your Savior greet. With great joy sing praises sweet.

**Gospel Reading** *please stand* Matthew 21:1-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. **G (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And 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!" And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** *page 191*

**Little Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** **343**

**Sermon** *Blessed is He Who Comes* Matthew 21:1-11

**Offering** *Sr. Choir: Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion—K. Kosche*  
Rejoice, greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
(Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26)

**Prayer of the Church** *please stand*

**Service of the Sacrament** *pages 194-198*

**Distribution** **331, 334, 332 stanzas 1-7, 341, 354**

*Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.*

**Closing Liturgy** *please stand* *pages 199-202*

**Closing Hymn** **332 stanza 8**

**Postlude** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland—H. Distler*

The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during Advent. Advent is a penitential season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. The *Gloria in Excelsis* begins with the song of the Christmas angels: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.* We will refrain from singing this hymn of praise in our liturgy during Advent until we come to Christmas and join with the angels in rejoicing in our Savior's birth.

# Blessed is He Who Comes; Matthew 21:1-11

The AdventS of Jesus:

His First Advent at C\_\_\_\_\_.

His ongoing Advent to us through His W\_\_\_\_\_, B\_\_\_\_\_, and His S\_\_\_\_\_.

His Final Advent on the L\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_.

On Palm Sunday as Jesus enters Jerusalem, there are two distinct groups of people:

The residents of J\_\_\_\_\_ who ask, "W\_\_\_\_\_ is this?"

The p\_\_\_\_\_ to the city to celebrate the Passover who confess Jesus to be...

...the Son of D\_\_\_\_\_, the promised Messianic king riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

...the king who comes to s\_\_\_\_\_, as they shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "save us now!"

...the P\_\_\_\_\_ from Nazareth.

How do we witness two distinct groups of people today when it comes to...

...the celebration of Christmas?

...Christ's ongoing Advent to us through His means of grace?

...being ready and prepared for His Final Advent?

## ***Next Sunday's Readings—Second Sunday in Advent***

*Isaiah 11:1–10; Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12*

**LIVING THE SERMON...** Christ has come. Christ comes. Christ will come again. These are the themes of this Advent season. Seek to always be ready for Christ's comingS to you. Pray that you would not become spiritually apathetic and indifferent to your Savior and the gifts He freely gives. Seek to live as a child of the light, casting off the works of darkness and not gratifying the desires of the sinful flesh, but always ready and prepared for Christ's final advent.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Pray that you would always be eager, ready, and prepared to receive your King who comes to you now and will come again to take you to be with Him forever. Pray for those who do not know or believe in Jesus the Savior King or whose faith has grown cold that they would be brought to trust in Him and hunger and thirst for His gifts. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower you to witness to others so that through your sharing of the Word, the King of kings and His gifts would come to others.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *May 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.* Romans 15:13

# Extending Christ's Love

## **Silent Auction Concludes This Evening**

The Silent Auction continues through **this evening** with bids closing at the annual meeting. Check out all the wonderful items available including a week in Hilton Head and in Florida.

## **Playground Project**

Thanks to the generosity of church members as well as current and former early childhood ministry families, we need **\$13,378** to reach our fundraising goal for the new playground at the Christian Education Center. We have raised over 85% of the funds needed for this project! Every gift given is matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to an anonymous donor.

## **Grant Received**

We have been awarded a \$25,000 grant through the Center for Congregations designated for architect fees for the Christian Education Center. This is the fourth and final grant that we are eligible for and have received through the planning process from the Center for Congregations. All four grants together total \$80,000! We rejoice in all the ways God continue to provide for this endeavor, including your generosity!



## Youth Events

### **KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)**

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**—Join us for Christmas caroling at 3 PM and share Christmas joy to our shut-in and homebound members. Our Christmas Family Fun Night begins at 5 PM. Family and friends are invited to join us for an evening of food fun! We begin our time together with a meal. After supper, families will be invited to decorate a gingerbread house that they can take home.



### **SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)**

#### **Today—Gingerbread Dough Making**

This activity begins at noon with lunch. Youth will then make gingerbread dough from scratch. This is the first step in getting ready for gingerbread house making. Parents are invited to join us for lunch and service.

#### **Today—Childcare during the Annual Meeting**

SPY and C4Life youth will eat supper with their families at 5 PM and provide childcare at 6 PM during the Annual Meeting.

#### **Next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>—Gingerbread House Icing Making**

SPY (grades 9-12) and sixth graders are invited to help us make the icing for the gingerbread houses. Stay for lunch after second service and serve!

#### **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Family Fun Night**

Join us for Christmas caroling at 3 PM and supper and gingerbread house decorating at 5 PM. SPY and C4Life youth can decorate their own gingerbread house. Bring a bag or two of candy to share.

#### **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>—Youth Christmas Party**

During the Sunday School hour, youth in grades 7-12 will walk up the hill to the Education Building for their annual Christmas party.

#### **Friday-Saturday, January 2-3, 2026—Aurora Circuit Lock-In**

Mark your calendars: Youth in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to a fun-filled night of learning, growing, snow tubing, and building relationships with other youth.

*Friends are always welcome! For more information, contact DCE Jen Probst or a youth counselor.*

# 2026-2027 ECM Registration is now open!

***We need your help in promoting our Christ-centered, fully accredited early learning center!*** We are making significant enhancements to our kindergarten instruction for the coming school year:

- ❖ Extending our educational day to reflect a full 4 hours of learning (8:15 AM to 12:15 PM).
- ❖ Including STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) tuition as a part of the full scholarship kindergarten students receive.
- ❖ Offering kindergarten families complimentary, flexible pick up for their kindergarten student until 2:30 PM and affordable extended care options before school and after 2:30 PM.
- ❖ Commitment to offering low teacher to student ratios for quality instruction (1:10).

All registration is online so encourage families to visit the church website ([stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org)) to learn more and to register. Families are also invited to tour our school. Please contact Director Jen Probst to schedule a tour. Financial aid is available to all families so that no student is turned away. Please contact Jen Probst for details.

## Christian Leadership Discussion Class

Beginning Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Zach Mathews will be leading a Christian leadership class using the resource: *Developing the Leader Within You 2.0* by John Maxwell. The course equips participants with the essential principles and practical tools to grow as effective leaders, emphasizing that leadership is developed—not innate. Through ten foundational lessons—including influence, priorities, character, positive change, problem solving, attitude, service, vision, self-discipline, and personal growth—the course provides actionable strategies for inspiring and motivating others in any leadership role. Participants will learn how to leverage the Five Levels of Leadership, cultivate ethical character, serve others, and cast compelling vision, all while engaging in self-assessment and interactive discussions designed to foster integrity, self-discipline, and positive organizational impact. This course is ideal for both new and experienced leaders seeking to enhance their leadership capacity and drive meaningful change within their teams and organizations.

All are invited to participate. Please sign up by **next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** so that materials can be ordered. Register for the class by contacting Zach in person, by phone or email (812-603-9981; [zachmathews1@gmail.com](mailto:zachmathews1@gmail.com)).

## End of Year Giving

**Donate to our Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!** A donation to our St. Paul SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! And, even better, you as a donor are eligible to receive a 50% tax credit on your Indiana taxes. You can eliminate a portion or all of your Indiana tax liability!

**Farmers-Did you know that you can give a gift of grain?** The grain elevator you work with can send your grain check to the Indiana Lutheran SGO, designating our school as the recipient. You do not claim the value of this grain as income AND you would receive 50% back in your pocket as an Indiana tax credit! An example is that \$4,000 worth of grain would not be considered income for the donor, and you would receive \$2,000 back when you file your taxes! St. Paul Early Childhood Ministry would receive the full \$4,000 donation to fund our mission and ministry.

**Consider donating by December 31, 2025, so that you can receive your tax credit when you file your 2025 taxes!** Please contact Rachel Fohne for more information at [financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org) or 812-343-3786. You can also visit [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org) to donate directly online or to receive more SGO information!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal \$135,000

Amount Contributed as of October 31, 2025: **\$55,941.45**

**IN OUR PRAYERS...** **Baptism:** Reese Walker Koeberlein; **New Member:** Jenny Chavez; **Sick and Recovering:** Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jim Probst, Marie Tellman, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Marily Brown, Sylvan Scheidt (Randy and Jill Scheidts' granddaughter), Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitsuh (Clearys' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

**PRAYER LIST UPDATED...** The prayer list has been updated. If you or loved ones need to remain on the prayer list, please contact the church office or email Mackenzie Wint at [secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org).

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST...** We rejoice as Reese Walker Koeberlein, son of Matt and Caleh, is born again of water and the Spirit at the 10:45 AM service this morning. May God bless and keep Reese in the true faith all his days.

**WE WELCOME...** Jenny Chavez into our family of faith at the 8 AM service today. May God bless and strengthen her as she gathers with us to receive the gifts of our King who serves us through His Word and Supper.

#### **IN THE GATHERING SPACE...**

+ December Newsletter, also online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org)  
+ January-March 2026 *Portals of Prayer*

**POINSETTIA DEADLINE...** Today is the final day to order poinsettias to beautify our church this sacred season. Please use the form included in the bulletin.

**ANNUAL MEETING IS TONIGHT...** A pitch-in supper begins at 5 PM with meat and drinks provided. The meeting begins at 6 PM. Please pick up a packet in the gathering space if you have not already done so and review before tonight's meeting.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE BAKING AND ASSEMBLY...** It's time to begin baking and assembling our Gingerbread Houses for our Christmas Family Fun Night. Baking is **tomorrow and Tuesday mornings, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at 8:30 AM. The houses will be assembled on **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10 AM.

**MOMS IN THE WORD...** meets **tomorrow** at 10 AM in the conference room. All moms and children are invited to join us for devotions and fellowship.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY...** is **this Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9 AM-noon at the Jonesville Warehouse. Volunteers are always needed! If you cannot serve during this time, please consider serving any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10 AM-3 PM.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES...** The AdventS of Our King is the theme of our Midweek Advent services. Our Advent services are **Wednesdays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:45 PM. Please plan to attend and invite others as we prepare and rejoice in Christ's comingS to us!

**TRI-W MEETING...** is **this Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM. All women are invited to join us!

**ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS PARTY...** is **this Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM at Carl and Mary Shaffer's house. Lasagna and beverages will be provided, please bring a food item to share. Each individual should bring a wrapped ornament, decoration, or miscellaneous item, if they plan to participate in the "dirty Santa" game. This is an adult party for all ages. It is a wonderful time to get together and just have fun. Bring a friend. A sign-up sheet along with directions to Shaffer home is posted on the member board in the gathering space. Please call Mary 812-350-3195 or Carl 812-374-6644 with questions. We hope you can make it!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING...** We are offering two opportunities for Christmas caroling this year. **Next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will carol to our Seymour area shut-ins. Meet at church at 3 PM or at the Lutheran Community Home at 3:30 PM. Attendees are invited to enjoy supper together at a restaurant in Seymour after caroling. On **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will carol to our Columbus area shut-ins. Meet at church at 3 PM and we will return by 5 PM for Christmas Family Fun Night.

**YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND FLUTE CHOIR CONCERT...** St. Peter's, Columbus invites you to a concert featuring the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Indy Winds Flute Choir **next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM**. St Paul members Aaron and Elisabeth Laws and Providence and Jesse Wofford will be participating in the concert.



**CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT...** is **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5 PM (following Christmas caroling). We will gather for a supper of hot dogs, sloppy joes, veggies with dip, baked beans, chips, cookies, hot chocolate, and drinks served by the Tri-W. Supper will be followed by gingerbread house decorating and other family activities. Please bring a bag or two of candy for the gingerbread house decorating.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT...** Moms in the Word is hosting a Parents Night Out event on **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-8:30 PM. Drop off your kids in their favorite Christmas jammies and pick them up fed and ready for bed! This event is a fundraiser for the new playground with all funds matched dollar for dollar.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE...** is **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** during the 10:45 AM service. The theme this year is *Built on the Rock*. Children have begun working on the music (all children) and speaking parts (older children) during Sunday School. Rehearsal for the service is **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** from 9-10:30 AM.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES...** Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking two full-time teachers to join our dedicated, Christ-centered faculty. These openings are a result of our growing student population, and we are grateful for the continued blessings and expansion of our ministry. Current opportunities include Foreign Language, Biology/Science, and Theology.

If you have a passion for Christian education and a heart for shaping young lives, we invite you to apply. Please send a letter of interest and resume to [cdarlage@trinitycougars.org](mailto:cdarlage@trinitycougars.org).

Not your subject area? We also welcome letters and resumes from anyone who feels called to serve on our teaching team.

**THANKS FROM...** Thank you everyone for the memorial gifts and flowers, the outpouring of love, support and especially heartfelt prayers for our family! We felt deeply uplifted by each and every one and are

humbled by the abundance of blessings in our lives because of all of you! May God's divine blessings be upon you all!  
--Earl Stam Family

**ONLINE GIVING...** You can set up your tithing completely online! Follow the link or QR code below to access our secure, online giving platform. If you forgot to bring cash or check to worship today, you can give a one-time donation at any time through our website where we accept ACH or credit card payments. You can also create recurring donations that happen weekly or monthly. And better yet, you have complete control over any adjustments or modifications that need to be made at any time. You can also indicate specific designations for your donation such as general fund, in memory of, Extending Christ's Love etc. Members and guests are finding this to be a great, convenient way to donate to our church. If you have more questions or would like help setting up your online tithing, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at [financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org) or 812-343-3786. Thank you for your generous financial support that helps us fund our mission and ministry at St. Paul! Visit the Link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2RE/campaign/C-125CF>

## The Response of God's People

### Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Divine Service: **342**

Communion: **275**

Sunday School: **143**

### Offering

General Fund: **\$9,199.65**

Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: **\$8,648** including \$550

Playground Project; \$25 Baking for the Building

SGO Gifts: \$1,275

Earl Stam Memorials: \$650

Lutheran Witness: \$175

Food Pantry: \$88.25—ECM Chapel Offering



# Advent and Christmas Services and Events

Wednesdays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>—6:45 PM Midweek Advent Services

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>—6 PM Christmas Party at Carl and Mary Shaffer's house

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>—3 PM Christmas Caroling to Seymour Area Shut-ins

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Family Fun Night: 3 PM Christmas Caroling; 5 PM Supper, Family Activities, and Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>—5 PM Las Posadas Service and Fiesta

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>—10:45 AM Children's Christmas Service; Rehearsal is Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:30 AM

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>—7 PM Christmas Concert; 6:40 PM Pre-concert harp recital

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—5:30 PM Candlelight Service; 10 PM Communion and Candlelight Service

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>—10 AM Festival Communion Service

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>—9:30 AM Youth Christmas Party (grades 7-12) in the education building

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>—5:30 PM Divine Service

Friday-Saturday, January 2-3 Aurora Circuit Youth Lock-in at St. John's, Aurora (grades 6-12)

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>—Celebration of Epiphany

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