### Ad Te Levavi



To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame. Let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.

## The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 9:30 a.m.

<u>This Morning's Hymns</u> 331 543 610 628 555 919 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Wahl, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

With Father, Spirit, ever one

Through all eternity.

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- C who made Heaven and earth.

The sinful self be put away,

The new self now put on.

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- O Most Merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and as promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

## → SERVICE OF THE WORD →

Introit

Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: Psalm 25:1–3a

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;

for You I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for You.

Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

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.

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Lord,

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.

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Old Testament Jeremiah 23:5–8

In those days the prophet Jeremiah said: 5"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a Righteous Branch, and He shall reign as King and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the Name by which He will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

7"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' \*but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where He had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

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



Gradual Psalm 25:3–4



None who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Epistle Romans 13:8–14

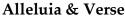
*Brethren*: <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this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

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



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**Holy Gospel** *Matthew* 21:1–9

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



At that time: ¹When 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,

<sup>5</sup>"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.'"

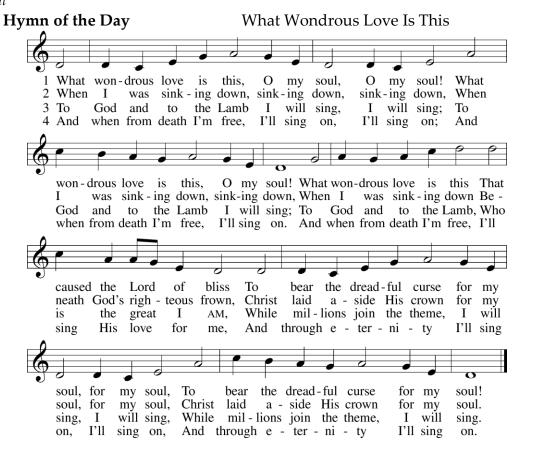
<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!"



### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.





Sermon

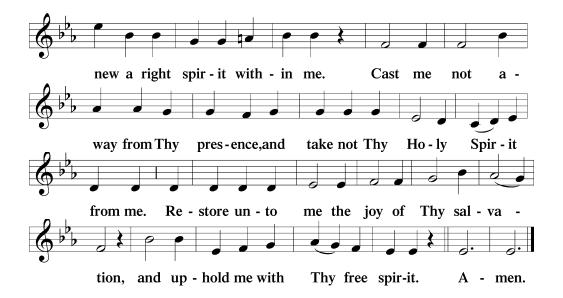
Jesus Remembers Us

Rev. Randy Wahl

### Offering

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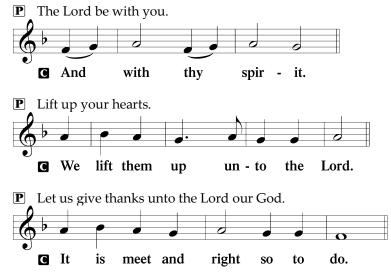




### Prayer of the Church

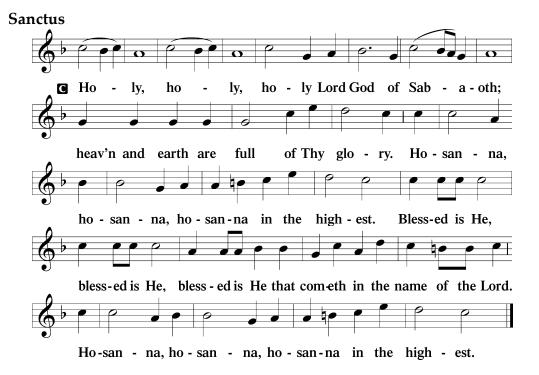
## → SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT →

### **Preface**



### **Proper Preface**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



### The 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.

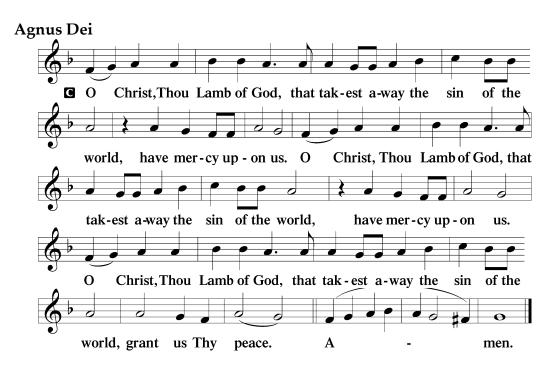
### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

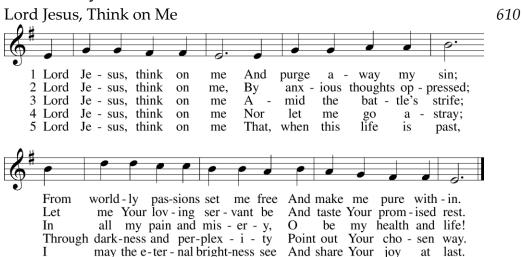
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My He Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini





### **Distribution Hymns**





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- 1 Your ta ble I ap proach; Dear Sav ior, hear my prayer.
- 2 Lord, I con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands; 3 Your bod y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys-ter-y;



Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.

A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands.

Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.

God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- O grant, most blessèd Lord,
   That earth and hell combined
   May not about this sacrament
   Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
   To thank You day and night
   For Your true body and true blood,
   O God, my peace and light.



- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
  Or we must die despairing,
  Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
  Our human nature sharing.
  He has for us the Law obeyed
  And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
  Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.

- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
  And makes us conscience-stricken;
  But then the Gospel enters in
  The sinful soul to quicken.
  Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
  The Law no peace can ever give,
  No comfort and no blessing.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
  To Father, Son, and Spirit,
  The God who saved us by His grace;
  All glory to His merit.
  O triune God in heav'n above,
  You have revealed Your saving love;
  Your blessèd name we hallow.



### **Thanksgiving**

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



- and His mercy endureth for ev er.
- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



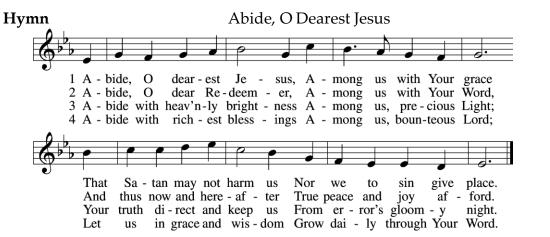
### **Benediction**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





- 5 Abide with Your protection
  Among us, Lord, our strength,
  Lest world and Satan fell us
  And overcome at length.
- Abide, O faithful Savior,
   Among us with Your love;
   Grant steadfastness and help us
   To reach our home above.

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## To God Alone be all the Glory!



Flowers under the cross are given in remembrance of our sister,

SANDI CHAMBER



### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **BULLETIN NEWS**

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, December 3	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
Monday, December 4		Church office closed	
Wednesday, December 6	7:00pm	Advent Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, December 9	8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall

# BIRTHDAYS 12/03 – Deborah Dyjak 12/03 – Kevin Stamm

### **CHURCH OFFICE COPY MACHINE**

12/05 – Joey Lopez

Donations are being requested for the purchase of a replacement copy machine for our church office. The cost is \$3,780.00 plus tax. If you would like to donate directly to this purchase, please label your donation with "Copy Machine" and place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT** - Cymantha Makeley

Social ministry's will be collecting canned and boxed food to help fill the shelves of the food pantry at the Lutheran Church on 51st Ave and Glendale. Let's all the people in need.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Save the Date. Sunday, December 17, 2023, we will be having our Christmas Congregational Potluck after the service. Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex with your name, dish, and number of people. We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange during the potluck.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - Louise Ahrens

The deadline for poinsettia orders is Sunday, December 17, 2023. The plants will be placed in the chancel and sanctuary area around the altar on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please place payment in the white pew envelope and indicate if the plants are "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.

### MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm December 6, 13, and 20

### THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24 @ 9:30 am



### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 25 @ 9:30 am with Holy Commuion

### **LET US PRAY FOR...**

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at <u>info@stpaullutheran-az.com</u>. <u>Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.</u>

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Jeanne Schubring, recovering from knee surgery
Dennis Stonecypher, suffering an undiagnosed illness
Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues
Wayne Bartels – recovering from brief hospitalization
Jonathan Brant – recovering from surgery
Rose Tressler – health issues
Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Randy Parker, receiving treatment for Leukemia Kevin Stamm – recovering from surgery Debbie Dyjak – ongoing eyesight concerns Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) going through 12-week Chemo treatment.

Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. Debbie Dyjak, preparing to serve in Latvia Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala. PSWD Missions
Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Randy Wahl and family
Sunday School teachers & children
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family
LCMS officers, congregations & schools
Lexington Life Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, friends, or relatives): Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith, Lois Carlson, Suzanne Berna