Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Marigny



**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL**

Welcome to all this day as we gather to worship our Lord! We are pleased that you are here. Please sign an attendance card and place it in the baskets located in the Narthex and on the harpsichord.

**A Note on Communion**

We believe that Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine that is given for the forgiveness of our sin in the Lord’s Supper. We welcome to God’s table all who are united with us in our confession, sorry for their sin, and look for the power of God working through this means of grace to amend their lives.

**For Those Who Commune**

* Follow instructions from ushers.
* Kneel or stand at the rail. The host will be placed in your hand.
* Once you have taken the individual cup and dismissal has taken place, please place your cup in the communion rail.
* If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please tell an usher.

**Home Visitation**

If you or a loved one are confined to your home for medical or other reasons and would like to have a visit from the Minister of Visitation, please call the church office at 504 945-3741 to schedule. If communion is desired in your home, it will be provided. If you would like a visit from Pastor Schlund, contact the church office as well.

**Supervised Nursery**

For our babies, please know that St. Paul provides a supervised nursery, located downstairs across from the Port Street entrance. For our little ones, 'Church Busy Bags' are hanging on the hooks in the narthex with books and activities to keep busy hands happy. Lastly, for those a bit older, a fun activity sheet can be found in a tray in the narthex. Welcome to Worship, sweet children.  Luke 18:16

In the Name of Jesus

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: 344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Stand

Invocation

Confession of Sins LSB 151

Absolution LSB 151

Kyrie LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during Advent)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1–7

1Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard. 4What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 72:1–7



1Give the king your justice, | O God,\*  
 and your righteousness to the | royal son!  
2May he judge your people with | righteousness,\*  
 and your poor with | justice!  
3Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,\*  
 and the hills, in | righteousness!  
4May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
 give deliverance to the children of the | needy,\*  
 and crush the op- | pressor!

5May they fear you while the | sun endures,\*  
 and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!  
6May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,\*  
 like showers that wa- | ter the earth!  
7In his days may the righteous | flourish,\*  
 and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18—2:5

18For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 31Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

1And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1–12

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

C **Glory to You, 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 359 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Sermon

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory LSB 159

Preface LSB 160

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

The Words of Our Lord

Lord’s Prayer

Pax Domini LSB 163

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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. *Go In Peace. Serve The Lord!* 

C  *Thanks Be To God* 

*The Elders of St. Paul invite you to join them so they can pray for your specific concerns. You can pray with the whole group or just with one. It’s whatever makes you most comfortable.*

***“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”***

***Romans 12:12***

**Prayer Requests**

Candy Davey, Byron Montgomery, Lisa Siben,

Denise Roy, Jackie, Nancy Smith,

Mary Johnson, Mel Daigrepont, Will Hill,

Sandra Boling, Cephus Ward, Steve and Debbie Nuccio.

**Today, Following the Service**

**Please join us in the basement for coffee and light refreshments.**

To all our visitors who worshiped with us today, we thank you for coming.

A meet and greet would be most welcome; please join us in the basement for refreshments, as well.

**This Week at St. Paul**

**Sunday, December 4:** Today’s Worship Service available on Facebook.

**Tuesday December 6:** Race Conversations Zoom 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 8:** NA Group 8:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 9:** NA Group 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 10:** Orleans Parish Election Site 6:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

AA Meeting 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 11:** Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Worship (in-person and online) 10:30 a.m.

Advent Event Pot-Luck (following worship) Christmas Caroling 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation 6:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events in December**

 **December 11** Advent Event Pot-Luck

(following Worship)

Bring a dish to share!!!

Entree Side Dish Salad Dessert

 **December 11** Christmas Caroling 1:00p.m.

(following the Pot-Luck)



**December 17** Foster Children's Christmas Party

*The annual Greater New Orleans Foster Children Association's Christmas party will take place at St. Paul in the basement on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 3-6pm.*

*The St. Paul Men's Club supports this endeavor yearly with donations from our congregation.  This year there will be 60-65 kids enjoying food, games, and presents from Santa.*

*Please consider a donation.*

*Donations will be accepted through Sunday, Dec. 11th. See Kerry or Clark.*

 **December 18** Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Children Participating in Worship

**December 18** Voters' Meeting

(following Worship)



**December 24** Christmas Eve

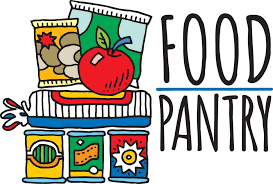
Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.

***December 25 Christmas Day***

***Worship Service 10:30 a.m.***







God's gracious hand, St. Paul has been operating our food pantry on Port Street for over one year! Given the response from neighbors and those whom we serve, we're trying something new. ***We're distributing food Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 9:30-11:00a.m. from the courtyard.*** Feel free to join us and see what's happening.

St. Paul's food pantry ministry is intended for the whole congregation to participate in.

Please consider bringing a can or two with you to church. Every type of food or hygiene item is accepted and appreciated. Should you have any questions, please see Sally.



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