

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

### **TODAY** (Nov 28) **WORSHIP (HC)** No Sunday School

Dale-20 minute Bible study .....7:30 am

Dale .....8:00 am

Larsen (Bible Class follows) ..... 10:00 am

**MON** (Nov 30) Choir .....6:00 pm

**WED** (Dec 1) **Advent service** at St. Peter's .....7:30 pm

### **THURS** (Dec 2)

Bible Class-St. Paul ..... 10:00 am

**WORSHIP**-St. Paul (NEW TIME) .....4:30 pm

### **SUN** (Dec 5) **WORSHIP & Sun. School**

Dale-20 minute Bible study .....7:30 am

Dale .....8:00 am

Larsen (Bible Class follows) ..... 10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** *If you happen to see the following members this week, please wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Nov 29** - Marcella Bartelt **Dec 1** – Kimberly Swinford

**COMMUNION** - *Please take a moment to register for communion in the binder in the entryway.*

### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – (St. Paul)

- ◆ We would like to have a new pictorial directory of all families. We will be taking photos on Sunday's after worship. 4 families/singles per week. Please signup for a time that you would like for your photo to be taken. .

**2022 ALTAR FLOWERS** – (St. Paul) There is a signup chart available on the entryway counter for anyone interested in providing the monthly altar flowers and care of the carport planter for 2022. This is a nice way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate special events or express gratitude for blessings received.

**CHRISTMAS EVE HELP NEEDED** –(St. Paul & St. Peter's) Plans are being made and again this year we will be needing adults to be readers for the Christmas Eve service. If you would be willing to help there is a signup sheet on the entryway counter.

### **ADVENT** –

- (St. Peter's) Services on Wednesdays December 1 and 15 at 7:30 pm.
- (St. Paul) Christmas Hymn Sing on Wednesday December 8 at 6 pm preceded by a light supper at 5 PM.
- Everyone welcome to attend any or all of these services at either church.

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**November 28, 2021**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP** – In the Old Testament, the Lord repeatedly promised blessings for his people, if they would only obey his commands. Yet generation after generation turned away from the Lord and sought self over Savior. When Jeremiah heard the Word of the Lord, he was experiencing the wrath of the Lord carried out on rebellious Judah. To the faithful, come words of promise: Justice will be carried out on the wicked and there will be deliverance. The line of David will continue as a "righteous branch" sprouts. He comes to restore the desolate land and the decimated people. He comes to bring peace and safety. He comes to bring life.

In the reading from 1 Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul saw the promise of "the Lord Our Righteousness" fulfilled. Therefore, he exhorts all believers who know Christ's deliverance from sin to continue living lives of faith and hope in the promise that the Lord Jesus will come again to bring us to eternal life.

### **Welcome to our Guests**—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

The liturgy and hymns will be shown on the large screen in the front of the church and the readings are printed in the bulletin.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

## BELLS AND WELCOME

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** The Common Service on page 15 with Holy Communion

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** # 82 (verses 1,4,5), #376, #310 (verses 1,2,6,7,8,11-15, and #219

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 25, pg 74

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Sing: AMEN**

+ **GOD'S WORD** +

**THE FIRST LESSON:** – **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

14 Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

15 In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth.

16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

This is what she [Jerusalem] will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** PSALM 25, pg. 74 (*Sing in Unison*)

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? 10 Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

11 May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

12 And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, 13 so that he may

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE** – The Thursday evening service time will change to **4:30** pm effective November 18, 2021. Next service is December 2. You will still need to call or text the church office if you are planning on attending. 920-779-6777.

**CALENDARS**- (St. Paul) 2022 Wall Calendars (courtesy of Borchardt & Moder Funeral Home) are available on the entryway counter. They are free to all our members and guests. Help yourself.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - --(St. Paul & St. Peter's) Again this year we will be decorating the church with poinsettias. You may bring one (or more) poinsettias to church no later than Dec 23, earlier is ok. You may take them back home after Christmas. Please be sure that your plant is properly watered. There is a signup sheet on the entryway counter so we know how many to expect.

**OFFERINGS** – (St. Paul) The plate offerings for November 14 and November 21 were \$7,612.00. The Vanco online offerings for week ending November 13 was 420.00 and for week ending November 20 was \$420.00.  
TOTAL \$ 8,452.00

Today marks the start of the season of Advent in which we prepare for Jesus' coming. The custom of an Advent wreath marks the coming of the Light of the world as another candle is lit each week until the Christ candle in the middle is lit on Christmas. Today's candle is called the Prophecy Candle as the prophets of the Old Testament spoke of the coming of Jesus.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)



### GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:25-36 (sermon text)



25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, 26 people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.” 29 He told them a parable. “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. 31 So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 “Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. 35 For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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### CHILDREN’S DEVOTION

### HYMN OF THE DAY #376 “Jesus. Your Blood and Righteousness”

**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** Based: Luke 21:25-36

### “Stay Alert”

1. Signs before Jesus’ coming
2. You know its time
3. Don’t let anything come between you and Jesus

After the Sermon sing “Create in Me” printed on page 20 in the front of the hymnal.

**OFFERINGS** - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

### **THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN OR PAGE 21**

**DIST. HYMNS: #310** (verses 1,2,6,7,8, 11-15 “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”

(as many verses as are needed for the distribution of Holy Communion)

*Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord’s own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices “Close Communion.” The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.*

**THE SONG OF SIMEON**, on screen or pg. 24

**PRAYER AND BLESSING**, on screen or pg.24/25

**CLOSING HYMN: #219** “Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See”

## God's Word for This Week

"Advent" comes from the Latin word for "coming" or "arrival." In today's Bible readings, Jesus urges us to be ready for his coming. It could be at any time.

### First Lesson – Jeremiah 33:14-16

Who is the "righteous Branch" that will sprout from David's line?

*In Jeremiah 23:5-6, the righteous Branch is referring to Jesus and his saving presence on this earth. He is the King who has descended from King David's line. It is possible here that this same title is being given to the Christian church that grows out of a connection to Jesus.*

Who will be called "the LORD our righteousness"? *Although this sounds so similar to the Jeremiah 23 passage, here the Church (Judah and Jerusalem) will receive the same name as Jesus. We will not only be labeled with his perfect righteousness because it covers them but will also be the place other people can find his righteousness through the gospel proclamation. (Is this evident in our purpose?)*

### Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

What does Paul ask the Lord to do within the Thessalonian congregation?

*Paul has already mentioned how the gospel produced among the Thessalonian Christians great evidence of faith, hope, and love (1:3, 3:6). Now Paul prays for more: he not only asks for their inner life to become stronger but that it also will overflow*

*its love on everyone who will come in touch with them. (Do people recognize this happening in you? Your congregation?)*

What is Paul's underlying concern as he prays?

*Paul's concern is that the Thessalonians' faith is alive and well and that they will be ready to join the holy ones when Christ reappears. (Is this your priority?)*

### Gospel – Luke 21:25-36

What will it be like right as Jesus reappears at the end of time?

*When Jesus reappears, it will terrify people. There will be disturbing signs in the sky, earth, and sea. These will cause many to faint from fear as the heavenly bodies are shaken. (Does the world expect this? Do you?)*

How will God's people react when Jesus returns visibly? (See especially 21:28.)

*When God's people see Jesus coming in his power and glory, they will stand secure, knowing this is the great time when Jesus completes his purpose for us and brings us into his eternal kingdom of freedom. (Is this exciting for you? Do you long for this?)*

Because of this, what should our daily lives be like now? (See especially 21:34-36.)

*Because Jesus could reappear any day, there is no room for us to be distracted with the anxieties or attractions of this world. We should always be focused and ready to stand before Jesus when he returns.*