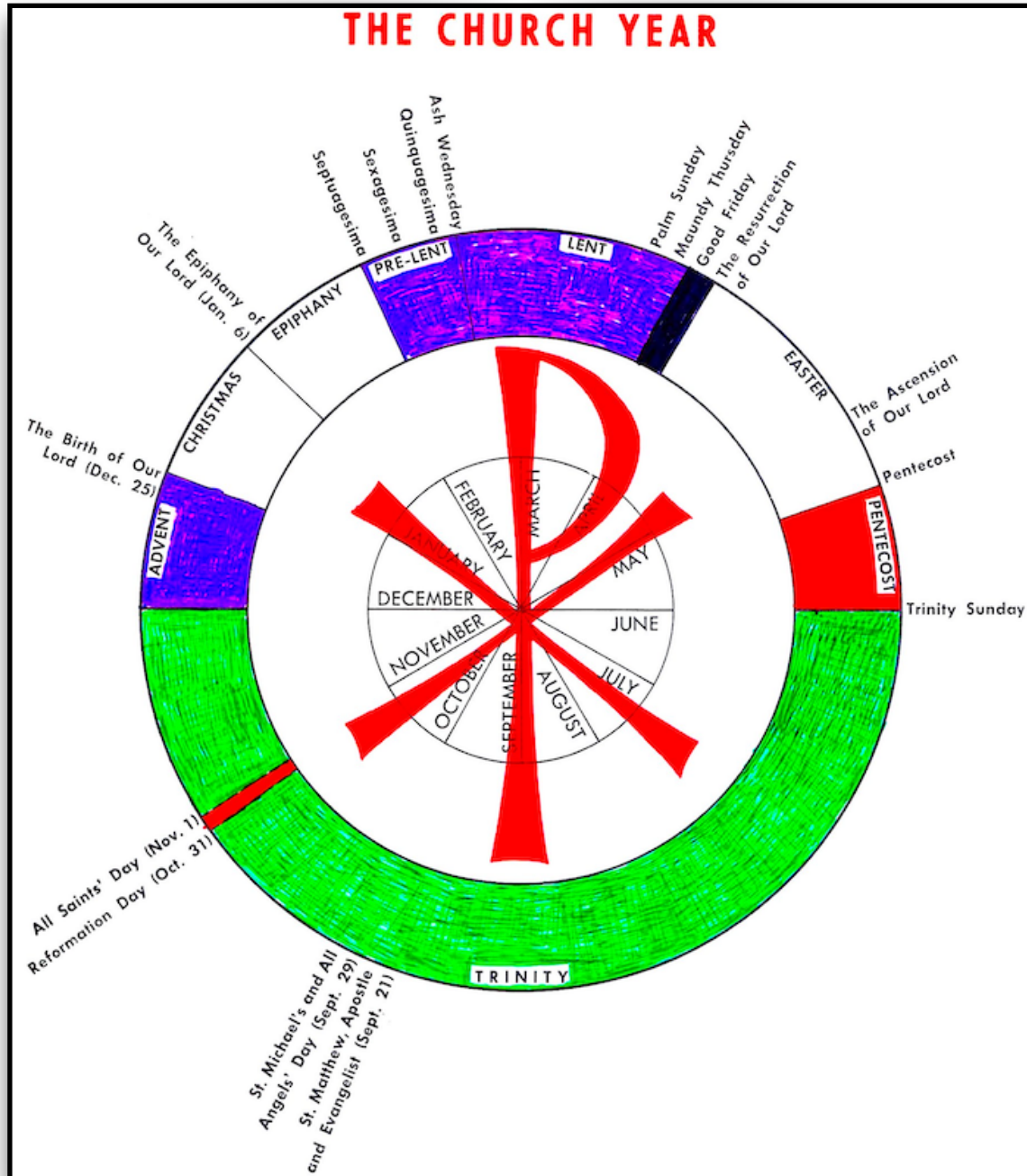


# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



**1st Sunday in Advent – November 27, 2022**

(An Overview of the Christian Church Year)

# **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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## **A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests!**

We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

## **Order of Worship**

### **Opening Prayer / Introduction / Hymn:**

Father, let me dedicate all this year to Thee  
In whatever earthly state Thou wilt have me be.  
Let my glad heart while it sings Thee in all proclaim  
And whate’er the future brings, glorify Thy name.

TLH 118 (1)

## **1. Advent Season**

### **Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.” The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be

exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”<sup>1</sup> O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

### **Advent Narrative / Hymn:**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free us from Satan's tyranny  
Who trust Thy mighty pow’r to save And give us vict’ry o’er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

LSB 357 (1,4,5)

## **2. Christmas Season**

### **Scripture Reading – Galatians 4:4-5 / John 1:1-4,14**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. / In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Christmas Narrative / Hymn:**

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels.  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, A mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!  
LSB 379 (1-2)

### 3. Epiphany Season

#### **Scripture Reading – Luke 4:16-21**

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”* Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

#### **Epiphany Narrative / Hymn:**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

LSB 394 (1,3,5)

### 4. Lenten Season

#### **Scripture Reading – Isaiah 53:1-6**

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our

peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

### **Lenten Narrative / Hymn:**

O dearest Jesus, what law have You broken  
That such sharp sentence should on You be spoken?  
Of what great crime have You to make confession —  
What dark transgression?

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which You, Lord, must languish;  
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that You inherit, This I do merit.

I'll think upon Your mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
To do Your will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.

And when, dear Lord, before Your throne in heaven  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Your saints forever raise You, I, too, shall praise You.  
LSB 439 (1,3,12,15)

## **5. Easter Season**

### **Scripture Reading – Matthew 28:1-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-4,20-22,55-57**

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” / Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. | But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. | O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Easter Narrative / Hymn:**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!  
LSB 457 (1,2,4)

## **6. Pentecost Festival**

### **Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-8**

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## **Pentecost Narrative / Hymn:**

Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour Your joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free May we Your living temples be.

O Source of uncreated Light, The bearer of God's gracious might,  
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire, Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;  
Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us as we sing.  
LSB 500 (1-2)

## 7. Pentecost Season

### **Scripture Reading – John 15:1-8**

Jesus said: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

### **Narrative for the Pentecost Season / Hymn:**

Holy Spirit, hear us On this sacred day;  
Come to us with blessing, Come with us to stay.

Come as once Thou camest To the faithful few  
Patiently awaiting Jesus' promise true.

Lighten Thou our darkness, Be Thyself our Light;  
Strengthen Thou our weakness, Spirit of all might.

Spirit of Adoption, Make us overflow  
With Thy sevenfold blessing And in grace to grow.  
TLH 229 (1,2,5,6)

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts / Prayers / Lord's Prayer**

## 8. Last Sunday of the Church Year Christ the King

### **Closing Narrative**

### **Scripture Reading – Revelation 1:7-8; 22:14,16,20**

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” | Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates ... “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star” ... He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [ESV]

### **Benediction / Closing Hymn:**

Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.

To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.

We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.

Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us. Amen!  
LSB 390

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### **This Week at St. Paul**

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| Today (11/27) | 8:30 am  | Church Council Meeting      |
|               | 9:30 am  | Worship Service             |
|               | 10:45 am | Sunday School & Bible Class |
| Sun (12/4)    | 8:30 am  | Choir Practice              |
|               | 9:30 am  | Worship Service             |
|               | 10:45 am | Christmas Decorating        |

### **Extended Calendar**

- Christmas Meal & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.11, 10:45 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Saturday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm

**In Our Prayers:** The family and friends of Marilyn Greening (mother of Ruth) who was called into the heavenly presence of the Lord last Thursday (Thanksgiving Day). Her funeral service will be conducted at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne on Saturday, December 10, at 10:00 am.

**Choir Practice Schedule:** Sunday, Dec.4,11,18, 8:30 am. We will rehearse our Christmas Eve songs.

**New In Your Mailbox Today:** CLC October Financial Report

**Christmas Concert:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will present a Choral Christmas Service entitled *Christmas Memories* at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI on Friday, December 16, at 7:30 pm. Video streaming information will be published at [ilc.edu/tv](http://ilc.edu/tv) as it becomes available. "The service is themed around a carol by 17<sup>th</sup> century English composer Thomas Ravenscroft and explores what we are to remember about the birth of Jesus and what that birth means for us. Senior seminary student Mr. Jonah Albrecht will deliver devotional thoughts recalling that first Christmas night as well as lead us to consider thoughtfully our own memories of Christmases past. Music will include works by Hubert Parry, J. S. Bach, Piotr Tchaikovsky, John Rutter, and others. Arrangements of familiar carols include *In the Bleak Midwinter*, *The First Noel*, *Where Shepherds Lately K*



## Symbolic Meaning of the Liturgical Church Year Colors

**Purple** Symbolizes penitence, humiliation, and sorrow for sin. Purple is also the color of royalty. Used in Advent and Lent.

**White** The color for joy, light and purity. Used during Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Ascension.

**Black** Symbolizes deep sorrow and death. Used on Good Friday.

**Red** Stands for divine fire (tongues of fire at the first Pentecost). Also stands for the power the Holy Spirit gives to God's children to love God and others and to grow in faith. Red is also the color of victory and triumph. Used on Pentecost and the Festival of Reformation.

**Green** Used during Sundays of the Pentecost (Trinity) Season. Symbolizes growth and new life. Reminds us of the Holy Spirit's work of blessing us with new spiritual life and a growing faith rich in good works through faithful hearing and learning of God's Word.



Advent



Christmas



Epiphany



Lent



Easter



Pentecost



Trinity

## **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions** **November 28 – December 3, '22**

**Mon Luke 1:68-75** Zacharias, filled with the Holy Spirit, stands on the threshold of the new covenant age and praises God for bringing the salvation promised of old. The deliverance now at hand will enable God's people to serve Him without fear in holiness all their days.

**Tues Luke 1:76-79** After praising God for visiting and redeeming His people (v68ff), Zacharias turns to his newborn son John, who will prepare the way of the Lord, who is coming to save His people through the forgiveness of their sins. Following John will come the Dayspring to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death. Peace with God is at hand!

**Wed Hebrews 10:19-22** Through the coming of the Dayspring from on high, we receive access to God at all times and in all places. Therefore let us draw near with a true heart, fully assured in our hearts that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and we stand before Him washed by water and the Word (Baptism).

**Thurs Hebrews 10:23-25** We are encouraged to hold fast the confession of our hope, not because our holding fast accomplishes our salvation, but because He who promised is faithful (v23). May we use our meeting together to stir one another to love and good works, encouraging each other in view of the Day of Christ's coming.

**Fri Jeremiah 31:31-34** The prophet looks forward to the days of which the Zacharias would sing (Lk1:68-79). The new covenant, based on forgiveness, will put God's law in the heart, so that His people's earnest desire will be to walk in it. They shall all know the Lord, for He will be their dear Father through the Savior from sin.

**Sat Isaiah 61:1-3** The coming Savior is described by the Lord's prophet in terms of riches, healing, freedom, comfort, gladness, and praise! All this would come from the Lord's Anointed in place of the poverty, captivity, sorrow and death that seemed so permanent in the prophet's day. Isaiah looked forward to the same Savior's coming that we do in Advent.