

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**



1st Sunday in Advent – November 30, 2025

Today is the first Sunday of a new Christian church year. The worship service will consist of explanatory readings (narratives) for each of the church year seasons, with corresponding Bible readings and hymns. It's our prayer that this service will serve the good purpose of sharpening our understanding of the church year and the reason for our time-honored custom of worshiping the Lord in this way through the year.

Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

Opening Prayer

Service Introduction

1. Advent Season

Narrative

Scripture Reading – Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. | “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” says the LORD of hosts, “that will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings. | 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. (Psalm 24:9-10, Malachi 3:1-2, Isaiah 40:10-11)

Hymn

LSB 357 (1,5)

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.



Advent

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.

2. Christmas Season

Narrative

Scripture Reading – 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. (Galatians 4:4-5 / John 1:1-4,14)

Hymn

LSB 379 (1,2,4)



Christmas

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!

True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!

To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
Oh, come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!

3. Epiphany Season

Narrative

Scripture Reading – Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. | 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.” (Isaiah 60:1-2, Luke 4:16-21)

Hymn

LSB 412 (1-4)

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been.



Epiphany

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests All power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor. The God by all adored.

4. Lenten Season

Narrative

Scripture Reading – 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 ... He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth ... For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. (Isaiah 53:3-8)

Hymn

LSB 439 (1-3,5)

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?



Lent

They crown Your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge You;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge You;
They give You gall to drink, they still decry You; they crucify You.

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.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted – God is committed.

5. Easter Season

Narrative

Scripture Reading – 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.” (Matthew 28:1-7)

Hymn

LSB 457 (1,2,4)



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!

6. Pentecost Festival / Season of Pentecost

Narrative

Hymn

LSB 497 (1)



Pentecost

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
be all Your graces now outpoured
on each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light,
in holy faith Your church unite;
of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
this to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Narrative

Scripture Reading – 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.” (John 15:1-8)

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

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

Closing Narrative

Scripture Reading – In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. | Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter

through the gates into the city. I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! (John 14:2-3; Revelation 1:7-8; 22:14, 16-17, 20)

Hymn Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest --
LSB 672 (1,4) The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest --
We know not, oh, we know not, What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

Benediction

Closing Hymn Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
LSB 390 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!



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.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Christmas Decorating
Sun (12/7)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Christmas Potluck

Extended Calendar

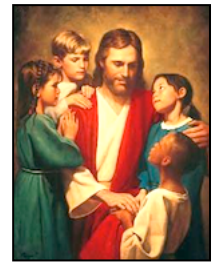
- Gift bags assembly: Sunday, December 14 (after the service)
- Christmas Bible School: Sat., Dec. 20, 9 am to 2 pm (*see note below*)
- Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Thursday, December 25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Com. Service: Wednesday, December 31, 6:30 pm

In Our Prayers: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Ruth Claeys, Mark Hartmeister, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt.

Kinship Seminary Student Sponsorship: The St. Paul Mary & Martha group continues to sponsor our African seminary student. Our sponsorship is an annual fee of \$600 & is always due in January. We already have \$200 toward this effort. If you would like to help, please put your donation in the offering plate marked "Mary & Martha Kinship". Anything helps!! Thank you!!

Shut-In Gift Bags: The St. Paul Mary & Martha group has started collecting items for Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins. We are collecting for 6 people this year & will assemble the bags on December 14. If you would like to contribute to this effort there is a list of suggested items on the bulletin board. We request no perishable or fresh fruit items. There is a box on the kitchen counter marked "Shut-Ins" & you can put your donation in the box anytime. Thank you so much

Christmas Bible School: We are making plans to host a one-day "Christmas Bible School" here at St. Paul on Saturday, December 20, for children ages 5-12. Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Advertising flyers for sharing with friends and neighbors are available in the tract rack. Help yourself!



December Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Ethel Eastridge, Dec 2 Carrol Rankin, Dec 25
Willie Tiefel, Dec 8 (Mike & Lisa Sprengeler, Dec 4)
Karen Thompson, Dec 20 (Doug Tiefel & Karen Thompson, Dec 17)

Synod News & Notes

Mission Helper Trip: The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC–Tanzania, CLC–Kenya, CLC–Zambia, and CLC–Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

National Women's Retreat: Before your 2026 calendar begins to fill up, we want you to mark your calendars and get ready to *Press Pause* with women across the country!

- What: Press Pause for the National Women's (Virtual) Retreat 2026
- When: Saturday, January 31, 2026 // 9:00 am – 11:00 am (Pacific Time)
- How: Join us virtually via Zoom
- Cost: Free event – all are welcome!
- Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>

The November CLC World Missions Prayer List, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. Please read and remember, with thanks to God: "*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (*James 5:16*). Missionary Ohlmann has also provided a QR code (at right) that you can scan that will take you to the [online version](#) of the prayer list.



Missionary Bruce Naumann posted a new update to his Tanzania mission blog on October 28, which you can see here: clc-tz.blogspot.com

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions December 1-6

Mon Matthew 21:1-9 As we look forward to the Christ's humble coming in Bethlehem, we remember also His humble approach to Jerusalem where He will lay down His life for us sinners all.

Tues Romans 13:11-14 At Christmas we remember Jesus coming to earth to redeem us from sin. As the dawn of His second coming approaches, let us walk in His light, clothed with His righteousness.

Wed Jeremiah 33:14-18 The righteous Branch from David's line will fulfill the good promises of the Lord. He, the Lord our Righteousness, will reign forever, and the benefit to us will also be without end!

Thurs Psalm 143:1-6 David pleads for God's mercy as the enemy pursues his soul (v3). He calls not because he deserves God's help (v2), but because He remembers God's merciful works of long ago.

Fri Psalm 143:7-12 David needs the Lord's mercy for his very life, and wants to be taught the way he should go, as well as to be rescued from his enemies. "For I am your servant" (v12).

Sat Psalm 1 What a contrast there is between the Godly and the Ungodly! The Lord blesses the righteous with continuous life and fruit and prosperity in everything they do (v3). For this Christ came!

Symbolic Meaning of the Liturgical Church Year Colors

- Purple** Symbolizes penitence and sorrow for sin. Also the color of royalty. Used in Advent and Lent.
- White** The color for joy, light and purity. Used during Christmas, Epiphany, Easter.
- 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 grow in their 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 gracious work of blessing us with new spiritual life and a growing faith rich in good works through our hearing and learning of God's Word.



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