

DECEMBER 11, 2022  
BULLETIN INSERT  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



\* **Advent Candle Lighting** (stanza 3) insert 1

**Psalm:** Psalm 146:5-10 (read responsively)

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

\* **Song**

*“Joy to the World”*

insert 2

**First Reading:**

L: A reading from Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

L: A reading from James 5:1-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel:**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' <sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* **Song** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* Insert 3

**Offering Anthem** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Eithun  
Bell Choir

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**Communion Anthem** *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* arr. Eithun  
Bell Choir

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	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 18</u>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Donna Lehman	Lucille Farrington
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Janet Haack	Ginny Murray
<b>Offering Depositors:</b>	Peg Sennett	Laura Silver
	Jon Shaw	Nancy Smith
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 5	Team 5
<b>Altar:</b>	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!** If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions, please feel free to speak with the Pastor or any staff member.

**DECEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING** will benefit Lutheran World Relief.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is presented to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret Loss' birthday on December 15 by the family.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is presented to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of David Lucabaugh and Tianna Arentz and also in loving memory of the birthday of father, John P. Lucabaugh and grandmother, Bertha Lucabaugh by Norma Lucabaugh and family.

**THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR** is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Hazel Lehigh's birthday on December 13 by Pete Lehigh.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is presented to the glory of God and with thanks for those who serve on the Church Council by the Zellers family

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at [finance@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org)

Radio—Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 - \$60 or any portion you desire)

Altar Flowers—Jan. 8 (1 vase) Jan. 15, 22 & 29 (2 vases) (\$20)

Communion Bread & Wine—Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12)

Worship Bulletins—Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20)

Eternal Flame- Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10)

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available in the rack at the back of the Fellowship Hall, Advent materials for children are available from Gretchen Walter.

**ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – today, December 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service**

The business part of the meeting is to do the following:

- elect new council members (ballots will be distributed)
- approve the proposed budget for 2023 (copies are on the back table)
- to review the 2022 Annual Reports through August 31<sup>st</sup> that was included in the December/January Evangel mailing and in the rack at the back of Fellowship Hall.
- approve painting Fellowship Hall and the stairways using money for the Raubenstine Fund (not to exceed \$40,000.00).

**JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY "LIGHT OF THE WORLD" By Amy-Jill Levine.** Come and learn on Tuesday mornings through **December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** with Linda Zellers leading the study We will begin in the Theater room.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES WILL BE CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAY'S IN ADVENT AT 7:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.** The theme this year is what the Advent candles mean to us.

**FAITH FORMATION** for children 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our Education wing during the 9:30 am worship service. The children return to the worship service in time to commune with their parents. **Please Join Us!!!**

**YOUTH AND FAMILY** meet NEXT SUNDAY following worship. Minute-to-Win-It games are part of our fellowship time together!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** are held on Sunday immediately following the Annual Meeting downstairs in our Youth Room.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** rehearse on Sunday immediately following the Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**THE BELL CHOIR** rehearses on Thurs. evenings at 5:45 pm in the choir room.

**THE ADULT CHOIR** rehearses on Thurs. evenings at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**GROCERY HELP NEEDED!** We will be distributing Christmas meal boxes on Saturday, Dec. 24 at our usual time. Extra help is needed. Remember that many hands make light work!

<b>SUN., DEC. 11</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	10:30 am	Youth Choir rehearsal
<b>MON., DEC. 12</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts groups
<b>TUES., DEC. 13</b>	10:00 am	Advent Bible Study – “Light of the World” Theater Room
<b>WED., DEC. 14</b>	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Service
	8:00 pm	Council Meeting
<b>THUR., DEC. 15</b>	5:45 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir room)
	6:30 pm	Cub and Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal
<b>FRI., DEC. 16</b>	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
<b>SAT., DEC. 17</b>	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Book Club)
	11:00 am	Private use of Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
<b>SUN., DEC. 18</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	10:30 am	Youth Choir rehearsal
	11:00 am	Private use of Fellowship Hall