



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1st Sunday of Advent

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Worship 11:00 AM

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Videographer: George Edis

Reader: Tom Kertes

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran. The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering.

Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have:

Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local Parishes: Fellowship Baptist Church

Synod Parishes: Peace Lutheran, Abbotsford, Emmaus Lutheran, Burnaby – Rev. Timo Saarinen

ACC: The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary and the staff of the General Secretary's Justice-Interim

ELCIC: Trina Gallop Blank, Asst to the Nat'l Bishop, Kyle Giesbrecht, and the Finance and Admin staff.

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be public this coming Wednesday at Javadotcup from 9:30-11:30 AM.
2. Our congregation will again be adopting two families for Christmas. You will find tags on the Jesse Tree (the dead, bare tree at the front of the church which will become a green and living tree over the course of Advent) with the needed items listed. Please take the tags of those items which you will provide for the families. The items need to be returned to the church no later than December 13th for distribution.
3. Movies that Matter is a gathering, hosting community youth (grades 8-12) to eat pizza and popcorn, watch a movie, and discuss the related moral issues. We gather the 2nd Friday of each month from 6:30-9:00. December 9th is our next meeting. The upcoming series focuses on issues of discrimination.
4. We will offer a community event Saturday, Dec. 10th which will focus on the true "Spirit of Christmas." Join us and invite your neighbours as we feature the tv edition of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and offer crafts for the children from 1-5 PM. Entry is by donation. Talk to Tom Kertes for more information or to volunteer.
5. Our Dedication Sunday will take place December 11, 2022. We will be inviting members young and old as well as the tradespeople and artists who worked so tirelessly to bring our vision for the future into one beautiful reality. We will gather for a potluck meal following worship. Please plan to attend and invite others.
6. Our Winter Bake Sale happens December 17 from 1-4:00 PM. If you are able to bake for the sale/work the day of the sale please contact Larissa Goruk or Lori Wilson. Free cookie tins available for packing goodies.

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

No. 242 ELW



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Song of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

We pray together our Prayer of the Day,

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent wreath

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

We sing verse one of Light One Candle following the lighting of the Advent Candle



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Our first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the 2nd chapter

2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We read Psalm 122 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

Our second reading is from Romans beginning at the 13th Chapter

13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside

the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

worship folder

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 24th chapter

24:36-44

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

My Lord, What a Morning

No. 438

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

verses on following page

1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed found in your worship folder. We confess:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession: (petition response: L: God, in your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox or you can send e-transfers to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Sending Song

The King Shall Come

ELW 260



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri-um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, to bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris-ing morn when Christ, vic-to-ri-ous, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-ri-ous morn shall dawn up-on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau-ty brings.
 when beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills and life to joy a-wakes.
 but crowned with glo-ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone-some place of death, de-spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.