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The First Sunday in Advent

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Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us.* The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “a righteous Branch” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “blameless in holiness before our God and Father” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “distress of nations in perplexity,” with “people fainting with fear.” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28)

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker
Cindy Becker-surgery
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Delvin Boriack-recovering
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
Gracelyn Kalbas-recovering
Hildegard Krause-recovering
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Ruth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Leonard Mitschke-recovering
Kathy Mumm-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Calvin Robertson
Dorothy Schautschick-recovering
Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)
Dwayne Schulze-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Kynlee Stewart-recovering
Josie Symm-recovering (sister-in-law of Mike & Barbara Symm)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Sean Weiser-recovering (grandson of Ken & Ruby Weiser)
Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.
Those fighting cancer including:
Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)

Joyce Bise

Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker)
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Schmidt
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those who mourn:

The family of Clarence Schulze (brother of Daniel Schulze)
The family of Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service– 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 341, 332, 357, 923
Sermon Text: Jeremiah 33:14-16
The Sermon: **“The Promised Coming”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God to commemorate the 1977 donation by St. Paul Lutheran Church of the 1915 St. Paul Lutheran Serbin School Building to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society to establish the first Wendish Museum.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Mildred Perry’s birthday by her family.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, December 5th and Sunday, December 19th, and also for weekly Advent Services (green plants only). If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 13, 2020, the Voters set our 2021 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$33,566.48. We are **\$3,933.52** away from meeting our 2021 goal.
- † **October Financial Statements.** The October Financial Statements are available in the church office.
- † **December Calendar.** The December calendar is available in the church office.
- † **Midweek Advent Services** begin Wednesday, **December 1st**. The theme for our services this year will be **“Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ’s Birth”**. The Lord’s Supper will also be celebrated on the December 1st service. Make room for Jesus and His word in this hectic season by attending mid-week Advent Services.
- † **Love Working With Children?** The St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center is in need of full and part time help (hours are flexible). If you or anyone you know love children and would like to join our awesome team and help train them up (Proverbs 22:6), please call Cheyenne Shed at 979-366-2870.
- † **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards. Order forms are available on the table at the back of the church.
- † **Ebenezer Lutheran Church of Manheim,** will be having a German Hymn Song Service - December 15th @ 7 pm. Please join us for this celebration of Christ's birth in German.
- † **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886.
- † **Poinsettias:** The LWML will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Thursday, December 16th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16th.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **The LAF will meet** at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th to set up and decorate the trees.

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Maison Schautschick and Malynda Schautschick
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker Assistant- Carson Becker
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Johnathan Noack
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, December 5th, “**Because We Belong**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that’s not how God sees us. (Luke 1:2-25). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Advent Worship Service w/communion – 7:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Rachel Schautschick and Sharron Adair
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Jingle Bells & Jammies Christmas Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Gabriel Bailey and Brandon Burgdorf

Birthdays: Today – Clyde Schimank, Andrew Short; 29th – Pyper Schatte; 30th – Lukas Iselt; 1st – Amy Hempel, Douglas Jatzlau; 2nd – Emily Gruetzner; 3rd – Granger Kalbas, Stephen Kasper, Krista Rodriguez; 4th – Brent Perry, Kenneth Wiederhold. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 222, Communion- 115, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School Offering- \$23.00.

Offering Last Week: \$20,503.94

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$14,657.44	Mission	\$284.00
Thanksgiving	\$100.00	Mission Total	\$284.00
Sunday School	\$23.00	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$210.00	Building Fund	\$50.00
ECC Operating	\$4,249.50	Savings/Other Total	\$50.00
Tuition	\$930.00		
Received 11/21/2021	\$20,169.94	Total	\$20,503.94
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$82,134.61		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Harold Mathena by Frances Miertschin and Brian & Anna Miertschin - \$100.00.
Building: In honor of Willie & Judy Wagner’s 50th anniversary by Curtis Oltmann Family - \$50.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Sharon Bamsch by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$100.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

November 28 – Advent I

A human being's dignity doesn't come from her age, her appearance, or her abilities. Rather, "the Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16), as He creates, redeems, and calls worth and purpose into every life from fertilization to forever. Even those who have undergone abortions may know His salvation because He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:3) for Jesus' sake. Trusting Him, nobody has to feel ashamed about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 25:3).

2021 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 1, 8	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 1	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Fri	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sat	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Fri	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Sat	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General

