

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The First Sunday in Advent

27 November 2022

Welcome! *The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now.*

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem “humble, and mounted on a donkey,” riding on “a beast of burden” (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matt. 21:9). For we are called “to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,” His Holy Church, “that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths” (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we “walk in the light of the LORD” (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which “does no wrong to a neighbor” (Rom. 13:10). We “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,” for “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, “for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming” (Matt. 24:42).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt-hospitalized

Levi Bise-surgery

Judy Boriack-recovering

Evelyn Kaiser-recovering

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Zelda Richards-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ruby Weiser-recovering

Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin

Matthijetz)

Vicki Boriack

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)

Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Judy Wesbrook (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 Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX

Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York

Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport, Rhode Island

Rain

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: 601, 332, 781 v. 1&2, 516, 341
Sermon Text: Romans 13:11-14
The Sermon: **“Wake Up!”**
Adult Choir Anthem: *♩“Advent Peace Canon”*

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Brazos Lee Hinze

Brazos is the son of John and Ashley Hinze.

His baptismal sponsors are Nick Hinze and Mary Davis.

His baptismal witnesses are Steven Dobos and Shane Muenlendorf.

- ✠ **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 Brazos Lee Hinze’s baptism by Robert & Joyce Hinze.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, December 11th, 18th, 25th and Saturday, December 31st. If you would like to place flowers on any of these date’s please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 12, 2021, the Voters set our 2022 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at **\$33,444.00**. We are **\$4,056.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal.
- ✠ **October Financial Statements.** The October Financial Statements are available from the ushers and in the church office.
- ✠ **December Calendar.** The December calendar is available from the ushers and in the church office.
- ✠ **Midweek Advent Services** begin Wednesday, **November 30th**. The theme for our services this year will be **“This is My Son”**. The Lord’s Supper will also be celebrated on the November 30th service. Make room for Jesus and His word in this hectic season by attending mid-week Advent Services.
- ✠ **The LAF will meet** at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th to set up and decorate the Christmas trees.
- ✠ **Attention All Lutheran Ladies!** If you are interested in serving as a greeter for church services, please contact Melodi at 979-540-0039. No experience necessary and it’s a great way to represent St. Paul to our visitors.
- ✠ **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths this year. We met our goal, so every veteran grave will receive a wreath. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m., at the cemetery.
- ✠ **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 15th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 15th**. If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **LWML.** The Serbin LWML will be collecting clothing, socks, and underwear, all sizes, male or female. They will also be collecting lego’s, and stuffed animals, this is for Orphan grain Train. They will be collecting until December 2, 2022. There is a box in the church office, labeled Orphan Grain Train. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.
- ✠ **Bingo for Seniors Beginning Wednesday, December 7** – Immanuel, Giddings is excited to partner with A Perfect Way Home Health Care to offer an opportunity for all seniors in our community to get together for bingo and fellowship. Mark your calendar for the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at Immanuel’s fellowship hall. Everything is provided at no cost, including bingo supplies, prizes, and food. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact the Immanuel church office (979) 542-2918. For all other information you may contact Mrs. Brittany Behrens 979-540-0181

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, December 4th, “**Paradise Restored**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? (Isaiah 11:1-10). 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.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
November 27 – First Sunday in Advent**

Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Tucker Kalbas and Kaden Kasper
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones
Ushers- Joshua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Advent Worship Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday 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: Elizabeth Richardson and Kenedy Schatte

Birthdays: Today – Emilly Reagan; 28th – Clyde Schimank, Andrew Short; 29th – Pyper Schatte; 30th – Lukas Iselt; 1st – Audrey Hempel, Douglas Jatzlau; 2nd – Emily Gruetzner; 3rd – Granger Kalbas, Stephen Kasper, Krista Rodriguez. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 248, Communion- 135, Bible Class- 24; Sunday School-36, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Nursery II, Offering- \$18.10.

Offering Last Week: \$23,753.21

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,054.94	Mission	\$444.00
Sunday School	\$18.10	Lutheran Hour	\$70.00
Lunch Room	\$2,791.00	Mission Total	\$514.00
ECC Operating	\$6,288.17	Savings/Other:	
Use of Facility	\$100.00	School Fund	\$100.00
Tuition	\$1,807.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
Received 11/20/2022	\$23,059.21	Bus Replacement Fund	\$55.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$180.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$92,503.45	Total	\$23,753.21
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: Lutheran Hour: In memory of Robert Grimm by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. In memory of John Hoffman by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Robert Grimm by Jerry & Karen Faske and Dustin & Whitney Faske & family - \$100.00. **Building:** In memory of Richard Unger by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00.

2022 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Advent Services	Wednesday	Nov. 30 Dec. 7,14	7:00 p.m.	Communion Nov. 30	General
Song Service	Sunday	Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.		General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wednesday	Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Saturday	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Saturday	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Sunday	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General

