

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2025

8:30AM



Bear Fruit in Keeping with Repentance

### AS WE GATHER

The problem with good works is not *that* we should do them but *why*. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God's mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### INVOCATION

Pastor: As we continue in this season of Advent, we begin this time of worship and recall our baptismal grace. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: To the Father, who made us,

**People: make us one.**

Pastor: To the Son, who came to us,

**People: come to us now, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: To the Holy Spirit, who unites us,

**People: make us one. Amen.**



**Fill Me Now**

*St Paul's Choral Ensemble*

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Matthew 3:2, 3b; Psalm 119:105*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, this wreath and the candles progressively lit each week remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. In this season of preparing our hearts and minds to receive the promised Savior given and born for us, we hear today John the Baptist fulfilling Scripture as he prepared the people, called many to repentance, and pointed to the Word of God made flesh.

**People: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.' "**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in the beginning of our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as our true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

**People: and a light to my path.**

### 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Pastor: Let us heed the call of the Lord through John the Baptist to repent—to turn from our sins and turn to Jesus Christ, our Savior, through whom we find true and lasting hope.

**People: Merciful Father, we have turned away from You and sinned against You in all parts of our life. We have not loved You above all things. Turn us away from sin and rearrange our lives toward You.**

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
 And make the fallen strong to stand;  
 Show us the glory of Thy face  
 Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

Pastor: God has heard our plea for forgiveness and for the sake of Jesus Christ, He answers our prayer. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

## Christmas Bell Tidings

*Joyful Ringers*

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord of life and light, as Your Word and call to repentance was spoken by John the Baptist, so speak to us now through that same Word to prepare the way and make straight the paths to receive and welcome Your only-begotten Son that we may have life and bear fruit in Your name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Oh Come All Ye Faithful

*Joyful Ringers*



**EPISTLE READING**    *Romans 15:4–13*    (Paul encourages unity and **Hospitality** through Christ.)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another **as Christ has welcomed you**, for the glory of God.

### **Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles**

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Reader:    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 3:1–12* (John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord by preaching a Baptism of repentance.)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,  
<sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,  
 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
 'Prepare the way of the Lord;  
 make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## O Sing to the Lord

St Paul's Choral Ensemble

## THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



## 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

**MESSAGE** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs in the name of Jesus, clinging to the comfort of His grace.

As You raised up a voice in the wilderness, O Lord, continue to equip Your people to speak to those in darkness and to call them forth into Your light. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Guide Your Church, O Lord, and all who serve her, that they may be faithful in their vocation as Deacons, missionaries, and church workers, and bless this congregation that we may be steadfast in hope, faithful in confession, and united in the work of proclaiming Your holy name in this community and to the world, that in repentance, the Good News of forgiveness may be known to all here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Make our leaders wise and selfless, Lord, that our nation may faithfully use all that You have entrusted to us and that we may act with mercy and justice for all people; lead all nations in the path of peace and bless our armed forces here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord, open our eyes to those in need that we may extend the comfort of Your grace to the hungry, the unemployed, the aged, and those forgotten in our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, give aid to the wounded in body or spirit, give healing to the sick, give relief to the suffering, and sustain the dying in Your peace, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer. Amen.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

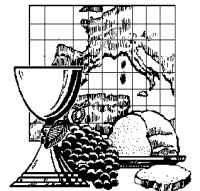
**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.*



### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION WINE:** For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

## Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom be Thou my true Word; I ev - er  
 3. Be Thou my shield and my sword for the fight. Be Thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, Thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won, may I reach

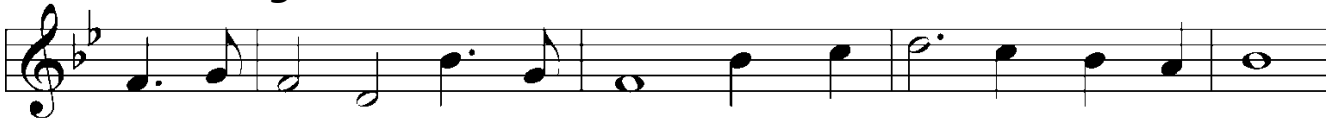


else to me, save that Thou art— Thou my best thought, by  
 with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa - ther,  
 dig - ni - ty, be Thou my might; Thou my soul's shel - ter and  
 -her - i - tance, now and al - ways; Thou and Thou on - ly be  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

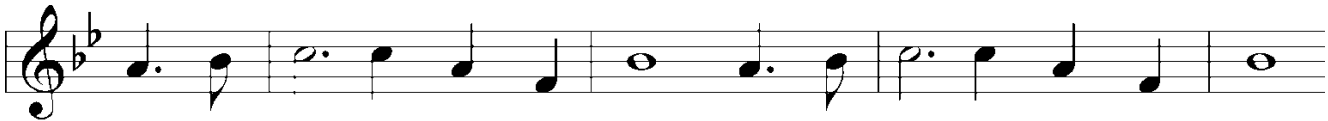


day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 I Thy true son, Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 Thou my high tow'r. Raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my treas - ure Thou art.  
 -ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

**Thy Word**

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Verse 2

I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
And hold me to Your side;  
I will love You to the end.

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path. (2X)

And a light unto my path.

**What Child Is This**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
 The King of kings salvation brings;  
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high,  
 The virgin sings her lullaby;  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
 The babe, the son of Mary!

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** We thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling us to repentance and for the gift of forgiveness. We praise You for making us one as the Body of Christ, united in Your Spirit. Sustain us through what has been received, that we continue to live in Your grace and bear fruit in Your name until we, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

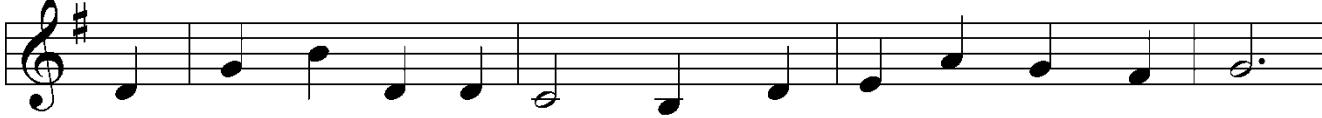
### **BENEDICTION** *Matthew 3:2, 3b*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

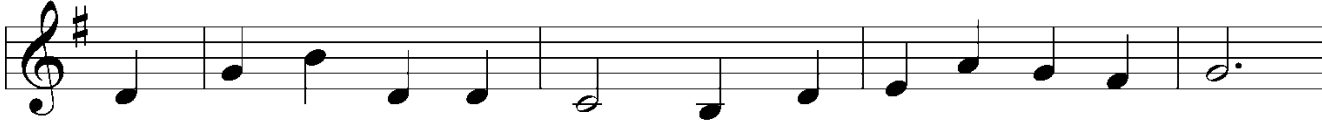
**People: Amen.**

### **THE INVITATIONS**

## 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!



**Need some PRAYER?** Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

**Our Vision** — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



### **WHERE WE SERVE**

Preacher  
Officiant  
Music Director  
Family Life  
Elder

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn  
Pastor Jim Frusti  
Paul Ventimiglia  
Jeanette Koch  
Will Hoffmeier

Reader  
Guest Artists

Jan Faerber  
Mark Kieme / Woodwinds & Brittany DeYoung / Harp

Joyful Ringers

Anne Burgess  
Cheryl Bailey  
Sharon Byrd  
Linda Courtney  
Beth Hempel  
Charleen Hill  
Carol Kandah  
Julia Smith  
Shelly Walldorff  
Kenadee Koch

St Paul's Choral Ensemble

Lisa Fairbairn  
Cheryl Bailey  
Nancy Berg -  
Crenshaw  
Anne Burgess  
Chris Burgess  
John Hasse  
Barbara  
Hoffmeier  
Will Hoffmeier  
Linda Johnson  
Rich Johnson  
Chris Englert  
Sue Roman  
Justin Dotson

Greeter

Burgess Family

Welcome Center

Kathy Verseman

Ushers

Gary Cash  
Jeff Henning  
Mike Williamson

Tech Team

Nancy Berg

Coffee Hour

Preschool

Counters

Katie Helmick  
Carole Crete

Acolyte

Jack Adler

**Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

WEDNESDAYS: Women’s Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men’s Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

**Attendance** Last week: 11.30.2025– Attendance – 8:30am – 59 + 11:00am – 56 = 115  
Communion - 94

**Received** week of 11.30.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$13,727** total includes online giving  
School - **\$3,183.65**

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Ann Cook  
2400 East Lincoln Street Apt. 21  
Birmingham, MI 48009

7	DEC, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
9	DEC, TUE	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 6 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
10	DEC, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball - gym
		● 7 – 8pm	Advent Worship-Children Christmas Play
11	DEC, THU	● All day	Jane Dough - kitchen
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball - gym
12	DEC, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
13	DEC, SAT	● 12 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Tournament



***Altar Flowers***

One vase to the glory of God in thanksgiving for my parents Leo and Jane Mandral from Dorothy Schneider.

One vase in memory of my son Joshua from Cheryl Koch.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service

During Advent, the **Sunday school and day school students** will be sharing the story of the birth of Jesus on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the 7:00 pm. service. **There** will be a cookie reception for friends and families immediately following the service in parish hall. We hope that you will join us for this special service.

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A **mission trip euchre card game fundraiser** will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, 6:30-9:00 pm. Twelve members of our congregation have committed to participating in an eyeglass clinic in El Salvador in April. The cost of the trip is about \$3,000 per person. This fundraiser will help defray the cost for our participants. If you are new to the game, we are happy to instruct. There will be appetizers, beverages, snacks and prizes. The cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for youth. Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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The **Giving Tree** this year will be adorned with ornaments that represent children in need from Another Way Pregnancy Center in Farmington Hills. We are proud to partner with them this year. It's so easy:

- 1) Take home an ornament.
- 2) Purchase the item(s).
- 3) Return the item(s) with the ornament attached.

All gifts can be dropped off in the Parish Hall by December 21. AWPC thanks you for your generosity.

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## Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 3-6 pm

Meet at St Paul's Fellowship Hall at 3:00 to carpool.

You will be given maps, a colorful scarf, a songbook, and jingle bells.

We will serve a light supper around 6:00pm back at the church.

Questions?

Call Barbara Hoffmeier (248) 756-3035 or Tom Norton (734) 853 - 9423



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL  
FUN EVENT OF  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

## Double Blessings at Family of God

The night didn't go quite as expected, but it all worked out well. We left early to drive down to serve. When we arrived another church, Shepherd's Gate from Shelby Two, was set-up. It was a scheduling error. They normally go on the 4th Wednesday but something changed due to Thanksgiving. Oh well, we squished our food amidst theirs and everyone had a choice. Their fried chicken was first in line and I was afraid that we would have 8 or 9 leftover casseroles. As it turned out, people also loved the casseroles. Everyone was able to have generous seconds and take home containers.

Chris and Jeff Henning and Nancy Berg did the shopping. The menu was uncomplicated since the meat had been prepared in advance, Mark Potter was a great help in the kitchen preparing the meal. This month our famous Brownie bakers were: Beth Hempel, Anne Burgess, Debbie Pichan and Chris Henning. Will Hoffmier was the driver and took Dawn and Chris Englert, and Doug and Nancy Berg to help serve. Marcy gathers our paper products and they are always bundled up and ready to go. "Thank You" to everyone for all your help and support!



## Ladies Holiday Tea

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville  
Parish Hall  
Sunday, December 14, 2025  
2-4 pm.

A holiday Christmas Tea is a wonderful time to gather together to give praises to our Heavenly Father, socialize and share our blessings. Join us for appetizers, desserts and music. Jennifer Trevathan, from Another Way Pregnancy Center, will share the work being done at the Center for pregnant mothers, fathers, infants and toddlers. AWPC is one of the missions we support as a congregation.

Bring a friend, grandchild or other relative and join us for a special holiday celebration.

There will be a sign up genius for appetizer and dessert donations. We are also asking that you sign up in church hallway if you plan to attend. This helps us plan for food and seating.

Please bring with you (besides your friend or relative):

- Your own tea cup.
- Voluntary pajama donation to AWPC: they are in need of sizes 9 months to 4T, boys or girls.

We hope that you will join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ, friendship and service.



## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025

(H/C = Holy Communion)

\* Salem Lutheran Church (32430 Ann Arbor Trail - Westland, MI 48185) -noon services

**Decorate Church 11/30/25 after 11am Service**



11/26/2025 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)

11/27/2025 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Thursday

11/30/2025 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday

12/03/2025 – Advent noon Service – Wednesday – lunch follows service (Salem\*)

12/03/2025 - Advent Dinner – 5:30pm – 6:45pm – Wednesday

12/03/2025 - Advent Service – 7pm – Wednesday

12/07/2025 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) - Sunday

12/10/2025 – Advent Noon Service - Wednesday -lunch follows service (Salem\*)

12/10/2025 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday

12/10/2025 - Advent Service -7pm - Wednesday

12/14/2025 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am – Sunday

12/17/2025 – Advent Noon Service- Wednesday -lunch follows service (Salem\*)

12/17/2025 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday

12/17/2025 - Advent Service -7pm –Wednesday

12/21/2025 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday

12/24/2025 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Wednesday

12/24/2025 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Wednesday (H/C)

12/25/2025- Christmas Day Service – 10am — Thursday (H/C)

12/26/2025 – **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**- Friday

12/28/2025 - Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am - Sunday

12/31/2025 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Wednesday (H/C)

1/1/2026– **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Thursday

Another MOST eyeglass mission trip is currently being planned for April 11-18 2026 at a mission church in the town of Pasaquina in El Salvador. MOST has only recently established a presence in El Salvador, and we are excited to be among the first MOST missions to that country. We are establishing an email contact list for anyone who would like to be kept informed as we go forward with the planning. The list is not only for “goers”, people considering going on the trip, but also for “senders”, people who might want to be involved with supporting the team with fundraisers, etc. There is no commitment so if you would like to be kept informed, please forward your email address to Chris Burgess at [chris.burgess917@gmail.com](mailto:chris.burgess917@gmail.com).



*What Shall We Sing For The Child?*  
**The Lutheran Choralaires Annual Christmas Concert**  
 Director—Terry Herald

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
 1011 W. University Dr. Rochester, Michigan  
 Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

**Historic Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 1345 Gratiot Ave Detroit, Michigan  
 Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

**Suggested Donation: \$10/Adult, \$5/Children**

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*As we celebrate the miraculous gift God gave us in His son's birth, let us think of others during this Christmas season. For the month of December, Women In Christ is highlighting an LWML mission grant that provides funds to assist in the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train in the amount of \$18,000. The Orphan Grain Train has volunteers in 27 locations across the United States who gather clothes and other relief supplies for destitute people around the world. Their motto is "Sharing resources and bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near." Please keep the Orphan Grain Train in your prayers.*



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*Thank you to all the Saint Paul Families and friends who came out Sunday 11.30.25 after to church to help beautify the church for Christmas! It was fun and took no time at all to make our house of worship sparkle! Thank you also to the McFall family for coming out Monday to put some finishing touches on the narthex area- it really looks fantastic!*

