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## **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

11:00 AM

December 1, 2024



Preparing for the Savior

### **AS WE GATHER**

Though a full month remains before we turn our calendars to 2025, today we can wish a “happy new year” in the life of the church. The Advent season begins a new church year and is a time of preparation, as the Latin “Adventus” means an arrival or coming of someone. More than preparing for the coming of just anyone, here we prepare for our Savior. As we get hearts and minds ready for the Christmas crescendo to come celebrating Christ’s humble birth, we also remain prepared in this season and always as He promises to come again.

**WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.  
Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength  
We gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God,  
Come --- Come ---  
Come, just as you are, Come! ---Come!

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*John 1:5, 9; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 33:20–22*

Pastor: Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophecy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.

**People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Pastor: Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: "Our soul waits for the Lord;

**People: He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

**People: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You."**

*The first Advent candle is lit.*

**HYMN                    357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Refrain

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on  
high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Refrain

**ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    *1 John 1:8–9; Jeremiah 33:14, 16;  
1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Luke 21:28*

Pastor: As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God's great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made. . . . And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

**People: We confess we have not rightly rejoiced in the promises that the Lord made and fulfilled and have instead found our fulfillment in the temporal things of our lives and this world. We have sought our own rightness instead of the Lord's righteousness. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Paul prays, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus."

**People: We confess our hearts are full of blame and unholiness. Our love has been misguided and our actions have been self-serving. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

Pastor: As Jesus speaks of the time of His return, He calls His followers to "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

**People: We confess we have not remained ready for Your return, nor realized time is short for the work You've called us to do. We have prioritized other matters instead of Your Word, relied on other things instead of Your presence, and in our thoughts, words, and actions have chosen to live our way instead of by Your commands. Forgive us.**

Pastor: The Lord is our righteousness. He alone establishes hearts blameless in holiness at His coming. Redemption draws near. We are declared righteous, blameless, and redeemed because of the living, dying, and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING***Jeremiah 33:14–16*

(The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.)

<sup>14</sup> “The day will come, says the Lord, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good things I have promised them.

<sup>15</sup> “In those days and at that time

I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line.

He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

<sup>16</sup> In that day Judah will be saved,  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this will be its name:

‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE***1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

(Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.)

Reader: <sup>9</sup> How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God’s presence.

**People: <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. <sup>11</sup> May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon.**

Reader: <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. <sup>13</sup> May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Psalm 24*

Pastor: Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**People: The King of glory is coming in! Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25–36* (Ready and watching for the Son of Man)

Reader: <sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among the nations, bewildered by the roaring of the sea and the surging of the waves. <sup>26</sup>Men will faint from fear and anxiety over what is coming upon the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.<sup>b</sup> <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

***The Lesson of the Fig Tree***

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

***Be Watchful for the Day***

**People: <sup>34</sup>But watch yourselves, or your hearts will be weighed down by dissipation, drunkenness, and the worries of life—and that day will spring upon you suddenly like a snare. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of all the earth. <sup>36</sup>So keep watch at all times, and pray that you may have the strength to escape all that is about to happen and to stand before the Son of Man.”**

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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.**

### Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts  
We bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes  
From evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
Oh God let this be  
a generation that seeks  
that seeks Your face,  
Oh God of Jacob  
Oh God let us be

a generation that seeks  
that seeks Your face,  
Oh God of Jacob  
We bow our hearts  
We bend our knees  
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## **Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**

*How do you prepare to receive the King of salvation into your celebrations?  
 What do you do to KEEP YOUR FAITH strong and nourished?*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Lord, You sent Your Son into this world to be our Savior from sin and death, that through Him our hearts may be established holy and blameless before You, as He will come again in glory to redeem all His people. Be with us this Advent season and always as we wait upon Him and raise our heads, awaiting the redemption to come at the second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, as You come to Your people in need, grant Your continued presence with those who face trials of mind, body, and spirit. Give comfort to all facing affliction and pain, providing healing according to Your will. We lift up those who have asked us as one people to bring prayers before You, [*including . . .*]. As they wait upon You, give a sure confidence of faith in Your promises fulfilled. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, as we wait upon the redemption of the world at Christ's second coming, we do so not alone but with Your continued presence until that day. We thank You for the nourishment You provide through Your means of grace, and especially the forgiveness assured through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us. Be with us as we prepare to receive You in the fellowship of the altar as You come to us still. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, 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.**

## **SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**10,000 Reasons**

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul;  
Worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up,  
it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass,  
and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul;  
Worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love,  
and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great  
and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness,

I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons  
for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul;  
Worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my  
strength is failing,  
The end draws near,  
and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing  
Your praise unending.  
Ten thousand years  
and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul;  
Worship Your holy name.

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of  
peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Closing Sentences *John 1:5, 9*

**Pastor:** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**People:** **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

## Benediction

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

### Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful.

Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
 Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,  
 Though I walk through the wilderness,  
 Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
 When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
 Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
 Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
 Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me.  
 When the world's all as it should be,  
 Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering.

Though there's pain in the offering,  
 Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
 When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
 Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
 Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
 Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away.  
 You give and take away.  
 and forever I will say,  
 Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away.  
 You give and take away.  
 My heart will choose to say,  
 Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
 Blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
 Blessed be Your glorious name. (2x)

**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.



**WHERE WE SERVE**

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>George Foor</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Mark Baumgarten</i> <i>Ernie Edick</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jan Paver</i> <i>Janet Wisner</i> <i>Christine Lewis</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Marilyn Edick</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Harp Family</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Nancy Berg</i> <i>Kara Patterson</i> <i>Kellen Patterson</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Jenna Raikes</i>
<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Hannah Hughes</i> <i>Sarah Hughes</i> <i>Linda Johnson</i> <i>Chris Englert</i> <i>Jeni Huggins</i> <i>Scott Huggins</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>

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*Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**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**THURSDAYS – Bible Quizzing - practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM JV/Varsity or 6:45-8:00PM Little League Practice*

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*Attendance Last week: 11.24.2024.– Attendance - 8:30am - 95 + 11:00am – 89 = 184**Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808,**Received week of 11.24.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$9,440.25- total includes online giving  
School – \$2,551.42*

## Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ted Schultz  
 Cambrian Senior Living  
 52365 10 Mile #128  
 South Lyon, MI 48178



### *Altar Flowers*

*Offering our praise and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings He has given our family from the Nordbeck Family.*

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

1	DEC, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:30 – 9:30am</li> <li>● 9:45 – 10:45am</li> <li>● 11am – 12pm</li> <li>● 7 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Worship with Communion</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School &amp; Youth Bible Study</b></p> <p><b>Worship with Communion</b></p> <p><b>Adult pick up basketball school gym</b></p>
2	DEC, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5 – 6pm</li> <li>● 6 – 7pm</li> <li>● 6 – 7pm</li> <li>● 6:30 – 7:30pm</li> <li>● 7 – 8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge</b></p> <p><b>Board of Elders parish hall</b></p> <p><b>Board of Trustees classroom #3</b></p> <p><b>Bd. of Youth and Family Education church office</b></p> <p><b>Grizzlies Basket ball</b></p>
3	DEC, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5 – 8pm</li> <li>● 7 – 8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Family of God Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Grizzlies Basketball</b></p>
4	DEC, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:30 – 11am</li> <li>● 3:45 – 5pm</li> <li>● 5:30 – 7pm</li> <li>● 7 – 8:30pm</li> <li>● 7 – 8pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall</b></p> <p><b>PTL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>Advent Dinner/Evangelism</b></p> <p><b>Grizzlies Basket ball</b></p> <p><b>Advent Service</b></p>
5	DEC, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3 – 5pm</li> <li>● 4:30 – 5:30pm</li> <li>● 6:45 – 8pm</li> <li>● 7 – 8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bible Quizzing-JV/Varsity Parish Hall</b></p> <p><b>Choir Practice</b></p> <p><b>Bible Quizzing- Little League Parish Hall</b></p> <p><b>Grizzlies Basket ball</b></p>
6	DEC, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 7 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>AA Mtg. church parish hall</b></p>
7	DEC, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9 – 10:30am</li> </ul>	<p><b>Men's Bible Study parish hall</b></p>

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 focusing on the mission grant entitled, "Scholarships for Female Students Studying as a Deaconess/Professional Church Worker" for \$20,000. This grant will provide assistance to women studying to be a deaconess or professional church worker. Thank you so much for your generosity in the past.

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On November 20, St. Paul served another meal at Family of God. We had many hands to make our service easy. Shoppers were Chris Henning and Marci Treder. Brownie bakers were Charleen Hill, Sue Poole, Debbie Pichan and Chris Henning. Cooks were Sue Mai, Kathy Verseman, Nancy Berg, and Linda Johnson. Will Hoffmeier drove down and helped serve with Chris and Dawn Englert and Nancy and Doug Berg. Our meal was pulled pork sliders, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, brownies, and bananas. About 85 meals were served, and there were also an additional 30 take-home boxes prepared. Gloria and another lady brought apples, oranges and individual bags of chips. Dinner was enjoyed by all! What a pleasure to be able to help those who really need a good, hot meal.

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Your estate plan can enable you to express your Christian faith. Have you ever endeavored to express your faith and desire for your family to remain in the faith, in a short, succinctly written piece that you can share as a lasting testimony even after the Lord calls you home? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to initiate this project, including sharing some examples. For assistance, contact...

**Julie Burgess**

**Gift Planning Counselor**

**Church Extension Fund/MI District**

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Are you looking for an uplifting way to begin your Christmas festivities? Since 1978 Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) has presented the BOAR'S HEAD, an evening of choir, orchestra, organ and pageantry. This year the BOAR'S HEAD will be presented in Concordia's beautiful Chapel of the Holy Trinity December 6, 7 and 8. Tickets run from \$14 - \$20 and can be purchased at [cuaa.edu/events](http://cuaa.edu/events). Performance times are: Friday and Saturday - 7:30 pm and Sunday - 4:00 pm. Unfortunately, this may well be the last year the BOAR'S HEAD will be performed.



# THE WORD MADE FLESH

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A SERIES OF SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

In this worship series for Advent, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us through the description of physical substances we experience on earth.

**Week 1: Bread of Life:** Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, to nourish and strengthen us in our faith and feed us with his Word of truth to fill our lives.

**Week 2: Salt of the Earth:** Jesus calls us to flavor the earth and to savor the good things that come from him through his birth.

**Week 3: Rock of Ages:** Jesus is our rock, a solid foundation on which to build a life of joy.



**WEDNESDAYS December 4, 11, 18**  
**Noon Advent Worship at Prince of Peace Lutheran**  
**Address:** 28000 New Market Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
**Phone:** (248) 553-3380

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2024

*(H/C = Holy Communion)*

*POP = Prince of Peace*

**Decorate Church 11/24/24 after 11am Service**



- 11/27/2024 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)  
 11/28/2024 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Thursday
- 12/01/2024 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday
- 12/04/2024 – Advent noon Service - POP – Wednesday – lunch follows service  
 12/04/2024 - Advent Dinner – 5:30pm – 6:45pm – Wednesday (Bd. Of Evangelism Dinner)  
 12/04/2024 - Advent Service – 7pm – Wednesday
- 12/08/2024 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am - Sunday
- 12/11/2024 – Advent Noon Service – POP – Wednesday -lunch follows service  
 12/11/2024 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday (Family of God Group)  
 12/11/2024 - Advent Service -7pm - Wednesday
- 12/15/2024 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday
- 12/18/2024 – Advent Noon Service- POP – Wednesday -lunch follows service  
 12/18/2024 – Advent Dinner – 5:30pm-6:45pm – Wednesday (YOUTH)  
 12/18/2024 - Advent Service -7pm –Wednesday- with the Saint Paul Church & School
- 12/22/2024 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday
- 12/24/2024 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Tuesday  
 12/24/2024 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Tuesday (H/C)
- 12/25/2024 - Christmas Day Service – 10am — Wednesday (H/C)
- 12/26/2024 – **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**- Thursday
- 12/29/2024 - Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday
- 12/31/2024 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Tuesday (H/C)
- 1/1/2025– **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** -Wednesday

Ladies save the date! You're all invited to our Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 10th, in the Parish Hall. Our special guest speaker will be Patti Jacques - Director of Gifts For All God's Children. A nice dinner meal will be catered by Larry's Soulful Delights, and men volunteers from our church will serve our meal. It will be a lovely evening for us to enjoy some festive holiday fellowship, good food, and a good speaker. Come join us! A sign-up chart will be in the hallway soon. Tickets will be \$25. Contact Sue Poole with any questions.

St. Paul's preschool program is looking for a preschool aide! If you are looking for some part time work, and love working with children, contact Melissa Towner directly at [MTowner@stpaulnorthville.org](mailto:MTowner@stpaulnorthville.org). The position is 8 hours a week, with the possibility for more.

*Thank you to all our wonderful Saint Paul families and friends who decorated the church for Christmas last Sunday- It looks spectacular!!!*



*Glory Hallelu!*

## **The Lutheran Choralaires Annual Christmas Concert**

Director—Terry Herald

<b>St. John Lutheran Church</b> 1011 W. University Dr. Rochester, Michigan Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.	<b>Historic Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 1345 Gratiot Ave Detroit, Michigan Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
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Suggested Donation: \$10/Adult, \$5/Children

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