

# *The First Sunday in Advent*

November 28, 2021



## **The King is Coming**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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Old Testament Reading

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**Sending Hymn # Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

## AS WE GATHER

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

### Announcements

#### **Coming Up:**

#### **All Bible classes are on hold until after Christmas**

Wed	Dec 1	7:00pm	Advent Service (Streamed)
Sun.	Dec 5	11:00am	Sunday Service (Streamed)
Tue.	Dec 7	7:00pm	Ladies Group Meeting

Pastor is available for family and individual communion by appointment. Regular office hours are Mon and Wed 9-5.

#### **Thanks to:**

Dorothy for leading us in music.

John for assisting as our elder on duty.

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## **The Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule**

### **November 28 "A Response to the Problem of Evil"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply?

(Luke 1:1-4)

### **December 5 "Because We Belong"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now how God sees us. (Luke 1:5-25)

### **December 12 "When You're Expecting"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come.

(Luke 1:20-80)

### **December 19 "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. (Luke 2:1-15)

**Listen anytime @**

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