



Munster, Indiana 2024

# Welcome

Divine Service IV



## WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

December 1 • December 2

First Sunday in Advent

### Members and Guests:

Please silence cell phones

*Before the service begins, some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.*

*Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.*

*We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If, however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.*

### Holy Communion:

*In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess.*

### Prelude "Savior of the Nations Come" (Kauffman)

*(Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service. The hymns for this service are: 332, 334, 627, 760 and 919).*

### Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

### Hymn—332 Savior of the Nations, Come (stanzas 1-4)



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

### Baptism of Cecilia Rose Yackanich (10:15 service)

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Concerning confession and absolution we believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.*

## Confession of Sins

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Entrance Hymn—332 Savior of the Nations, Come (stanzas 5-8)



5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He  
6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the  
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry  
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,  
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole  
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;  
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



Back then to His throne and crown.  
All our ills of flesh and soul.  
In this light faith now a - bides.  
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

*Advent means "coming." The themes of Advent hymns often include prophecies of the Messiah as well accounts of Jesus being born, so there is often a blending of Christmas themes into Advent hymns.*

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25 *(spoken together)*

**C** **To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.**

**O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.  
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.**

**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.**

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## Gloria Patri *(spoken together)*

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*The Advent Collect simply prays for Christ to come to us, which can refer to how He comes to us in Word and Sacrament or how He comes again in glory on the last day!*

*The congregation is seated for the first two Scripture readings. The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so. Whether you use the insert, the pew Bible, or simply prefer to listen to God’s Word, please also “hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.”*

*Because the theme is the coming of the Messiah, the burden of waiting and the demands of patience and endurance are also major Advent themes.*

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*St. Paul prays that the people would be made ready for the coming of Jesus, when He will judge the living and the dead.*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves are the verse. The fourth staff is the Alleluia chorus repeated. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 19: 28 - 40

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*The First Sunday in Advent traditionally features the same Gospel reading as Palm Sunday. The focus is on Jesus coming into Jerusalem as its rightful King, but being rejected. So he is proclaimed as King in all the earth today, and either acknowledged by faith or rejected by unbelief.*

**Sermon Hymn—334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** (stanzas 1-4)

**Sermon:** Pastor Peter Speckhard

**Offertory Hymn—334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** (stanzas 5-6)

5 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - rase;  
 6 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror to His foes,  
 Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.  
 A light of con - so - la - tions And bless - ed hope to those  
 He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for-giv'n,  
 Who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,  
 His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.  
 Send forth Your beams so cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

**Prayer of the Church**

*EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH "LORD, IN YOUR MERCY..." TO WHICH ALL RESPOND "HEAR OUR PRAYER." THE PRAYERS CONCLUDE...*

**P** God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.*

*May God bestow His rich blessings upon our members who celebrate birthdays this week: Jacob Escalante, Richard Mackowski, Kathy Martino, Donovan Jones, Lindsay McClain, Paul Canady, Irma Economou, Lorelee Bruns-Teske, Brooke Hoving, Charles Mooney, Sara Meyers, Matthew Gena, Hayden Dust, Kristen Demas, Abigail Richardson, Katherine Eisha, Joshua Patel, Ashley Gier, Sarah McQueen, Natalie Banka and Aubrey Mueller.*

*God's loving grace to David and Joce Boblink who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*The song of heaven. We unite our voices in this eternal chorus and confess the glory and majesty of our God with all the heavenly host! Here in this moment we are closer to heaven and to the Church Triumphant than anywhere else on earth, here we are joined in that happy throng and take our place among the faithful who have gone before us as we prepare to partake of a foretaste of the feast they are attending for eternity.*

## Sanctus

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **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.**

## Words of Institution


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## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

Hymn—627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior (stanzas 1-5)

Hymn—760 What God Ordains is Always Good

Hymn—627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior (stanzas 6-10)

## Nunc Dimittis



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

As we come forward to receive forgiveness, we remember also the “sin of the world” which is on constant, ongoing display, and remember that Jesus as the Lamb of God has taken it all upon Himself.

Those who are not communing today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Please fold your arms with your hands on your shoulders to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

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## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart—919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

**5** Abide with Your protection      **6** Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.      Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

## Postlude      "The Advent of Our King" (Brandon)



## Serving us this Week:

**Preaching:** Rev. Peter Speckhard

**Organ:** Karen Foote

**Greeters:** Ray Lenz (8:30),  
Mike & Jan Hawkins (10:15),  
Amy Burian (6:30)

Altar flowers today are dedicated:  
**with Thanksgiving to God**  
by Scott and Metmany Brauer

## Last Week at St. Paul's

**Attendance:**266

**Communed:**231

**Hartsfield/Cedarhurst:**22

**Plate Offering:** \$8,727

**Online Offering:** \$5,414

**Total:** \$14,141

**Weekly Budget:** \$16,538

## This Week at St. Paul's:

**Sunday, December 1:**

9:00 am LWML Soup Starters Fundraiser  
9:00 am Phil's Friends Coloring Pages  
9:15 am Sunday School (PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
9:15 am 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study  
9:15 am Middle School Bible Study  
9:15 am High School Bible Study  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study  
9:15 am New Member Class  
9:15 am Public School Confirmation Class

**Monday, December 2:**

Decorate for Christmas  
6:15 pm LWML Soup Starters Fundraiser  
7:00 pm Basketball Clinic  
7:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, December 3:**

No Collar Dollar Day  
9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service  
10:45 am Hartsfield Worship Service  
7:00 pm Dartball  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball

**Wednesday, December 4:**

8:30 am Chapel  
10:00 am Bible Study  
3:30 pm Advent Service  
5:30 pm Advent Service

**Thursday, December 5:**

10:00 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Master Bell Ringers Rehearsal

**Friday, December 6:**

Church Office Closed  
Pastor Krebs on call (812) 498-2161  
10:15 am Munster High School Choir

**Saturday, December 7:**

8:00 am AA Meeting  
10:30 am AA Meeting, Al-anon & Alateen Meetings

**Next Week's Readings:**

Malachi 3:1-7, Psalm 66:1-12,  
Philippians 1:2-11, Luke 3:1-20