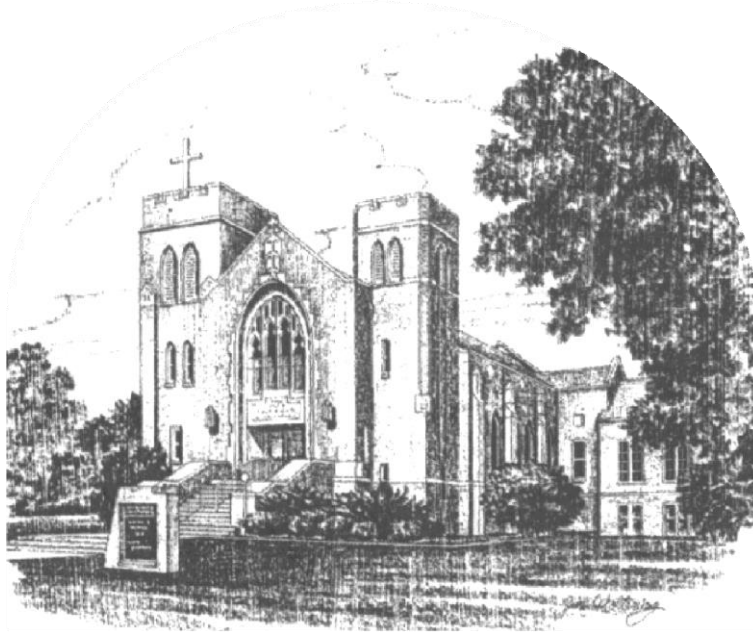


# St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, Texas



## Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent November 27, 2022

### Silent Prayer

Yes, Lord, teach us to wait. You are eternal. In you we find freedom from the tyranny of time. You have given us the minutes and hours of our days not to enslave us, but to give order. Help us to use this hour wisely, to wait, and experience your nearness. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (\*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

**Blessed Assurance**



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**\*INVOCATION**

L: In the Name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**\*GREETING and DIALOG**

L: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

L: I will hear what the Lord God has to say--

C: **a voice that speaks for peace.**

L: Peace for all people and for his friends

C: **And those who turn to him in their hearts.**

L: His help is near for those who fear him,

C: **And his glory will live in our land.**

L: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

### **\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AT THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

P: O Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, rise in our hearts and enlighten us with the brightness of your coming, that we who rejoice in the sure word of your promise, may not be put to shame at your coming in glory; through your mercy, O God, who with the Holy Spirit live and govern all things now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** (vs. 1)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

**C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For my brethren and companions’ sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44**

P: The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Soon and Very Soon”  
Soon and Very Soon**

**WOV #744**



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945  
Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch  
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### **\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection + of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **\*THE PRAYERS**

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,      **C: hear our prayer.**

### **OFFERING**



## \*OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O Mighty One,

C: you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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.

## **DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS**

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

## **COMMUNION HYMN:      “Lamb of God”**

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## **\*BLESSING**

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.

**Joy to the World**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022

### HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W Muehlbrad

**Reader:** Trent Foerster

**Acolytes:** Palyn Koopmann and Aadin Koopmann

**Children's Sermon:** Cathy Moritz

**Musicians:** Saturday – PT & Friends

Sunday – PT & Friends/Luellen

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Laura Kaiser

### DECEMBER 4, 2022 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W Muehlbrad

**Reader:** Aydn Garcia

**Acolytes:**

**Musicians:** Saturday – Renae Pierce

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Patsy Ibrom

### Helping with Worship during the month of November:

**Head Usher:** Darren Seifert

**Ushers:** Ronnie Afflerbach, Wryston Fischer, Christopher Gohmert, & Allen Machost

**Altar Guild:** Judy Noster & Linda Hurta

**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

### Helping with Worship during the month of December:

**Head Usher:** Boyd Weise

**Ushers:** Kaiden Hilbrich, Ricky Hilbrich, Noah Innocenti, Danny Metting, & Mark Niemeier

**Altar Guild:** Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

**Christmas Eve:** 4pm Beverly Bruns; 8pm Beverly Bruns & Janet Lambrecht

**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

### KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK: Mike Stern

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

**PRAYERS FOR GOD’S PEOPLE** Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Aggie Arnold	Elaine Henze	Pam Roth
Donna Baxter	Rosa Horton	Dolly Ruppert
Caroline Blain	Bonnie Kaiser	Linda Sager
Warner & Anna Borth	Lois Kelch	Joan Smith
Katherine Brown	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Deborah Dueser	Ray Lange	Mike & Deborah Stern
Reevie Gips	Chelsea Lyssy	Geary & Judy Taylor
Daniel Goehring	Joan Machacek	Clem Waskow
Larry Gohmert	Lin Migura	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Gail Hardt	Mark Niemeier	John Wilkerson
Sandra Heil	Guy Nobles	Melba Young

**ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

<b>Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Monday (28<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall Reserved, pm – The Learning Garden</b>	
<b>Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	TLG Chapel
	4:00 pm	Chime Ringers
	4:30 pm	Children’s Music Ministry
	6:00 pm	Jr. High faith, food, & fun
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Thursday (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	<b>Poinsettia Orders Due!!</b>	
<b>Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall Reserved – A. Gohmert</b>	
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

**AS WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** - and the gift of the Christ child as our Lord and Savior and as we prepare with gifts for our family and friends, may we honor the work that our staff has done for us this year. The congregation is invited to make gifts to the staff. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Please write “Staff Gift” on your envelope and/or check. Please make your gifts by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA!** Poinsettia orders must be in the church office by Thursday, December 1, 2022. Order forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and Educational Building.

**WOMEN'S MEETING FOR DECEMBER:** The Women's Bible Study Groups will meet on December 6, 2022 for a Christmas Potluck Salad Luncheon and Hymn sing at 10:30 am. They will not do a Bible Study but will prepare the Christmas Cards for the shut-ins and nursing home. All Women of the Congregation are welcome to join in this activity. We enjoy a lot of fellowship through service.

**MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING:** Come join the youth and sing Christmas carols along with the Yorktown 4-H on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 3pm. We will be meeting in our church parking lot. Food will be provided in the fellowship hall afterwards. Signup sheets will be available in the basement or call the church office. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** This year the high school is putting on the Christmas program. It will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Practice days will be Sunday, December 11 from 1-3 pm and Saturday, December 17, from 9-11 am.

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKS** are available in the church office. We are asking for everyone to get 1 copy per family, and if you would like an additional book, we are asking for a \$10 donation.

\*\*\*It has been brought to our attention that the printers left out chapter 1972-1997 in the anniversary book. We have printed them out and they are available at the Narthex, Annex and the Educational Building for you to insert into your book. You can also go to our website at [www.stpaulykt.org](http://www.stpaulykt.org) and print it out as well. Thank you for your understanding!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** It's that time of the year where the offering envelopes will be going out soon. If you prefer not to have envelopes assigned to you, please let the church office know. We also have the e-giving option that you can utilize. Let's help cut down on excess expense!

**JR. HIGH FAITH, FOOD & FUN:** Beginning November 2022, every Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm, the Jr. High will have an opportunity to come together to share a meal, study the Bible, and enjoy games and fellowship! We will meet in the basement. Feel free to bring a friend! Looking forward to growing our faith and friendships! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the church office. -Laurey Garcia

## **Advent Calendar 2022**

Sunday School students received Advent calendars on Nov. 20th. These calendars are actually a way for them and others to give a special gift to YAM to start out with a Happy New Year in 2023!

If you would like to participate in this gift giving, please collect the items listed on this Advent calendar. Baskets will be located in the Educational Building, basement, Narthex, and near the Annex elevator. Please drop off items by Sunday, January 1, 2023!  
They will be taken to YAM on January 3rd.

As an added bonus gift for your family, beginning Dec. 1st, read one chapter of the Book of Luke each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

### **Save the dates for the upcoming Christian Life activities:**

- **December 18, 2022 – Christmas Feast to be held after the Sunday School Christmas program. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sanctuary and Educational building.**

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