



Prepare the Way for the Lord

**The Second Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018**

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL

Order of Service: Service of the Word (CW page 38)

Prayer Upon Entering Church: By your salvation, O Lord, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts. Cause to flourish all thoughts, words, and deeds that reflect Christ's mercy. Grant that our whole lives may be evidence of the working of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (CW 131)

Invocation and Confession

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Psalm 24 (CW page 73)

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight. And everyone will see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

Hymn of the Day: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (CW 16)

Sermon: Prepare the Way for the Lord (Luke 3:1-6)

Apostles' Creed (CW page 41)

Offering with Hymn: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (CW 23)

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: To God Be the Glory (CW 399)

Prayer and Blessing

Closing Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying (CW 13)



Announcements

Welcome in Jesus' name to any and all guests and visitors here with us today. It is a joy to be able to worship with you. Help us to remember your visit by signing our guest book. Ask an usher if you need help finding the book. If you would like more information about our church please speak with pastor after church. If you need a hearing device, please speak to a greeter. Please come again!

Weekly Preview next Sunday we will celebrate the Third Sunday in Advent. Our lessons are from Zephaniah 3:14-17, Philippians 4:4-7 and Luke 3:7-18. Our sermon will be based on Luke 3:7-18 with the theme, "Christians Bear Christian Fruit."

Hospitalized/Homebound members/members to keep in your prayers: Rebecca Cryan, Carol Luft, Marcia Graf (home), Becky Herz, Bob Jacobs, Colleen Johnson, Gloria Martens, Rev. John Zickuhr, Patty Rosenbrock (Heritage Village) and Janet Lawrence.

Bible class goodies have a sheet out. Please continue signing up.

Thank you to everyone who assisted at church this past Tuesday. It was a wonderful outpouring of support from our St. Paul family to those who were assisting with the fire. We also ask that you keep all the workers at the farm and the Mussman family in your prayers.

Choir will meet this Wednesday. The time is 6:30pm at church.

Special offerings from NPH are located on the table in the entry way. Please grab some information if you are interested in anything new for the Christmas season

Special Advent Devotional has been placed on the table next to the Meditations. This devotional series has been produced by WELS congregational services. It comes from the Adult discipleship blog post entitled "The importance of the family altar." This devotional book incorporates the use of our WELS daily devotion (which you can find at this website: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/daily-devotions/>) for congregational members to use at home. It might be a week into the series, but you will still have over two full weeks of devotions left before Christmas to make use of this wonderful Advent devotional series. Plus, the daily devotionals are archived on the website which allows you to make up the devotions you missed!

Children's Christmas Service at Illinois Lutheran Schools we will celebrate our Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 16 at 2 PM at the high school. Illinois Lutheran students in grades 3 Year Preschool thru 6th grade will participate in the service. Everyone is invited to attend the service. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our King!

Advent services are held Midweek at both Trinity and Zion in Crete. They are Wednesdays at 3:30 and 7pm.

This week at St. Paul

Today: Worship 9am
Sunday School 10:15am
Bible Class 10:15am

Wednesday: Choir 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship with communion 9am
Bible Class 10:15am
Sunday School 10:15am

Organist: Thank you to Michelle Micheel

Last Week's Attendance: Worship 57
Sunday School 4

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