



## **Christians Bear Christian Fruit**

**The Third Sunday in Advent  
December 16, 2018**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL**

**Order of Service:** Common Service (CW page 15)

**Prayer upon entering church:** O Lord, our God, salvation is near to us, nearer than we ever fully comprehend. We thank You for revealing Your salvation to us through Your Word and Sacraments. Make us ready to receive this salvation in the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts to fervently love one another. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** When All the World Was Cursed (CW 20)

**Invocation and Confession**

**First Lesson:** Zephaniah 3:14-17

**Psalm:** Psalm 130 (CW page 114)

**Second Lesson:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10)

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:7-18

**Nicene Creed**

**Hymn of the Day:** Arise, O Christian People (CW 14)

**Sermon:** Christians Bear Christian Fruit (Luke 3:7-18)

**Offering with Hymn:** Hosanna to the Coming Lord (CW 21)

**Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

**Lord's Supper**

**Communion Hymn:** From Depths of Woe I Cry to You (CW 305)

**Communion Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus (CW 411)

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (CW 23)

## **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 celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent. We will have a service devoted to nine lessons and carols.

**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.

**Christmas worship services** the Children's Christmas service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm. We will have Christmas Day worship with communion at 9am.

**Calling all readers** involved in the Children's Christmas Eve service. Your presence is requested at practice next week. Practice will take place immediately after church.

**Bible Class** will not meet next week due to Christmas Eve practice.

**Bible class goodies** have a sheet out. Please continue signing up. There will also be a pastor home visit sheet up after the first of the year.

**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. The last services are this week at 3:30 and 7pm.

**Communion Sunday** In the Lord's Supper, our Savior offers unworthy sinners a personal pledge of forgiveness of sins through his body and blood. As he draws repentant sinners to himself, he also draws them into a special bond of fellowship with one another. In the WELS, we demonstrate this special fellowship bond in what is called "close communion." Thus, if you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor. He will share with you the steps toward establishing communion fellowship. Thank you for respecting our practice.



## **This week at St. Paul**

**Today:** Worship with communion 9am

Sunday School after church

Bible Class after church

**Wednesday:** Choir 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship 9am

**Organist:** Thank you to Doreen Romadka

**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship 57

Bible Class 12

Sunday School 5

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