

## Scripture Readings

Dec 7	Second Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7	Rom. 15:4-13	Matt. 3:1-12
Dec 14	Third Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146	James 5:7-11	Matt. 11:2-15
Dec 21	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 7:10-17	Psalms 24	Rom. 1:1-7	Matt. 1:18-25

Join us for a beloved Christmas tradition!  
Beginning with the procession and followed by the party with food, drink, music, and piñatas!  
Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 210 Church Street, Linn KS 66953  
When: Sunday, December 21 starting at 6:00pm  
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### Deck the Halls!

It's time to decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will plan to do that on November 30 at 1:30 pm.  
Join us as we prepare our congregation's worship area to celebrate our Savior's birth!

### This Week's Schedule - November 29 through December 7

**Saturday** Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM  
**Sunday** Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM  
Family Education - 10:30 AM  
Decorate Church - 1:30 PM  
**Tuesday** Soup Supper & Food/Bake Sale - 5:00 PM  
**Wednesday** **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**  
Advent Services - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM  
Midweek, 5:30 PM  
**Next Saturday** Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM  
**Next Sunday** Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM  
Family Education - 10:30 AM  
SPMiddles - 5:00 PM

## Welcome

to

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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November 29 & 30, 2025

### **The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now**

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem "*humble, and mounted on a donkey,*" riding on "*a beast of burden*" (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*" (Matt. 21:9). For we are called "*to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,*" His Holy Church, "*that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths*" (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we "*walk in the light of the LORD*" (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which "*does no wrong to a neighbor*" (Rom. 13:10). We "*cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,*" for "*salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*" (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, "*for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming*" (Matt. 24:42).

**Friendship Circle** will be collecting  
Mites for Missions on Sunday, December 7

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Joyce Laflin.

**WELCOME** to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

**First Sunday in Advent**  
**Hymn #s - 332 vs 1-4, 332 vs 5-8, 611, 637, 726, 732, 343**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson  
**Ushers** Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow  
**Greeters** Eli Pfizenmaier w/Family  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Acolyte** Maizy Gurney, Charlotte Hevelone  
**Communion Assistant** TR Reiner  
**Altar Guild** Barb Reiner, Susan Melton, Tara Rosenow, Jeannine Anderson  
**Fellowship Host** Bill & Kim Davis

**FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Preschool - Kindergarten** - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)  
**1st Grade - 3rd Grade** - meet in Library Room (West Wing)  
**4th Grade - 6th Grade** - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)  
**7th Grade - 8th Grade** - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)  
**9th Grade - 12th Grade** - meet in High School Room (Basement)  
**Adult** - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance	Total
November 15 & 16	22	115	137	November 16	39
November 22 & 23	33	140	173	November 23	35

**PIE IN THE FACE**

Everyone is invited to stop by the Narthex and donate in the container for whom they want to win (or have a pie in the face, depending on how you look at it). Candidates are: Pastor Paul, Pastor Matthew, Ethan Schuette, Maria Pfizenmaier, Kristi Davis, & Kristi Hager. Donations will be accepted now through Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The member with the most donations will be announced just before the Christmas Program at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - and yes, they'll seal the deal with a pie in the face! All funds raised will support the New Building Fund! Come, join the fun, and support a great cause!

2025 Poinsettia Order  
 There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion.  
 The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**Congregational Members**

**Remembering our shut-ins:** Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Georgie Dierking, Larry Rakowsky -Presbyterian Manor; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

**Health concerns:** Michelle Tessaro, Cody Hunter, Ron Schmale, Rita Siebold, Dalton Lehman, Kayla Wang, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Lyle Underwood, Nancy Kemp, Dwight Koch, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

**Our outreach programs:** Prayer Shawl Ministry, Small Group Ministry, Christian Preschool at St. Paul, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

**Larger Community Members**

**Healing:** Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan With-ee, Bobbie Holz, Emmitt Budy, Dee Hilton, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Arnold Pittenger, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Will-roth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

**Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul**

Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

**Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer**

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!

**New Evangelism Booklets & Devotional Material - "The Word in Season", "PORTALS of PRAYER", and "My Devotions" (Daily Readings for Young Children)** devotion books are in!! Feel free to take one or more for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

Dorothy Debenham's children are hosting a 90th birthday card shower for her on Saturday, December 6 in the Fellowship Hall located in the basement from 2:00 to 4:00. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please.