

## Scripture Readings

Dec. 10	Second Sunday in Advent	Is. 40:1-11	Psalm 85	2 Pet. 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 17	Third Sunday in Advent	Is. 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	1 Th. 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday in Advent	2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16	Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29)	Rom. 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38



The concert is a gift to our community from several entities, including St. Paul Lutheran Evangelism Committee, St. Paul Lutheran Friendship Circle, Kansas District LCEF Grant, Clay County, Clay Center, Ryan and Mullin Law Office, Friesen CDJR, and Craig and Terri Parry. A special musical guest, whose name you may remember, will open the concert; Heather Ruesch with The You Matter Tour. If you have unchurched friends, please bring them with you to enjoy this fun, free concert. Seating is limited!



## Welcome

to

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December 9 & 10, 2023

**You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord**

"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

### This Week's Schedule - December 9 through December 17

<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (Preschool - 8th grade)
<b>Monday</b>	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Advent Service - 12:05 PM & 7:30 PM Midweek - 6:00 PM
<b>Next Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
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