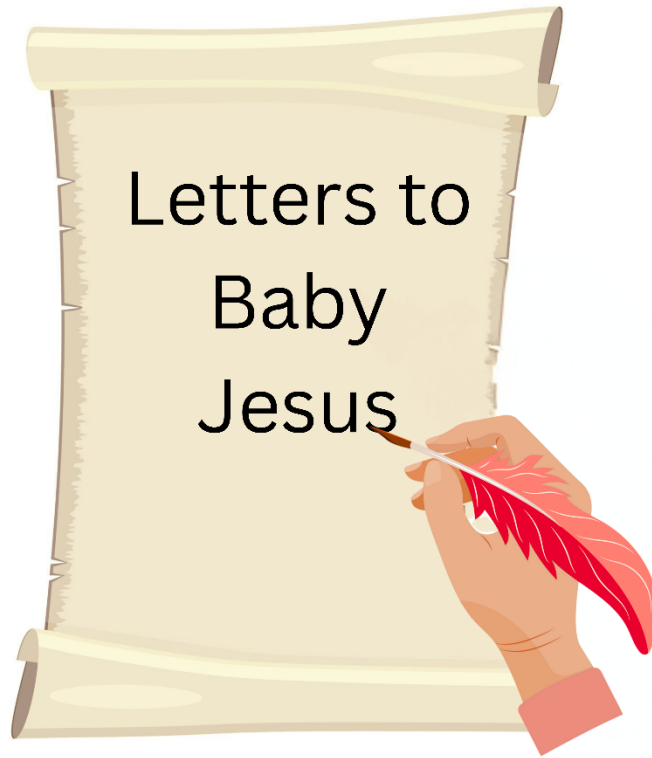


St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Yorktown, Texas



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Sunday Holy Communion Service  
Sunday School Christmas Program  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 14, 2025

**Silent Prayer**

O God of the still small voice, quiet our inner spirit. Help us to focus upon you, and you alone, to hear your voice within. There are so many other voices demanding our attention, but we cannot attend to them without you. Say to us as you said to Elijah, "Be still and know that I am God." In weakness, be our strength. In poverty, be our wealth. In depression, be our joy. In apathy, be our love. Because of, and in the name of our Messiah, Jesus, 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.*

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

**"O, Come, All Ye Faithful" LBW #45**

**Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful**



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,  
 oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **HYMN** (vs. 1-3)

### 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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## **Christmas Program: "Letters to Baby Jesus"**

### **Letter to Mary**

Hymn:

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-32

(vs 1 & 5) **LBW #34**

### **Letter to Joseph**

Hymn:

"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture Matthew 1:19-21

(vs 1 & 2) **LBW #41**

### **Letter to the Donkey**

Nursery Department Sings: "Oh What A Special Night"

Scripture: Luke 2: 3-5

### **Letter to the Shepherds**

Hymn:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture Luke 2: 8-14

(vs 1 & 2) **LBW #60**

### **Letter to the Baby**

Sunday School Sings:

"Away in a Manger"

Scripture Luke 2:6-7

### **Letter to the Wise Men**

Hymn:

"We Three Kings"

Scripture Matthew 2: 1-2,7-12

(vs 1 & 5) **WOV #646**

### **Letter to Santa**

Hymn:

"Joy to the World"

**LBW #39**

## **\*THE PRAYERS**

P: ...Lord, in you 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. **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. **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. **Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Hark the Glad Sound" LBW #35**

**Hark, the Glad Sound!**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

**\*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!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025

### HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

**DECEMBER 14, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Children's Christmas Program**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W. Muehlbrad

**Acolytes:** Kollin Kerlick & Korbin Kerlick

**Musicians:** Saturday: Rebecca Innocenti

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Barbara Cramer

**Children's Sermon:** Terry Carmichael

Sunday: Rebecca Innocenti

**DECEMBER 21, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W. Muehlbrad

**Acolytes:** Abigail Gaus & Bailey Gaus

**Musicians:** Saturday: Luellen Smiley

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Luellen Smiley

**Reader:** Debbie Kneese

**Children's Sermon:** Terry Carmichael

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

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

**Head Usher:** Allen Leist

**Ushers:** Kaiden Hilbrich, Haydn Innocenti, Noah Innocenti, Danny Metting

**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

**Altar Guild:** Karen Dueser & Laurey & Aydn Garcia

**FLOWERS:** The flowers at the Lectern are given to the Glory of God from Spence and Rebecca Innocenti.

### KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

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.*

Joe Barnes	Bridget Innocenti	Bobby Pauliska
Caroline Blain	Vivian Innocenti	Jordan Petterson
Carlton Bolting	Joanna Ivy	Nick Picard and family
Wade Bolting	Kate Janis	Jeannine Robinson
Warner Borth	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Pam Roth
David Brucker	Clinton Kaiser	Joan Smith
Virginia Buesing	Mary Kanuch	Lori Nelson Stenger
Julie Dupree	James Knippa	Alma Suggs
Kathryn Gloor	Ray Lange	Judy Taylor
Tiffany Godby	Elaine Malina	Chandler Vaclavik
Daniel Goehring	Lin Migura	Baby Mae Weischwill
Nancy Guidry	Lanie Milliff	Mark Weischwill
Rosa Horton	Steven & Olivia Morris	Levi Wilhelmsen
Jesse Hurta	Larry & Carole Mueller	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Keith Ibrom	David Norrell	

### **ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>)** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
**Children's Christmas Program**  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:30 am **Christmas Feast**

**Monday (15<sup>th</sup>)** **Newsletter Deadline**

**Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>)** **No Do-Day for December**

**Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>)** 9:15 am TLG Chapel  
**No Guitar Lessons**  
6-8:30 pm **FFF – Silly Sock Christmas Party**  
**Deadline for Staff Gifts**

**Thursday (18<sup>th</sup>)** **Fellowship Hall Reserved - TLG**

**Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>)** 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion  
**Fellowship Hall Reserved – Kneese**

**Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>)** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Sunday School  
3:00 pm Holy Communion Service at Yorktown Manor  
4:00 pm **Christmas Caroling w/ soup and hot cocoa after**  
**Fellowship Hall Reserved**

**SYMPATHY** - We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Jay Metting. May the power of the resurrection give assurance to his family and friends as Jay joins the Church Triumphant.

**RADIO BROADCAST** - in Memory of Jay Metting, given to the Glory of God by Dr. John & Kathy Frels.



**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the **Educational Building**. You can also call the office (361-564-2135) and make arrangements to receive them.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 - immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school.

**NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Monday, January 5th for publication in the Annual Report of St. Paul.

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS NEEDED:**

We have targeted the dates of July 12-17 at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange as our time for camp. We need to register our number of spots soon! Children ages 7-18 may attend. We need to have a number by Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> so we can register as a group. Please let Terry or the church office know if your youth will be attending so we can register our group.

**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. (Staff includes: Office staff, custodian, maintenance, nursery attendant, and musicians.) Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Please write "Staff Gift" on your envelope and/or check. Please make your gifts by Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH SPORTS COURT:**

At the Called Congregational meeting in July, the youth sports complex was approved. We have now collected 65% of the funds and can start on the complex, but we still need to collect the rest to pay for the whole project. The original bid was \$130,700 and we are currently at \$91,469. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

**CHURCH FACILITIES:**

We have met our goal for the AC/Plumbing/Floor projects! The AC and plumbing have been completed, and the floor project in the Chapel will begin soon. Thank you so much to all who donated to these much-needed repairs!

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill positions for Church Council, Endowment Committee, and delegates to the annual convention. There are four council positions to be filled, one position for the Endowment Committee, and the three delegates. The four positions for council to be filled are President, Worship Committee chair, Parish Education chair, and Youth Representative (a new position approved by council). Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions, however if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members. **At this time we are still in need of a President!** (Bill Klaevemann, Travis Peyton, Kim Hahn, Anna Foerster, Tina Boehm, or Aaron Koopmann).

### **CHURCH COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:**

A Church Council Youth Representative is a young person who serves on the Church Council with voice and vote to provide a youth perspective in the decision-making process. Their role is to represent the interests of the youth, share ideas for programs, and ensure youth are actively involved in shaping ministry. The Youth Representative will work with Pastor, Youth Director, other youth leaders, and sponsors to foster effective communication and planning. Information sheets which include key responsibilities and requirements are available in the church office, the Narthex of the church, and in the basement. If you are interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members.

### **Upcoming Youth and Family Events:**

(Sign up sheets are in the basement)

December 21, 2025 – 4pm Caroling

### **Upcoming FFF Events:**

December 17, 2025 – Silly Sock Christmas Party (6-8:30pm)

### **Upcoming Area Events:**

You are invited to: Open House and Tea at Yorktown Historical Museum  
December 14<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm

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