## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday Services
Holy Communion Services

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2022

#### **Silent Prayer**

For those turning toward home, You are Lord, leading every step of the way. For those needing rest in the wilderness, You are God, making all things new. For those seeking quiet amidst the storm, You are Holy, speaking in a whisper. For those still learning how to trust, You are One, drawing us closer to your heart. Lord God, Holy One of Israel, Lead us, Renew us, Speak to us, Your will be done in us. We pray to you as children to their Father, like Jesus taught us. In his name, Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

<u>WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> 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.

#### \*BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,
- C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" LBW #36

### On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

#### \*GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### \*KYRIE



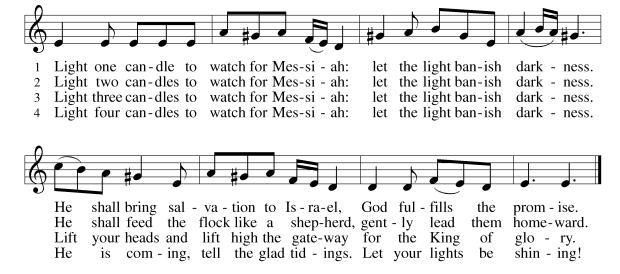
#### \*PRAYER AT THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: O Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, rise in our hearts and enlighten us with the brightness of your coming, that we who rejoice in the sure word of your promise, may not be put to shame at your coming in glory; through your mercy, O God, who with the Holy Spirit live and govern all things now and evermore.

C: Amen.

**HYMN** (vs. 1-2)

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:	1-10
Lector: A reading from	

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; <sup>2</sup>that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be the Lord GoD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be his glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

#### **SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13**

Lector: A reading from .

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

10 and again he says,
 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

11 and again,
 "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
 and let all the peoples praise him";

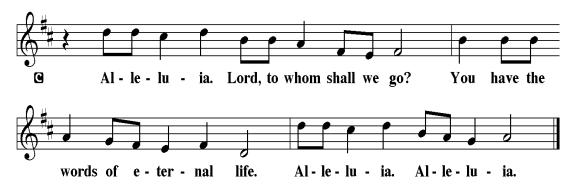
12 and again Isaiah says,
 "The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 in him the Gentiles shall hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### \*GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_ chapter.



<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight."

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with

the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

#### P: The Gospel of the Lord.



#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN** of the DAY

#### "Prepare the Royal Highway"

**LBW #26** 

## Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre pare the roy al high way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo ple, see him com ing: your own e ter nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o pen to greet your prom-ised king! 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear! Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing! Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring. His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry: God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you! All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing: So let your praise be sound-ing for kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.\*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

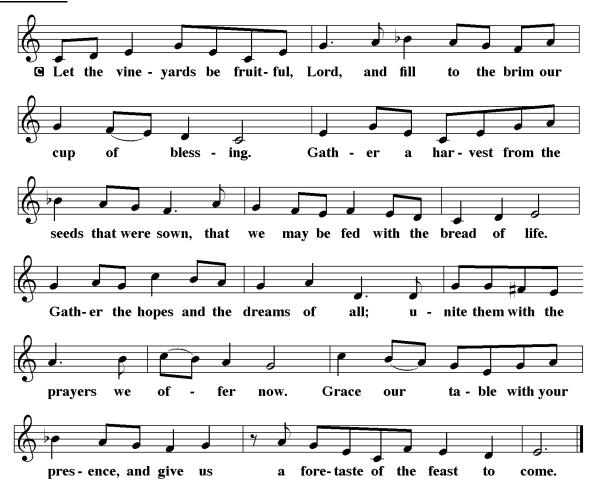
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### \*PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** 

#### **OFFERING**

#### \*OFFERTORY

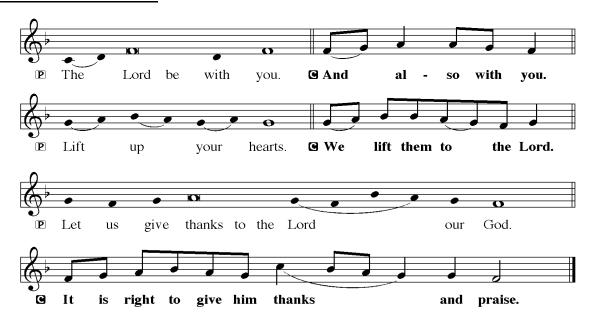


#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

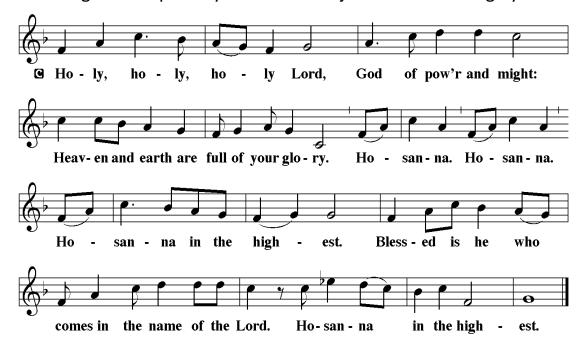
P: Let us pray. O Mighty One,

C: you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, 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.

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

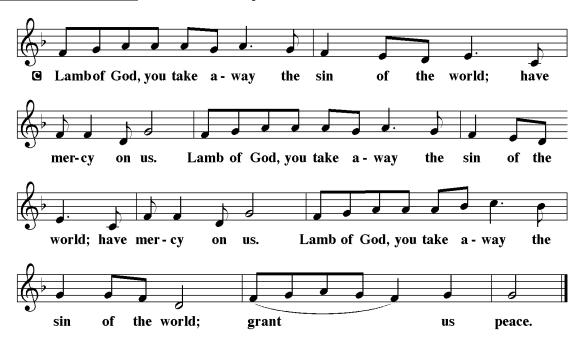
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;

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 unable to receive communion 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 HYMNS:** "Lamb of God"



#### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:**

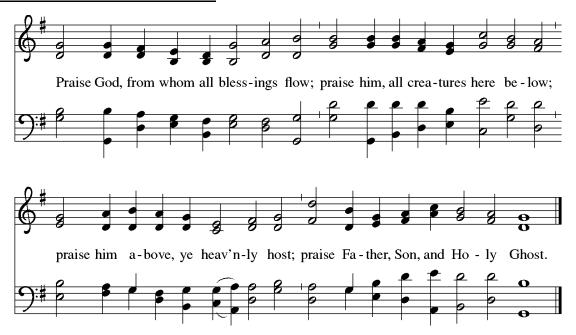
"Oh Savior, Precious Savior" LBW #514
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" WOV #771
"Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates" WOV #631

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

#### \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICAL



#### \*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.

C: Amen.

#### \*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

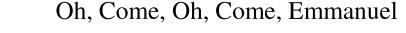
The Lord make his face shine on you,

And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



\*CLOSING HYMN "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel" LBW #34





Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God!

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

#### C: And also with you.

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<sup>\*</sup> Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able.

# ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 4, 2022

#### **HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Aydn Garcia

**Acolytes:** 

**Musicians:** Saturday – Renae Pierce Sunday – Beverly Bruns

**Saturday Altar Guild**: Patsy Ibrom

#### **DECEMBER 11, 2022 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Debbie Kneese

Acolytes: Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

**Musicians:** Saturday – Luellen Smiley Sunday – Luellen Smiley

**Saturday Altar Guild**: Barbara Cramer

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

**Head Usher:** Boyd Weise

**Ushers:** Kaiden Hilbrich, Ricky Hilbrich, Noah Innocenti, Danny Metting, & Mark

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Altar Guild: Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

Christmas Eve: 4pm Beverly Bruns; 8pm Beverly Bruns & Janet Lambrecht

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

#### 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.* 

Aggie Arnold	Sandra Heil	Pam Roth
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Dolly Ruppert
Caroline Blain	Lois Kelch	Linda Sager
Warner & Anna Borth	Joyce Lamprecht	Joan Smith
Katherine Brown	Ray Lange	Lori Nelson Stenger
Deborah Dueser	Chelsea Lyssy	Mike & Deborah Stern
Reevie Gips	Joan Machacek	Geary & Judy Taylor
Daniel Goehring	Lin Migura	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Larry Gohmert	Mark Niemeier	John Wilkerson
Gail Hardt	Guy Nobles	Melba Young

#### ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (4 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
•	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Women of the Church – Bible Study	
	5:00 pm	TLG Board Meeting
Wednesday (7 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 am	TLG Chapel
	2:00 pm	Budget Committee Meeting
	4:00 pm	Chime Ringers
	4:30 pm	Children's Music Ministry
	6:00 pm	Jr. High faith, food, & fun
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Friday (9 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 pm	Fischer Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Fischer Wedding - Sanctuary	
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (11 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	1-3 pm	Christmas Program Practice
	3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling - meal in fellowship
		hall afterwards
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

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

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Our offering envelopes for 2023 are still in production. As soon as they are delivered, we will put a notice out that you may pick them up. In the event that they do not arrive before the new year, we are asking you to please use the pew envelopes. Thank you for your understanding.

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. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Please write "Staff Gift" on your envelope and/or check. Please make your gifts by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING**: Come join the youth and sing Christmas carols along with the Yorktown 4-H on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 3pm. We will be meeting in our church parking lot. Food will be provided in the fellowship hall afterwards.

Signup sheets will be available in the basement or call the church office. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

<u>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</u>: This year the high school is putting on the Christmas program. It will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Practice days will be Sunday, December 11 from 1-3 pm and Saturday, December 17, from 9-11 am.

<u>150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKS</u> are available in the church office. We are asking for everyone to get 1 copy per family, and if you would like an additional book, we are asking for a \$10 donation.

\*\*\*It has been brought to our attention that the printers left out chapter 1972-1997 in the anniversary book. We have printed them out and they are available at the Narthex, Annex and the Educational Building for you to insert into your book. You can also go to our website at <a href="https://www.stpaulykt.org">www.stpaulykt.org</a> and print it out as well. Thank you for your understanding!

JR. HIGH FAITH, FOOD & FUN: Beginning November 2022, every Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm, the Jr. High will have an opportunity to come together to share a meal, study the Bible, and enjoy games and fellowship! We will meet in the basement. Feel free to bring a friend! Looking forward to growing our faith and friendships! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the church office. -Laurey Garcia

#### **Advent Calendar 2022**

Sunday School students received Advent calendars on Nov. 20th. These calendars are actually a way for them and others to give a special gift to YAM to start out with a Happy New Year in 2023!

If you would like to participate in this gift giving, please collect the items listed on this Advent calendar. Baskets will be located in the Educational Building, basement, Narthex, and near the Annex elevator. Please drop off items by Sunday, January 1, 2023!

They will be taken to YAM on January 3rd.

As an added bonus gift for your family, beginning Dec. 1st, read one chapter of the Book of Luke each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

#### Save the dates for the upcoming Christian Life activities:

• December 18, 2022 – Christmas Feast to be held after the Sunday School Christmas program. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sanctuary and Educational building.



We will be collecting monetary gifts for the "Cowboy Claus" program, supported by the Western Days Committee this year. Make checks out to St. Paul with a notation "for Cowboy Claus." Place cash gifts in an envelope labeled "Cowboy Claus." Let's help a child have a Merry Christmas! Deadline is Monday, December 12, 2022.

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# GROUP CAMP JUNE 11-16, 2023 CAMP CHRYSALIS



Young'ns – Campers who have completed 1-3 grade. ½ week program \$270(B)-\$405(A) (Group A) will be Sun- Wed & (Group B) will be Wed-Fri

Explorers – Campers who have completes 2-3 grade. Full week program \$675

Yearlings – Campers who have completed 4-6 grade. Full week program \$675

Adventurers – Campers who have completed 6-8 grade. Full week program \$675

Extreme Adventurers – Campers who have completed the 6-8 grade. \$695 Extreme gets you an extra 2 hours on high ropes and one off camp kayak trip.

If you want your child to attend camp June 11-16 you will need to go online and register your child at <a href="www.Crosstrails.org">www.Crosstrails.org</a> Registration deposit of \$175 per child has to be paid by March 17, 2023. After you have registered let Kim Gaus know and the church will pay the remaining balance. You can call or text Kim at 361- 243-8696.

<u>Confirmation camp</u> will be July 23- 28 Confirmation camp will be at CAMP EBERT this year!

OTHER DATES AVAILABLE TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP ARE 6/18-23, 6/25-30, 7/2-7, 7/9- 14, 7/16-21, 7/23-28, 7/30-8/4, 8/6-12 BUT THE GROUP TRIP WILL BE 6/11-6/16