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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

TO OUR GUESTS . . .

Greetings and welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith. Please sign the **guest register at the entrance** to the sanctuary or fill out a **“Welcome” card from a pew pocket**. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or a member of the congregation.

A Prayer Card has been placed in this worship folder for you to enter prayers of thanksgiving as well as intercessions and petitions. These prayers will be added to the Prayer of the Church in the Sunday liturgies and included in the bulletin during the coming weeks.

Parents and children are welcome to make use of the nursery located up the stairs at the main entrance to the church. There are no nursery attendants scheduled during the summer months.

Restrooms are located in the ushers room off the entryway and on the lower level. Please ask an usher for directions.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. Pick up a “Welcome” folder from the pastor or an usher.

Silence: In addition to words, music and gestures, our liturgy includes several periods of silence. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins the sound of the chimes calls us to a time of worship, reflection and centering. As you enter the sanctuary and greet other parishioners, please respect those already seated who either are prayerfully preparing for worship or quietly enjoying the Prelude.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—those who are able may stand; all **bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 28th, 2010 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**Please silence all cell phones and pagers
before the liturgy begins.**

**HOLY COMMUNION
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN, PAGES 203-209**



First Sunday In Advent

GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

Prelude and Fugue

J. S. Bach

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



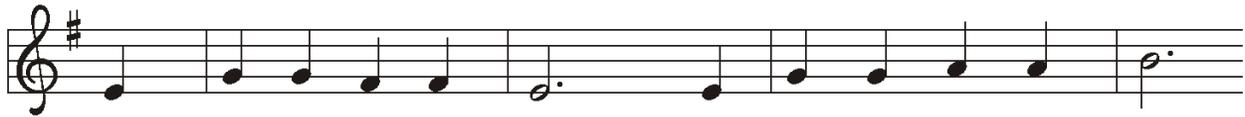
First Sunday In Advent

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Holy are you, God of power and glory; you promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people. As we light this candle, open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come save us.

Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen.

*KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayed responsively by the congregation and leader.

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

For the sake of my kindred and companions,

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Horizon of Hope

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449



First Sunday In Advent

PRESENTATION

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead.

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

BAPTISM

*WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In communion with the holy ones of every time and place, let us pray for the church on earth, the stewardship of creation, and all in need.

Gather your people, Good Shepherd, and unite your church, that with one voice we might proclaim that you alone are God. Give courage to the faithful who struggle against the power of darkness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore your creation, Living One, and hold all things together in divine harmony, for you are the stronghold of every creature, and apart from your love the earth melts away. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile your world, blessed Peacemaker. Break the weapons of our hatred and make an end to war. We pray for the wounded in body and mind, for anxious and grieving families, and for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give refuge to the suffering, ever-present Helper, that they may endure in hope, trusting that you reign from the cross. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, rescue those in danger, and calm the fearful (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Strengthen this assembly in mission, that with patience and perseverance we may work according to your will, praying with confidence that you will establish the fullness of your kingdom on earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Led to the life-giving waters of baptism, let us pray for the newly baptized as they grow in wisdom and understanding, especially Jason Edward, with his parents, sponsors and family, that together we may be drawn to the mystery of Christ's risen presence in our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Remember us in your kingdom, crucified and risen Lord, so that with all who are born anew from death, we may, by the power of the Spirit, dwell forever in the paradise of God. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the hope of all creation, merciful God, and we lift our prayers to you, trusting in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Lord, What a Morning

*OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you.

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

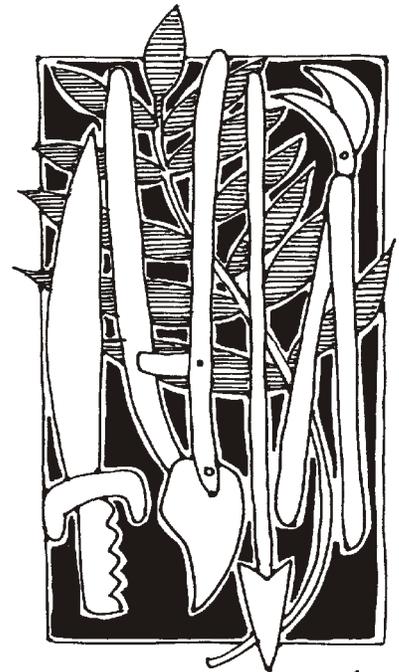
Amen

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR
SWORDS INTO PLOW.
SHARES AND THEIR SWORDS
INTO PRUNING HOOKS...
NEITHER SHALL THEY
LEARN WAR ANYMORE.

I S A I A H 2 : 4

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*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**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW 241



First Sunday In Advent

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

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.

*SENDING HYMN

O God of Love, O King of Peace

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Troika

Chaikowsky

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SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Dale Hawes and Isaac Lauritsen

COMMUNION MINISTER

Martin Pennino

GREETERS

Lawrence and Ruth Bakalich

ACOLYTES

Hannah Boike and Nina Ritacco

USHERS

Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Vicki Michaels

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Joan Triska

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK AT STS. PETER AND PAUL . . .

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28

- 8:15 AM Service of the Word (in Slovak)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Children's Choir, Confirmation, Drama Group
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)
with Holy Baptism

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Church Office Closed
- 7:15 AM Finance Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 2:00 PM BEDS Meal Preparation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 6:30 PM CODA
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 7:00 PM AA Group Meeting

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 5

- 8:15 AM Service of the Word (in Slovak)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Children's Choir, Confirmation, Drama Group
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)

The deadline for articles for the January, 2011 issue of the congregational newsletter is **next Sunday, December 5th.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

PRAYERS FOR STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH FAMILY:

Recovering from surgery: Steve Michael and Ed Meksto

PRAYERS FOR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Gina Tabascio (*Ken and Shirley Wood's great-niece*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Rev. Samuel and Jenny Kim** (*parents of Grace Ateca*), **Leza Bernard** (*friend of Janet and John Broussard*), **Doris Ivaska** (*sister-in-law to Al and Luddy Kovalsky*), **Paul Matlas** (*dear friend of Ken and Shirley Wood*), **Dane and Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt and uncle to Ann Head*), **Jimmy Alcala** (*friend to the Haase Family*), **Russel Hartman** (*friend to the Dabrowski's*), **Martin and Elsie Pennino** (*parents of Martin*), **John Sasuta** (*brother of Nick*), **Susan** (*friend to Elaine Haase*), **Cleo Costello** (*sister-in-law of Debbie Boor*), **Debbie Skonieczny** (*friend to Debbie Boor*).

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in celebration of **dear husband Milan's 85th birthday** on November 25th by loving wife Olga Zavodny; and in loving memory of beloved mother and grandmother **+Anna Stastny+ on the 25th anniversary of her death** by remembering daughter Audrey Bucz and her family, the Cox and Hanzel families, and dearest granddaughter Adrienne Gana. If you would like to order flowers for the Lord's Table, please call the church office. Flowers cost \$18.00 per vase; please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The cut-off day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated today for **Jason Edward**, son of Edward and Denise Kowalewicz. As members of the body of Christ, we promise with his parents and sponsors to **nurture the growth of Jason in the covenant of his baptism**. We welcome this child into the Lord's family and receive him as a member with us of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the dominion of God. Jason's sponsors are Laurie Klaczynski and Kenny Arcivar.

Oplatky (traditional Slovak wafers used at Christmastime) will be available beginning **today and throughout the season of Advent**. A donation of \$1.50 per package (½ dozen) is requested. The *oplatky* will be available from the ushers on Sundays or the church office during the week.

If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for our Christmas liturgies, a sign-up sheet is available in the dining hall beginning today. You may also contact the church office to place your order. The cost per plant is \$15.00. **The deadline for payment and sign-up is Thursday, December 16th.**

For over ten years the congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul has been generously purchasing gifts and donating funds for gift certificates in order to make Christmas a happier occasion for many local children in need. Again this year, the congregation will “adopt” approximately **twenty-five children through Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)**. A tree with ornaments including a child’s gender, age and suggested gift is set-up in the dining hall. Gifts should be unwrapped, labeled with the information provided on the ornament, and placed in a box near the tree. Gift cards, certificates and cash donations are also welcome. Wrapping paper donations will also be appreciated by LCFS. Thank you in advance for your participation in helping these children experience the joyous spirit of Christmas. **The deadline for gift drop-off is Sunday, December 5th** for delivery to LCFS on December 11th.

—*Lavinia Myers, Coordinator*

As we celebrate our Lord's birth during the upcoming, joyous Christmas season, the Community Life Committee asks that you please remember all of God's creatures in your Christmas giving plans. Please open your hearts (and your wallets) to help the **Hinsdale Humane Society (HHS)** care for the homeless dogs and cats who need food and medical help, not only during the Christmas season, but year round. **Look for the CLC/HHS tree** in the dining hall. There are envelopes on the tree in which you can place your check payable to the Hinsdale Humane Society (or cash) and drop the envelope in the box next to the tree. **We will be accepting donations from November 14th thru December 19th**. If you have any questions, please contact CLC co-chairs, Ann or Marty Pennino. For more information on the fine work of the HHS, please visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

—*Ann Pennino, CLC Co-Chair*

It's time again for BEDS Plus for 2010-11. A basket will be placed by the kitchen window for donations to help defray the cost of the meal preparations. A special “thank you” to those who helped with monetary donations, food, baking and delivery this past year.

—*Ann Kmet and Millie Mendel*

On **Sunday, December 12th**, the **Riverside Township Radio Players** will present their annual holiday show. They will present *The Magic Christmas Tree* from our Miss Brooks and Sherlock Holmes in “The Adventure of the Christmas Bride.” The performance is at 2:00 p.m. at the Riverside Township Hall, 27 Riverside Road in Riverside. **Admission is free.** For further information, please contact Ellie Babka, Director, at (708) 442-8810.



**Be sure to visit the
Sts. Peter & Paul
Community Life Committee tree at
Brookfield Zoo during their 29th Annual
Holiday Magic event.**

**Saturdays and Sundays
in December beginning Dec. 4th
(closed on Christmas Day)
& all week December 26th – January 1st
4:00 – 9:00 pm**

Look for Tree #35 in the South Mall

STS. PETER AND PAUL CHOIR TO PRESENT
CANDLES AND CAROLS

You may know that the choir at Sts. Peter and Paul is preparing to present a special musical setting of Advent and Christmas readings and carols on Christmas Eve this year entitled *Candles and Carols: A Service of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*, music and orchestration by Mark Hayes and narration and lyrics by Pamela Martin. I hope you have heard about this and will plan to add your voice to the choir for this offering of praise to God whose love excelling is revealed in the mystery of the Word made flesh.

Midweek rehearsals for *Candles and Carols*, along with preparation of anthems for Sundays in Advent, are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, December 1; Wednesday, December 8; Tuesday, December 14; and a tentatively scheduled “dress rehearsal” on Wednesday, December 22, depending upon the schedules of singers and instrumentalists. These rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Sunday morning rehearsals will meet weekly as usual at 9:30 a.m. The music is familiar, but needs to be well-rehearsed, so please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend the rehearsals as you are able. And please invite other singers from your family and congregation to join us!

If you have any questions or need additional information or a copy of the score or rehearsal CD please contact Parish Musician David Richards or a member of the choir or Worship and Music Committee.

Peace and joy to you in the upcoming season of Advent hope.

–Pastor Lauritsen

From the Worship and Music Committee. . .

The Worship and Music Committee is asking the congregation for donations to help offset the cost of the music materials and special instrumentation necessary for this program. Special envelopes will be available in your Sunday worship bulletin. Your generous contributions are appreciated.



*You are invited to
join us for the*

Ladies' Altar Guild

***Annual Stedraky
Slovak Christmas Luncheon***

*Thursday, December 9th, 2010
12 noon.*

*Please make your reservations
on or before Sunday, December 5th.*

*Tickets are \$12.00 and matching funds
will be provided by the National Slovak Society.*

*Tickets may be purchased from
any member of the Ladies Altar Guild.*

*For more information, contact
Vera Borysek .*

Thank you to everyone who supported **the spaghetti luncheon last Sunday** hosted by the Stewardship Committee to benefit the general fund of the congregation. Thanks to all the members of the Committee, their spouses, and family members. **Special thanks to Linda Painter and Tom Michaels** for coordinating the event, including the donation of the apple strudel by the Painter's. Gullivers Pizza in Oakbrook Terrace donated the salad dressing and Mattone Restaurant Bar and Grill in La Grange Park donated the ingredients to make the sauce. Thanks again to everyone for helping to meet our budgeted expenditures by the end of the year.

Thanks also to Sheryl Hallmann, Tad and Cathy Dabrowski, and everyone who helped in some way to provide for **the Sunday school Thanksgiving brunch** last week. The children always enjoy this time and food (!) together.



ADVENT VESPERS
on the Third Sunday in Advent
Gaudete Sunday

December 12th in the sanctuary.

3:00 p.m., Young Musicians of Riverside
Pre-Service Recital

4:00 p.m., Vespers with Advent Devotions
followed by a festive reception.

Listen to the seasonal music performed by the
Young Musicians of Riverside
then sing the beautiful
Holden Setting of Evening Prayer
with Lessons and Carols for the Season of Advent
followed by a festive reception.

You are invited to bring holiday food
to share at the reception.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the dining hall.



Advent Vespers, December 12th

3:00 p.m., Young Musicians of Riverside
Pre-Service Recital

4:00 p.m., Vespers with Advent Devotions
followed by a festive reception.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19th

9:00 a.m., Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

10:15 a.m., Liturgy of Holy Communion
with Sunday School Christmas Pageant

No 8:15 a.m. service.

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

7:00 p.m., Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion
with Candlelight and Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

No liturgies.

First Sunday of Christmas, December 26th

8:15 a.m., Service of the Word with Holy Baptism

10:15 a.m., Liturgy of Holy Communion