# St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

*First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2026*

*Please stand, as able, where marked with an asterisk**
*Congregational responses are in bold*

***Prelude & Welcome***

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" vs 1 ELW 240

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P: …whose word endures forever.
**C: Amen.**

P: … Comforting God,
**C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name.**
**We have not remembered your ways.**
**We have forgotten your hold on us.**
**We have failed to love you and your people as much as we love ourselves.**
**Restore us to be the people you intended, that your justice and mercy may shine in our lives.**
**Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness.**
**Amen.**

P: …Rejoice in the Lord!
**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

****Gathering Hymn:*** "The King Shall Come" ELW 260

****Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: …be with you all
**C: And also with you.**

A: In the beginning was the Word,
**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

A: In the Word was life,
**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

A: Let us pray,
**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.**
**By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***First Reading:*** Isaiah 64:1-9

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

R: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,**
**shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

R: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**C: Restore us, O God; let your face shine,**
**that we may be saved.**

R: O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**C: You have fed them with the bread of tears**
**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

R: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**C: Restore us, O God of hosts;**
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

R: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**C: Then we will never turn back from you;**
**give us life, and we will call on your name.**

R: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Second Reading:*** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

****Gospel Reading:*** Mark 13:24-37

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Children's Sermon***

***Sermon:*** Pastor Kristy Buyok

***Hymn of the Day:*** "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

***The Nicene Creed*** ***ELW pg. 104***

***The Prayers***

A: …God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: …through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

****Sharing of the Peace***

**C: And also with you.**

***Offering:*** Choir Anthem

***Offertory Prayer***

***Holy Communion***

P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: …we join in praising your holy name.
**C: Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: On the night before he died…

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***The Lord's Prayer*** ***ELW pg. 112***

***Communion Hymn:*** "Light of the World" video
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***Communion Hymn:*** "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" ELW 436

****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:*** "Jesus Still Lead On" ELW 624

****Dismissal***

A: Go in peace. Watch for Christ!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude***

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