

Second Sunday after Christmas



St. Paul Lutheran Church
January 2 & 3, 2021

January 02, 2021 - 5:30pm
January 03, 2021 - 9:00am

Welcome to All Who Worship

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here, Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Mission

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Holy Communion

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude

Hymn Of Invocation “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.*
- 2 *Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love our race befriending;
In our need His help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.*
- 4 *From the bondage that oppressed us,
From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us,
We, the captives, now are free.*

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service Of The Word

Introit

Psalm 147: 1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- C** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- C** But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- P** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Kyrie

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

Hymn Of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis"

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect Of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

4The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." 6And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. 7And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" 10It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. 14And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

After The Reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119: 97-104

- A** Oh how I love your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
- C** **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.**
- A** I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.
- C** **I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.**
- A** I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
- C** **I do not turn aside from your just decrees,
for you have taught me.**
- A** How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- C** **Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

After The Reading

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Verse Of The Day

Luke 2:40

- C** **Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twenty-first chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

40And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. 41Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

After The Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn Of The Day

"Once in Royal David's City"

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- 1 *Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.*

- 3 *For He is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness,
And He shares in all our gladness.*

The Sermon

"Day by Day Like Him We Grow"

1 Kings 3:4-15

Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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- 1 *God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

- 4 *Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.*

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

(All may bow:

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man); and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of The Church

Offering & Attendance Cards

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

Offertory

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offertory Prayer

- P** Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service Of The Sacrament

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

The Words Of Institution

Proclamation Of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Pax Domini

“The Peace of the Lord”

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

For Meditation During The Distribution

Luther's Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

The Fifth Petition “And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Psalm 32

1Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

2Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- 6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time
 when you may be found;
 surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- 7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
 I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
 which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near
 you.
- 10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
 but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
 and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Prayer

Most merciful Father, our sins make us unworthy to ask for anything of You. For the sake of Your dear Son, do not condemn us for our sins, but hear our cries for mercy and forgive us our trespasses. Enlivened by your forgiveness, we, too, pledge to sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

“Nunc Dimittis”

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** We give thanks ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benediction

- 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.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.*
- 2 *Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds
The blessèd angels sing.*
- 3 *All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace;
Of Him the angels sing.*
- 4 *For lo, the days have come to pass
By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years
Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth
God’s ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear
The song the angels sing.*

The Ushers Will Dismiss Each Pew Starting From The Back Of The Sanctuary

Postlude



Flowers On The Altar

To the Glory of God

Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

January 9 & 10 - The Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5, Romans 6:1-11, Mark 1:4-11

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Jan 2 - 5:30pm	Sun. Jan 3 - 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Dennis Waugh
Accompanist:	Laura Bee	Laura Bee

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

7-Bill Heller

Birthdays This Week

4-Brianna Fry

4-Sandy Hiris

5-Mary Ann McGeough

6-Doris Pergande

8-Jordan Pergande

- **Food Pantry** - For the month of January, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Hot Chocolate

Jelly

Canned Meats

Peanut Butter

Ramen Noodles

Laundry Soap

- **Flower Chart:** The 2021 Altar flower sign up book is now in fellowship hall. White's Florist will be delivering our weekly arrangement and the price is \$25. Now is the time to reserve your date for flowers to enhance the beauty of our worship service. We do ask that you make your check to St Paul earmarked "alter flowers" when you sign up. Put check in envelope provided and place in offering plate. Any questions call Charlotte Tigges 563 552 2351.

- Your 2021 offering envelopes have been issued and in your mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
 Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
 Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
 Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)
 Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
 Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
 Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
 Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
 Sally Bennett (sister to Delores's son-in-law)
 Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
 Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
 Mike Howes, Dan Pergande

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Marlene Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby

For our Healthcare Workers & Teachers and Professionals:

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap, Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller), Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller) Jon Barz (University of Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa Wehrspann (Table Mound Elementary)

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dennis Paar
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Bill Heller
- Greg & JoAnn Schmidt (friends of Margaret Fox)
- Lynda Kluesner (friend of Margaret Fox)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule For The Week

2nd Sun aft Christmas Sat. Jan 2	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
2nd Sun aft Christmas Sun. Jan 3	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study on Facebook Only
Mon. Jan 4		
Tues. Jan 5		"Prayers from the Parsonage" with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Jan 6	2pm - 3:30 pm	Confirmation by Zoom
Thur. Jan 7		
Fri. Jan 8		
The Baptism of Our Lord Sat Jan 9	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
The Baptism of Our Lord Sun. Jan 10	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study on Facebook only

Prayers from the Parsonage will take place sometime between 5pm & 7pm depending on the kids feeding schedule that day. Thank you for your flexibility.