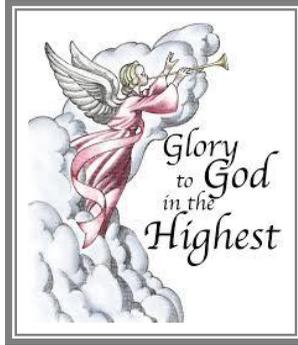


*Joy to the
world,
the Lord is come!*

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day



Opening Hymn

375 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the holy gift You gave to us by placing in the arms of a virgin mother the gift of Your holy Son. For we must each confess,

I have sinned.

I need a holy Savior; I shame His innocence and take for granted His sacrifice.

I doubt and worry; I do not fully trust You and Your unfailing Word.

I focus too much on this world even though You have promised the world to come.

I am selfish and self-centered.

I do not love You with my whole heart.

I do not love my neighbor as myself.

Forgive me, O Lord.

Teach me to trust Your love.

Teach me to see the depth of Your love in Your willingness to come to earth.

Let the Good News the angel proclaimed uplift my spirit; restore to me the joy of your salvation.

For the angel said, “Behold, I bring you good news of great joy. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.” Fear not! As a called and ordained servant of the most High God, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christmas Versical

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1–4

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

(remain standing)

Hymn of Praise

368 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

(Gloria in excelsis Deo is Latin for “Glory to God in the highest”)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 52:7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response

390 *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.

To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.

We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.

Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.

Epistle — Hebrews 1:1–6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response

367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (1, 4, 5)

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

(stand)

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOn those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Hymn

379 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Sermon

He Makes Them – He Keeps Them

Luke 2:1–20

Prayer of the Church

Offering

(Please fill in the Friendship register found on the end of each pew.)

Service of the Sacrament

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For our guests desiring the Lord's Supper...

The Lord's Supper is a miraculous eating and drinking of Christ's true body and blood through the bread and wine. It is God's way of bestowing forgiveness for our sins and strength to live for Christ. Jesus Himself promises, "Take eat; this is my body... take, drink; this is my blood."

The Bible also teaches that if someone does not believe our Lord's teaching, or is not repentant, that receiving the Supper would be to his or her harm. Because we believe His Word, we therefore out of love and care for our guests who are not members of an LCMS congregation, humbly ask you to meet with one of our pastors before communing.

Blessings on your worship, in the name of our Lord.

Distribution Hymns

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Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

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

387 *Joy to the World*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

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| Pastors | Rev. Timothy J. Shoup | Rev. Mark R. Palmer |
| Organist | Mrs. Lorraine Doell | |
| Music | Adult Choir | |
| Acolytes | Gabe Delzer | |

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Walter Blajeski, Jim Bleick, Sandy Ebert, Brianna Hancock, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Stephanie Krause, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Dalton Schmidt, Joe Schmidt, Kelly Sell, Stanley Sporisky, Jerry Steif, Tracy Sundstrom, Gene Tessmann, Mark Welch, and Cindy Wiseman.*



We Pray For . . . the family of *Marilyn Ebert*, who was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, December 14, and received Christian burial at St. Paul on Monday, December 19.

Bulletin . . . Today's bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of *June Wesenberg*, who went to be with her Lord on December 25, 2004, and *Alvin Wesenberg*, who joined her on June 20, 2013, from their family.

Announcements

The congregation will be purchasing . . . a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. We are gladly receiving offerings to cover the cost of several thousand dollars. A basket is under the Lord's Prayer plaque in the narthex.



If you or you know of someone . . . who would be willing and able to help manage our upcoming new website, please contact the church office or Pastor Palmer, 715-853-5225.

Call for Resumes . . . St. Paul Lutheran School is seeking to hire a 5th grade teacher and a Preschool teacher. The candidates should have a love of children, a passion for teaching, a passion for church work, LCMS preferred, and a collaborative open mindset.

Contribution Envelopes . . . for 2023 are available in the narthex.

Amicos SPYRT Fundraiser . . . Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, Amicos in Bonduel will donate 25% of the days sales to our SPYRT youth group. Support our youth and support a local business, beginning January 10th.

Lutherans for Life Signature Ad . . . Sign up in the narthex after all services starting December 29 through January 8.



POINSETTIAS 2022



Placed with thanksgiving to the glory of God for His Son by:

Ron & Amy Schmidt and Family

Julie Vomastic

| PLACED IN MEMORY OF..... | PLACED BY |
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| <i>Mark Adkins</i> | Dianne Adkins and Family |
| <i>Larry Reisner, Maynard Bahr, and.....</i> | Kevin Bahr and Family |
| <i>Marvin Murphy</i> | |
| <i>Jeff, Shelby and Dennis Bahr</i> | Sally Bahr and Family |
| <i>Loved ones now departed.....</i> | Jon and Karen Baker |
| <i>Robert Bleick, Albert & Emma Graf.....</i> | Bleick Family |
| <i>Heather Bleick , Matthew Suski</i> | |
| <i>Maynard and Marcella Boerst, Marlene, Marsha ..</i> | The Family |
| <i>Warren and Margarette Born</i> | Sheldon and Barbara Born Family |
| <i>Florence Buelow</i> | Her Family |
| <i>Bob Buettner.....</i> | Barbara Buettner |
| <i>Bob, Marlene, and Jeff Buettner</i> | Their Family |
| <i>William Buss.....</i> | Adam Buss and Trisha Wolf |
| <i>Gerald Dehn.....</i> | Betty Dehn and Family |
| <i>Stan and Delores Gasser, and Jerry Dehn.....</i> | Mari Dehn and Brooks Dehn |
| <i>John Dobratz.....</i> | His Family |
| <i>In memory of our parents</i> | Doug and Geraldine Druckrey |
| <i>Adolph and Rose Druckrey</i> | Children and Families |
| <i>John H. Engel.....</i> | Tim and Amy Engel |
| <i>Germaine, Dennis, and Brian Frank.....</i> | John Frank |
| <i>Lyle and Patty Ann Gehm.....</i> | Carol Gehm and Family |
| <i>Rolly and Bob Genke.....</i> | Diane Genke |
| <i>George and Emma Gehm,</i> | James J. and Ione Grunewald |
| <i>Curtis and Arlene Grunewald</i> | |
| <i>Justin Jeske.....</i> | His Family |
| <i>Henry and Eleanor Klosterman</i> | Klosterman Family |
| <i>Kristine Knueppel Reinke.....</i> | Roger Knueppel Family |
| <i>RoJean Knueppel.....</i> | Roger Knueppel Family |
| <i>Ray and Mary Braun</i> | Ken, Cheryl, Kohn and Family |

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| <i>Vernon and Victoria Kohn</i> | Ken, Cheryl, Kohn and Family |
| <i>Loved Ones</i> | Steve and Lisa Lemhouse |
| <i>“Sally” Luepke</i> | Larry Luepke Family |
| <i>David McClone</i> | Tom and Lois McClone and Family |
| <i>Allen Marohl</i> | His Family |
| <i>Lauren Marohl</i> | Lauren’s Family |
| <i>Audrey Moede</i> | Her Family |
| <i>Richard, Parents, and Grandparents</i> | Carol Moede and Family |
| <i>George and Elda Sager, James Sager</i> | D.J. and Lana Reinke |
| <i>Kristine Reinke</i> | Her Children and Grandchildren |
| <i>Charles and Doris Mueller</i> | Johnny and Kris Reinke |
| <i>John and Geraldine Reinke</i> | |
| <i>All Grandparents Now Departed</i> | Steve Reisner Family |
| <i>Our Parents and Brothers</i> | Ellen and Dennis Rudzinski |
| <i>Rev. Mark and Gladys Wegner, and</i> | Richard and Carol Wegner |
| <i>Luther and Naomi Leininger</i> | |
| <i>David Wegner</i> | Sandy Wegner and Family |
| <i>Fred and Irene Westphal</i> | Their Family |
| <i>Jenny Wickman-Hacker and our parents</i> | Barb Wickman |
| <i>Bob Woldt</i> | The Family |
| <i>Loved Ones</i> | Rob and Glenda Woldt |
| <i>Gary and Mike Wolf</i> | Wolf Family |
| <i>Jeff and Taylor Wolf</i> | Wolf Family |
| <i>Roger Wood</i> | Audrey Wood and Family |
| <i>Bob, Marlene, and Jeff Buettner</i> | Shelly Wudtke |
| <i>Rachel and Dale Wussow</i> | Their Family |
| <i>George and Wilma Zernicke</i> | Betsy and Tom Zernicke |
| <i>Betty Rae and Randal Schmidt</i> | |

*Poinsettias may be taken home following the
Christmas Day service on December 25th.*



Attendance—December 15/18, 2022

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| Thursday | 12/15 | 7:00pm | 129/107 |
| Sunday | 12/18 | 9:00am | <u>347/257</u> |
| | | Total | 476/364 |
| | | Livestream Views | 288 |

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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| Sunday | 12/25 | 9:00am Christmas Day Worship—Holy Communion |
| Monday | 12/26 | |
| Tuesday | 12/27 | 7:00pm Men's Club |
| Wednesday | 12/28 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 12/29 | 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion |
| Friday | 12/30 | |
| Saturday | 12/31 | |
| Sunday | 1/1 | 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion |

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

Dec. 29 Tyler McClone

SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

Dec. 29 Patti Herrmann

Jan. 1 Maureen Zernicke Barb Wickman



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor
Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor
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