

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 3 & 4, 2016



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Our Worship Service

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WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"
Christian Worship #28



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's
 4 Wel - come, O my Sav - ior, now! Joy - ful,
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set



tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 help - er, Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold
 Lord, to you I bow. Come in - to my
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to

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us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 race be - hold— Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
 heart, I pray; Oh, pre - pare your - self a way.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death,

6 And, when you shall come again
 As a glorious king to reign,
 I with joy may see your face,
 Freely ransomed by your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geistliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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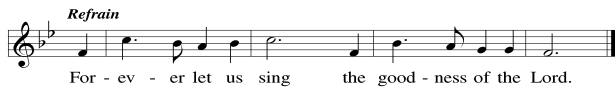
THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 17:1-7

When Abram was 99 years old, God confirmed his covenant with Abram. God again promised that he was going to be the father of many nations, so God changed his name to Abraham which means "father of many." God promised to show love to Abraham and his descendants who, by faith, would also look to Jehovah as their God.

^{17:1} When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. ² I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." ³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 148

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Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.



Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.
Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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.**



THE SECOND LESSON..... Galatians 4:4-7

St. Paul explains that God waited for just the right time in the course of human events to fulfill his promise and send his Son, who is true God and true man. Jesus lived under the law just like every human, but he did it perfectly. He did this that he might redeem us from the slavery of sin, death, and the devil.

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



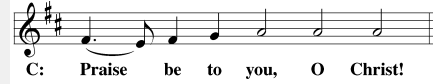
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 1:68-75

When John the Baptizer was born, his father, Zechariah, bursts into a joyful song. He rejoices and praises God because his son is the forerunner of the promised Messiah. God had indeed remembered his "holy covenant" and sent a Savior.

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— ⁷² to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

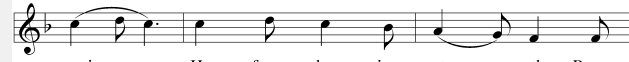
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

Christian Worship #34



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to
 3 Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di -
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly



voice; He from whom joy stream - eth Poor
 thee. Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O
 vine. Death o'er us had reign - ed Through
 ground? Where the an - gels sing - ing With



in a man - ger lies; Not so bright - ly
 pure and ho - ly Child; Through thy grace and
 sin and van - i - ty; He for us ob -
 all his saints u - nite, Sweet - est prais - es



beam - eth The sun in you - der skies.
 mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high,
 bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.

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Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
 May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.
 Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO (66 66 66 55) German melody, 14th century, alt.

THE SERMON..... Galatians 4:4-7
GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS

THE 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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Comfort, Comfort All My People"
Christian Worship #11



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace."
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -
 4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger
 ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance
 er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all
 He no more will see or heed. They have suf -
 For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 fered man - y a day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken

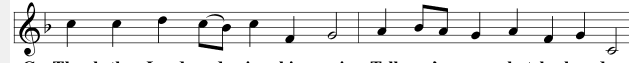


That their war - fare now is o - ver."
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 And the hills bow down to greet him.
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611-84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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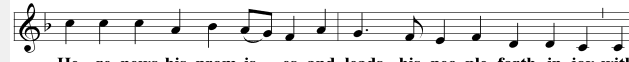
THANK THE LORD



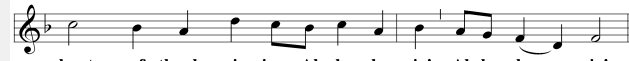
C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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THE CLOSING HYMN..... "On What Has Now Been Sown" Christian Worship #322

Musical notation and lyrics for the hymn "On What Has Now Been Sown".

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, abr., adapt., alt. Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731-89.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Larry Ellenberger Organist..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen

Announcements

THANK YOU: We thank Pastor Larry Ellenberger for his message from God's Word this weekend. Pastor Ellenberger is a retired WELS pastor and is a member at St. Paul's.

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2016 envelopes are located on tables outside the Bible Class room in church. If we missed someone, please contact the church office. If we missed assigning a set of children envelopes for the children in your family, and you would like them to have a set, please contact the church office at: (414) 421-1178 or office@stpaulsfranklin.org.

NEW PEW CANDLES: The Pew Candles that are being used this Christmas season were a gift from St. Paul's 2015 Confirmation Class, along with memorial gifts in memory of Lois Martin and other gifts. We thank them all for this gift.

2ND PASTOR CALL ACCEPTANCE: We give thanks that the Lord has led Pastor Jacob Hoff to be a second pastor here at St. Paul's. Pastor Hoff has been serving as Pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sterling, Virginia. He is married, and they have 3 children, ages 4, 3, 1. Future plans are being discussed, and it is hoped that he will join us at St. Paul's at some time in January 2016.

The following letter has been received from Pastor Hoff: "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, After prayerful deliberation, I have decided to accept the call from God you extended to me to serve as Pastor of Outreach at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. I want to thank you for keeping me in your prayers as I deliberated the calls I held, and request that you continue to do so as my family and I begin the process of moving to Wisconsin. And, because I am leaving Sterling, VA to join you, I ask that you would also keep your brothers and sisters here in your prayers. I am excited to meet you in person and I'm even more excited to begin working with you to help spread the incomparable riches of the Christ-child come to earth to save us. What a blessing it is that God would choose to spread his message of reconciliation through us! I know that the same God who has sent us out with this message will equip and bless us as we carry out the work he has given us together. In Christ's love, Pastor Jacob Hoff."

THANK YOU: Pastor Adams, the faculty and the staff of St. Paul's thank everyone for the gifts and cards that have been received from everyone this Christmas season. It is truly a blessing to be brothers and sisters in Christ working together to carry the message of the Christ child out into the world.

PASTORS' OFFICE PROJECT: We give thanks to God that we have received gifts that have met our goal of \$18,000 to complete this project. Work has begun. We thank everyone for their support of this project.

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be **NO** Sunday School or Bible class today, we will resume classes next Sunday.

150TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT: God has blessed St. Paul's for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for the Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. The final cost of the organ is \$58,150. To date, we have received \$46,357.00. More information as to how everyone can participate in the project will be coming out soon. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that God has showered upon us.

GREETER SCHEDULE 2016: The Greeter Schedule for 2016 is completed and in your church mailboxes.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER: The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 421-1833. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2016.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN: Junior Kindergarten can use your old Christmas cards for art projects. If you would like to donate them, please drop them off in the Junior Kindergarten classroom. Thank you!

5th GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: Attention all 5th grade students and parents! Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza just for you on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. Plus, we're giving away an iPad and other prizes! We'll have exciting science experiments, robot demonstrations, music, basketball and lots more. To reserve your spot, **please RSVP by January 25**, by going to www.wlhs.org/news.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 3 & 4)

8:00 AM – Larry & Marilee Stujenski
10:30 AM – Mark & Rosie Derouin
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (January 10 & 11)

8:00 AM – Jacque & Doreen Vallier
10:30 AM – Dee Kresa; Taylor
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR JANUARY:

8:00 AM TEAM #1- Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM TEAM #5- Mark Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

December 23-January 5 - TEAM #3 Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms
January 6-January 19 – TEAM #4 Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 3

Worship Service with Communion..... 8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Worship Service with Communion..... 10:30 AM

Monday, January 4

School Resumes..... 8:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion..... 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 5

PSCIC..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 6

Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM

Friday, January 8

School Devotion 8:30 AM
Sunday, January 10
Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am 80, Communed-n/a; 10:30 am- 80, Communed-n/a; 6:30 pm-n/a,
Communed-n/a

Total Attendance 160, Total Communed n/a
Bible Class n/a, Sunday School n/a

***Attendance for Christmas Services: Children’s Service December 23rd 485; Children’s Service
Christmas Eve 433; Christmas Eve Candlelight 206; Christmas Day 94***

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