Fourth Weekend of Advent December 21 & 22, 2014



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

He Comes to Those who Believe (Matthew 1:18-25)

Christmas is about God's gift to the world, and His gift of his very own Son. This is a gift that lasts, as new and real as when Jesus was born. All other gifs, like the ones that people give and receive, have only temporary value. But God's gift to the world has eternal worth. As we begin to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth, we remind ourselves that Jesus is God's Son sent to be our Savior. Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds would be brought to believe in Jesus as their Savior. May we also remember that He comes to those who believe. Through faith in Jesus, we have eternal life in heaven.



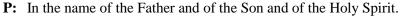
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THE INVOCATION



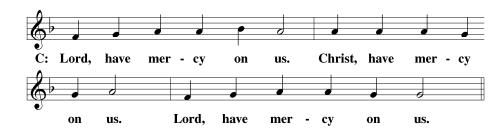


THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

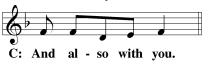
Gloria in Excelsis





THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

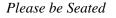
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you

always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

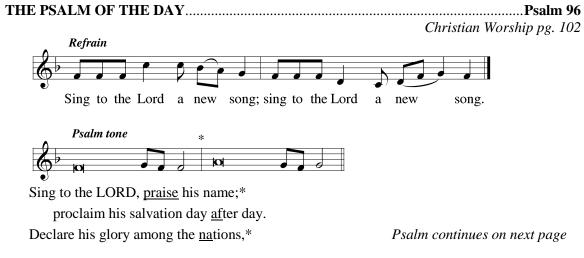




THE FIRST LESSON......Ezekiel 34:11-16

The Savior comes to rescue his believers and gather them as a shepherd gathers his sheep. This is the hope that Jesus brings to those who believe.

¹¹"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. ¹⁶I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.



Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;* tremble before him, all the earth. Refrain Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new Psalm tone Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;* let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.* Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; for he comes to judge the world in righteousness* and the peoples in his truth. 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.

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Refrain

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song.

As Paul begins his letter to the Romans, he affirms the two natures of Christ-true man, the descendant of David, born of Mary; yet "declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead." As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the God-man, we rejoice that he came to live, die, and rise again that we may be saved by grace through faith.

^{1:1}Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ²the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)







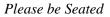
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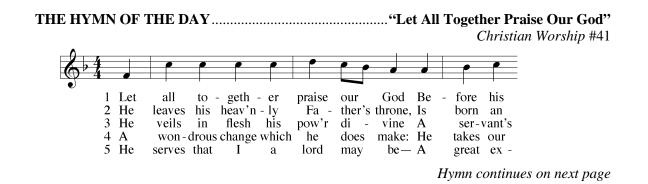
¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -which means, "God with us." ²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

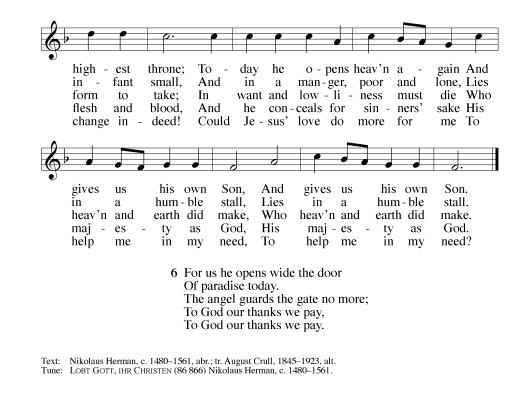


THE NICENE CREED

- 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.







THE SERMON...... Matthew 1:18-25

He Comes to Those Who Believe

Please Stand

RESPONSE TO THE SERMON...... "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" By Congregation; Christian Worship #12, verse 4

> Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

> > Please Be Seated

THE OFFERING

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

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

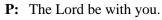
THE PRAYERS

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.

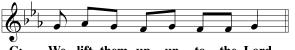
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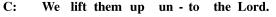
PREFACE





P: Lift up your hearts





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



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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."

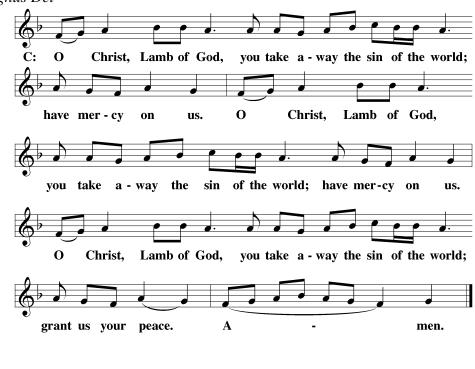
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be seated

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Come, your Hearts and Voices Raising"

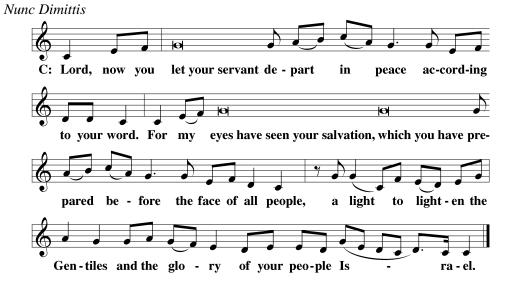
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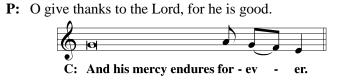
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Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941. Tune: OUEM PASTORES (88 87) *Ein Schlesich singebüchlein*, Breslau, 1555.

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON





CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



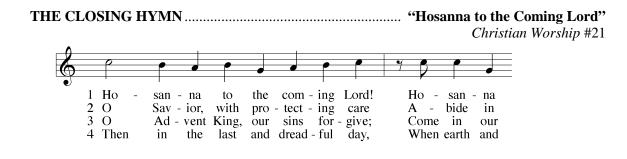
THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

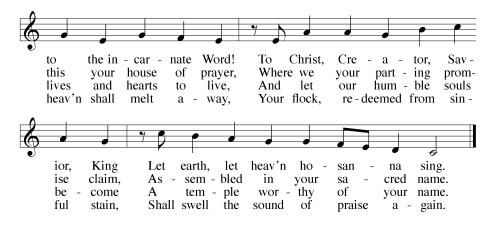
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be seated



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 Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.

 Tune:
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Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Mrs. Sharon Larsen

Announcements

- **EARLY CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER:** St. Paul's Early Child Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2015/2016 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2015. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 414-421-1833 for more information. Registrations are taken on a first come first serve basis. Enrollment opens to the community after February 1st.
- **VOTERS MEETING:** The Church Council set a Voters Meeting for Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30pm. Reports will be given about the work of the different boards here at St. Paul's. Another item of business will be for the Voters Assembly to act upon the recommendation of the Church Council to call a second pastor here at St. Paul's.
- **LIVING NATIVITY:** Tonight will be our 7th annual Living Nativity. There are live performances at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30pm with actors and animals in an outdoor stable. Free parking, refreshments and craft activities for children will be available. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us.

- **CURRENT SERMON SERIES:** Our current series concentrates our attention on the coming of Christ to meet the needs of individuals. Waiting and anticipating something is both exciting and scary at the same time. We look forward to some happy event. We also dread things that make us uncomfortable. Yet, we can join with the hymn writer in saying: *"Hark the Glad Song, the Savior Comes."*
 - Advent 1: November 30/December 1 He Comes to Those Who Were Waiting for Him (Mark 1:1-8)
 - Advent 2: December 7 & 8 He Comes to Those in Darkness (John 3:1-21)
 - Advent 3: December 14 & 15 He Comes to Those Caught in Sin (Luke 19:1-10)
 - Advent 4: December 21 & 22 He Comes to Those who Believe (Matthew 1:18-25)
- **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** In December, there will be many different opportunities to worship our coming Savior. The schedule is below:

December 21 – Advent 4 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 22 – Advent 4 (6:30pm) December 23 – Children's Christmas Service (6:30pm) December 24 – Children's Christmas Service (4:30pm) December 24 – Candlelight Service (10:00pm) December 25 – Christmas Day Worship (10:00am) December 28 – Christmas 1 (8:00am & 10:30am) December 29 - No Monday Worship December 31 – New Year's Eve (6:30 pm)

- **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** There will not be Sunday School & Adult Bible Class on Sunday, December 28th and Sunday, January 4th.
- MARY MARTHA COOKBOOKS: There are still Mary Martha Cookbooks for sale. They are located on the counter in the back of church. They are \$10 each.
- **NO CHURCH SERVICE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH:** There will be no worship service on Monday, December 29th. The worship services on Sunday, December 28th remain at the same time at 8:00am & 10:30am.
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP:** We will have a worship service on New Year's Eve, December 31st, at 6:30pm.
- **GREETERS FOR 2015:** We are in need of Greeters for 2015 especially for 10:30 am and Monday 6:30 pm services. If you can help out please call Marge Gebert.
- **GRILL KINGS MEN BIBLE STUDY:** Grill Kings is a Christ-centered ministry that provides men the opportunity to be equipped, inspire and motivate men to be Christ-like. Grill Kings is

a great time in which men of all ages and backgrounds come together and enjoy a time of fellowship and growing in the Lord. Their next meeting will be at St. Paul's on January 17th. The doors open at 4:30 P.M to set up, and start at 5:00 P.M, it will be finished by 9:00 P.M. All men are welcome to come.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE: Registration for Men of His Word 2015 "A Shelter from the Storm" is now open. The Conference is January 31, 2015 in Oshkosh. Don't miss this chance to gather with hundreds of your fellow Christian men for a day of inspiration. The 20 different sessions will both encourage and challenge you in your walk of faith. For more information and registration go to: www.menofhisword.org.

WLHS 5TH GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: 5th grade students and parents-Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza on Sunday, January 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. There's even an iPod touch giveaway! RSVP by January 19, to Brad Wetzel, 414-453-4567 ext. 1322 or brad.wetzel@wlhs.org.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK 12/21 & 12/22):

8:00 AM -	Corrine Mayer
10:30 AM-	Steve & Irva Baade
6:30 PM -	Dave & Janet Long

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

10:00 PM- Don & Marge Gebert

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM- Andy & Renate Nazimek

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (12/28)

8:00 AM-10:30 AM-Tim & Denise Rasmussen; Abigail & Anne

CLEANING CREWS:

December 23-Crew#4-*Michael & Debra Destrampe Family;* David & Christina Destrampe, Gary & Donna Boldt Family, Dan & June Curtice, Dana Gilboy, Joe & Kay Gregorich, Justin & Michelle Hoffmann, Karen Nguyen Family, Jim Villwock

December 30- Crew #5-*Dave & Julie Granberg;* Josh & Allison Ebeling, Doug & Lori Hamilton Family, Heidi Nidy, Brenda Manning, Don & Lori Plant, Grace Prahl, Charles & Sharie Snyder, David & Cindy Wirtz Family

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

8: 00 AM TEAM #1-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser 10:30 AM TEAM # 8-Mike Destrampe, David Destrampe, DanielDestrampe, Paul Larsen 6:30 PM TEAM # 9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

USHERS FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL DECEMBER SERVICES:

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE DECEMBER 23RD 6:30 PM TEAM #5-Mark

Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4:30 PM- TEAM#7-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz

CHRISMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 10: 00 PM TEAM #8-Mike Destrampe, David Destrampe, Daniel Destrampe, Paul Larsen

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:00 AM TEAM #3-Donn Johnson, Todd Johnson, John Migacz, Frank Krajewski

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE 6:30 PM TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

ALTAR GUILD:

December 10-23-Team #4 Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek December 24-January 6 Team #1-Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 21

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible/Sunday School	
Worship Service with Communion	
Living Nativity	

Monday, December 22

Worship Service	with Communion	
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Tuesday, December 23

School Devotion	8:30 AM
School Dismissal	
Children's Christmas Service	
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Statistics - Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –104 Communed N/A; 10:30 AM –140, Communed N/A; 6:30 PM –30, Communed N/A; Total Attendance – 274; Total Communed N/A; Bible Study N/A; Sunday School 6