

# First Sunday After Christmas

## December 28, 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

THE OPENING HYMN .....“Let All Together Praise Our God”  
*Christian Worship #41*



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his  
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's  
 4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our  
 5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And  
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
 form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who  
 flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His  
 change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To

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gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.  
 maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.  
 help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door  
 Of paradise today.  
 The angel guards the gate no more;  
 To God our thanks we pay,  
 To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

*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:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

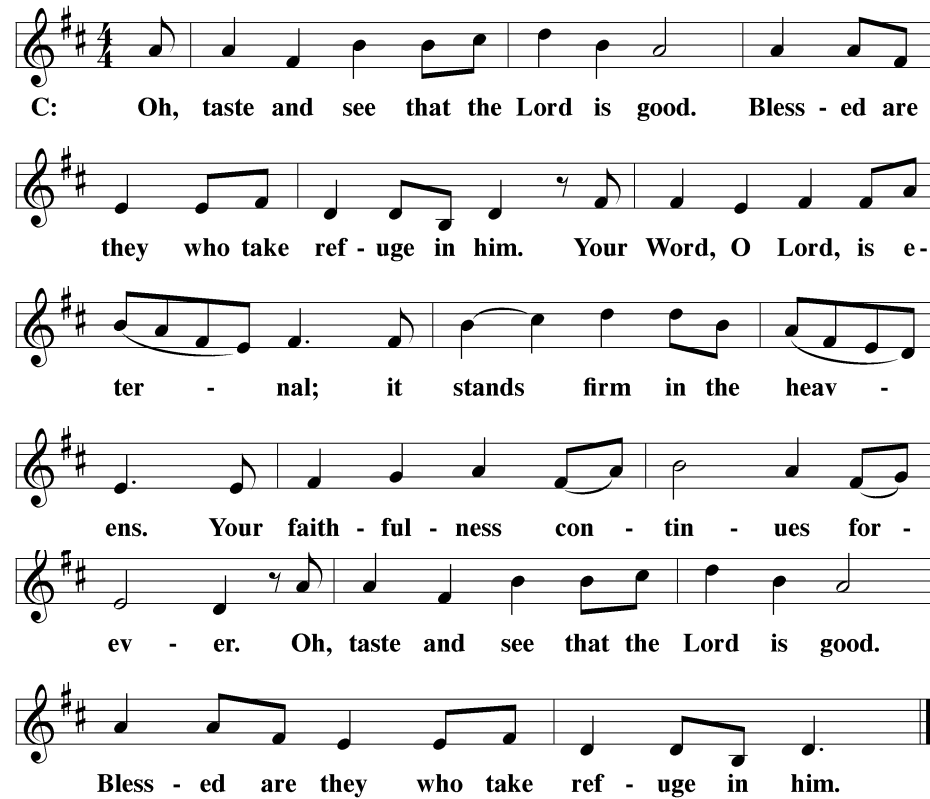
**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

**OH, TASTE AND SEE**



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON..... Isaiah 45:20-25**

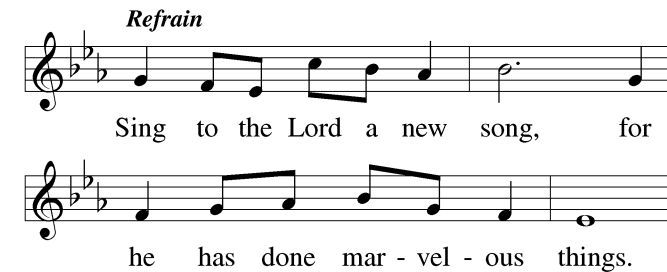
*God calls the world to seek salvation in him. His words are truth, and his mighty works are righteousness and salvation. In spite of the world's waywardness, the Lord says, "Turn to me and be saved."*

<sup>20</sup>"Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. <sup>21</sup>Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. <sup>22</sup>"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup>By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. <sup>24</sup>They will say of me, 'In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. <sup>25</sup>But in the Lord all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 111**


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Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar - vel - ous things.

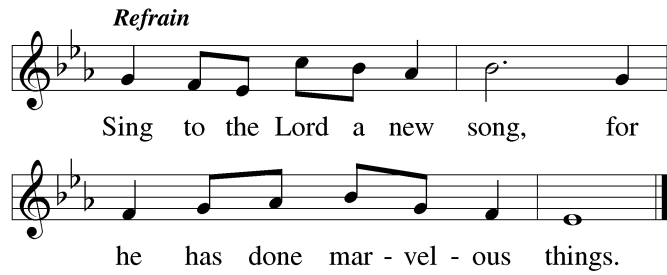
*Psalm tone*



Great are the works of the LORD;\*  
 they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
 Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
 and his righteousness endures forever.  
 He has caused his wonders to be remembered;\*  
 the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

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*Refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

*Psalm tone*



The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
He provided redemption for his people;\*  
he ordained his covenant forever.  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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**THE SECOND LESSON..... Colossians 3:12-17**

Paul calls us "God's chosen people," and urges us to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus."

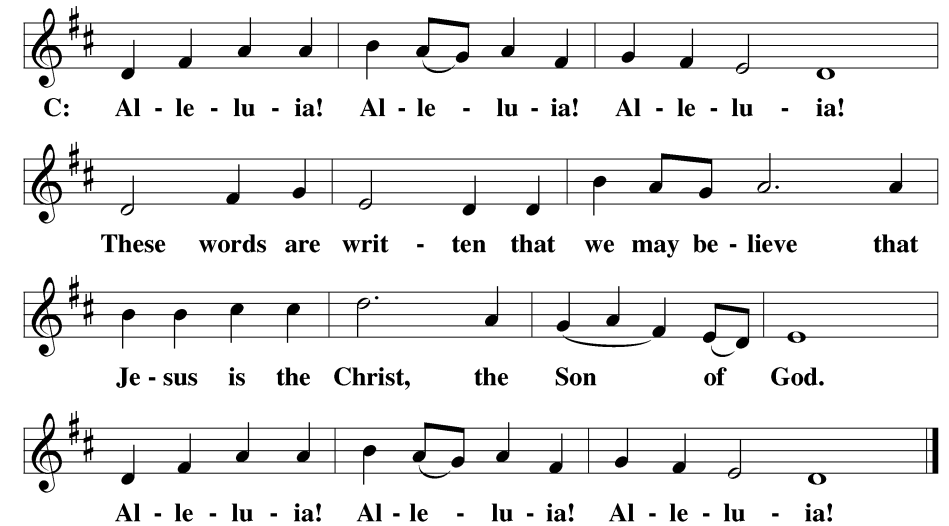
<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

<sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)



**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!

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON ..... Luke 2:25-32**

When Joseph and Mary bring the Christ child to the temple for the rite of purification, Simeon praises God for keeping his promise of sending the Savior. Anna also gives thanks to God for sending the Savior, and she speaks about him "to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup>"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the sight of all people, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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**THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

*Christian Worship #61*



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
 3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
 last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,  
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
 Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,  
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to

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*Refrain*

born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald  
 give us sec - ond birth.



an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.  
 Tune: MENDELSSOHN (77 77 D with Refrain) Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47, alt.

**THE SERMON .....Luke 2:25-32**

**He Comes to Bring Peace.**

*Please Stand*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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.**

*Please be Seated*

## CONGREGATION HYMN

### "What Child is This"

*Christian Worship #67*

1 What child is this who, laid to rest,  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh;

On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?  
 Where ox - en now are feed - - ing?  
 Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet  
 Good Chris - tians, fear; For sin - ners here  
 The King of kings Sal - va - tion brings;

While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom  
 Nails, this spear shall pierce him through; The  
 Raise, raise the song on high; The

shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.  
 cross he'll bear for me, for you.  
 vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

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Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,

The babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
 The babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
 The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.  
 Tune: GREENSLEEVES (87 87 68 67) English ballad, 16th century.

*Please Stand*

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE CLOSING HYMN** ..... “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”  
*Christian Worship # 12*

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, abr., alt.  
 Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820, alt.

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist and Preacher**..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen

**Announcements**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP:** Please join us for our New Year's Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>:** Just a reminder that there will not be a Monday worship service this week (December 29<sup>th</sup>).

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on this Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, FRANKLIN LOOKING FOR AN EXTENDED LEARNING TEACHER:** St. Paul's is looking for someone interested in a part-time Extended Learning Teacher position for approximately 20-25 hours per week for at least the remainder of the school year. This individual will work with 10-13 students with different levels of intervention needs, as well as communicate with the Franklin School District for formal assessment of students. All interested persons may contact Nathan Schulmeister at 414-421-1930 or by email at [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org) with any questions or to discuss this position.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, FRANKLIN LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE TEACHER:** St. Paul's is also looking for a part-time sub for approximately 7-10 hours per week. This teacher would work with the 6th Grade to allow for the Principal's Administrative Release Time. All interested persons may contact Nathan Schulmeister at 414-421-1930 or by email at [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org) with any questions or to discuss this position.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VOTERS MEETING:** The Church Council set a Voters Meeting for Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.menofhisword.org).

**WLHS 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents-Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:brad.wetzel@wlhs.org).

## Volunteers

### **GREETERS THIS WEEK 12/28 & 12/29):**

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

### **GREETERS NEW YEAR'S EVE**

6:30 PM- Don & Marge Gebert

### **GREETERS NEXT WEEK (1/4 & 1/5)**

8:00 AM- Carl & Carolyn Streeter, Eli & Sam  
10:30 AM- John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor & Logan  
6:30 PM- Dave & Janet Long

### **CLEANING CREWS:**

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

### **USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

**8:00 AM TEAM #4-**Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser  
**10:30 AM TEAM # 8-**Mike Destrampe, David Destrampe, Daniel Destrampe, Paul Larsen  
**6:30 PM TEAM # 9-**Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

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

### **USHERS FOR JANUARY:**

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

### **ALTAR GUILD:**

**December 24-January 6 Team #1-**Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

## The Weekly Schedule

### **Sunday, December 28**

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

### **Monday, December 29**

NO Worship Service

### **Tuesday, December 30**

NO PSCIC

### **Wednesday, December 31**

New Year's Eve Worship with Communion ..... 6:30 PM

### **Sunday, January 4**

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

## Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –115 Communed 98; 10:30 AM –140, Communed 93;  
6:30 PM –29, Communed 20; Total Attendance – 284; Total Communed 211; Bible Study  
N/A; Sunday School N/A

December 23 Children's Service, 603; December 24 Children's Service, 495; Christmas  
Eve Candlelight Service, 194; Christmas Day 10:00 AM, 120