

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 4 & 5, 2015



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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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 yon - 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.

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.

WELCOME
THE OPENING HYMN.....“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”
Christian Worship #34

Please Stand

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

Hymn continues on next page

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.

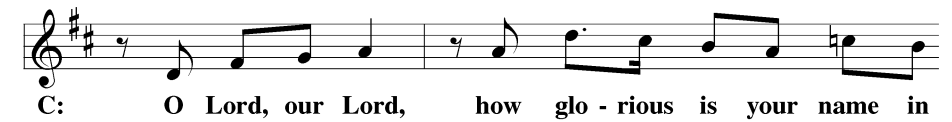
P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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,



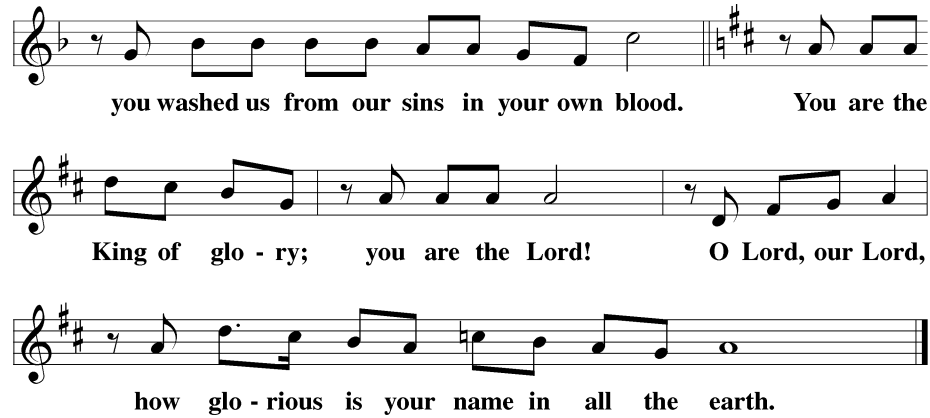
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



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.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON.....Micah 5:2-5

The eternal Shepherd, born in lowly circumstances in a small Judean town, provides protection and peace for his flock.

²But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. ³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he will be their peace. When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against him seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 148

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Refrain



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone



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.

Refrain

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.**

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON..... Hebrews 2:10-18

Jesus shared in our humanity so that he might pay for the sins of the human race. As our Brother, he understands us and helps us.

¹⁰In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." ¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil— ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 7:40-43

An encounter with Jesus demands a response. Some respond in faith, others with skepticism.

⁴⁰On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee?" ⁴²Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" ⁴³Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Christian Worship #65



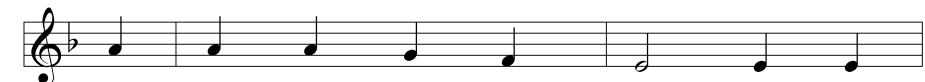
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts To
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The



ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 in this world of sin Where meek souls will Re -
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93, abr., alt.
 Tune: St. LOUIS (86 446 76 446) Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

THE SERMON.....Micah 5:2-5

“Waiting for Peace to Arrive”

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.

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.

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. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

Christian Worship #36



1 A great and might - y won - der, A
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And
 3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those
 4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an
 yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing
 bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - joice, O vales and
 all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in
 Sa - tan's ly - ing cease, And Christ shall raise his



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.
 an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
 scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: “To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men.”

Text: Germanus, c. 634-734; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

Please Stand

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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Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN **"Lord, Dismiss us with Your Blessing"**

Christian Worship #329



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Tune: NEW ULM (87 87 87) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher..... Pastor Wayne Shevey
Pianist Mrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

THANK YOU: We thank Pastor Wayne Shevey for sharing God's Word with us this morning.
 Pastor Shevey serves as the Campus Pastor for Wisconsin Lutheran College.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank everyone who remembered the staff, teachers and pastor with gifts, thoughts and prayers during this past Christmas season. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN: We wish to take down the Christmas decorations in the church next Sunday, January 11th, after the second service. The families of the confirmation class are invited to help.

CHURCH MAILBOXES: The church mailboxes have now been installed and completed with everyone's name on them. Thank you to all who worked hard on building and installing them.

CHURCH CLEANING 2015: Please check your church mailbox for an update on church cleaning.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you haven't picked up your offering envelopes for 2015, they are located on a couple of tables outside of the Bible Classroom in church.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class today.

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 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 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 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.

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 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 Mark Ricke, 414-453-4567 ext. 2024 or mark.ricke@wlhs.org.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS 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

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (1/11 & 1/12)

8:00 AM- Tony & Mary Tripoli
 10:30 AM- Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin, & Ian
 6:30 PM- Marion Szudrowitz

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 Gruenebeg

ALTAR GUILD:

December 24-January 6 Team #1-Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves
January 7-January 13 Team #2- Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 4

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
 NO Adult Bible/Sunday School
 Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 7

Board of Christian Education Meeting 6:30 PM
 NO Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 8

Adult Hand Bells..... 6:30 PM

Friday, January 9

School Devotion..... 8:30 PM

Sunday, January 11

Worship Service.....8:00 AM

Adult Bible/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service.....10:30 AM

Christmas Decoration Take Down.....11:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –92 Communed N/A; 10:30 AM –120, Communed N/A;
6:30 PM –N/A, Communed N/A; Total Attendance – 212; Total Communed N/A; Bible Study
N/A; Sunday School N/A