

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Wayne Shevey
Organist Miss Heather Schmidt

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Christian Worship #65



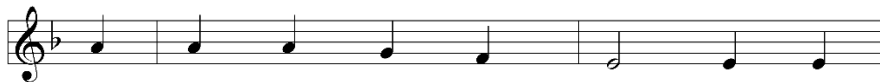
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



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!

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.

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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.

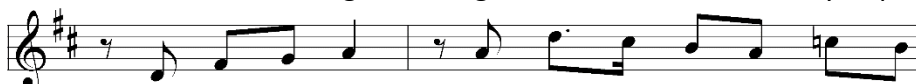
P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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.

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.



Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Numbers 6:22-27

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ ““The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.””

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone *

Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

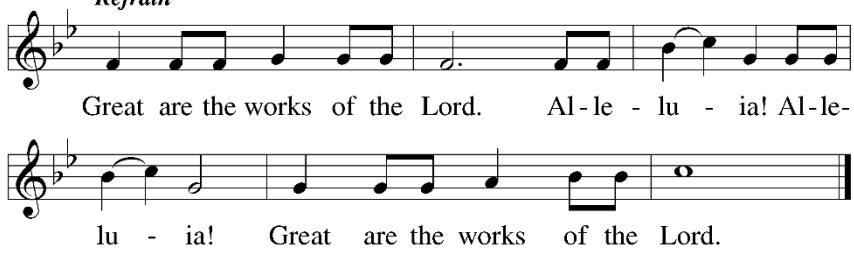
Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

Psalm continues on next page


**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



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone *



THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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*)



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!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Christian Worship #76



1	Je - sus!	Name	of	won - drous	love,	Name	all
2	Je - sus!	Name	de - creed	of	old,	To	the
3	Je - sus!	Name	of	price - less	worth	To	the
4	Je - sus!	On - ly	name	that's	giv'n	Un - der	
5	Je - sus!	Name	of	won - drous	love,	Hu - man	



oth - er	names	a - bove,	Un - to	which	must
maid - en	moth - er	told—	Kneel - ing	in	her
fall - en	here	on earth	For	the	prom - ise
all	the	might - y	Where - by	all,	to
name	of	God	a - bove;	Plead - ing	on - ly



ev - 'ry	knee	Bow	in	deep	hu - mil - i - ty.
low - ly	knee—	By	the	an - gel	Ga - bri - el.
that	it	gave,	"Je - sus	shall	his
sin	en - slaved,	Burst	their	fet - ters	and
this,	we,	too,	Flee,	O	God,
				in	faith
					to
					you.

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 2:21

²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.



Please be Seated

THE SERMONLuke 2:21

The Plan Is Complete... The Future Is Now

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 Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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 one the pastor.

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

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 BLESSING

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....."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



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Wayne Shevey for sharing God's word with us today! Pastor Shevey serves as a Campus Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

NO MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP: There will be no Monday evening worship this Monday, January 2nd. We will resume Monday evening services next Monday, January 9th.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: There is a delay on our 2023 offering envelopes due to printing press issues at the manufacturing company. As soon as they arrive we will distribute them. In the meantime, you can continue to use your 2022 envelope number. Thank you for your patience!

POINSETTIAS PURCHASE: Thank you to the Kiesows/Flower Petals Farm for the beautiful poinsettias in church for Christmas! If you would like to purchase one to take home, they are \$8.00 for the large plants, and \$4.00 for the small plants. Money can be put in Henry & Sharon Kiesow's mailbox.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY NEXT SUNDAY: We will begin a new Adult Bible Class January 8th. Retired Pastor Andy Backus will lead us each Sunday in a look at that Sunday's Scripture Lessons as printed in your Sunday Worship Folders. For instance, on January 8th we'll study Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-12, and Matthew 2:1-12, the Readings for The Festival of Epiphany. You may bring your own Bible or use one from the shelf in the classroom. Or just bring your bulletin with you (we'll also have some available). We meet in between services (9:15 AM) in the Bible classroom, and all are welcome to join us!

MARY & MARTHA SOCIETY GUEST SPEAKER: Please join us on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM for a presentation by Pastor Joel Gaertner, National Director of Jesus Care Ministries. He will focus on assisting congregations to share Jesus with those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE: We are in the process of updating our church directory. Please take a moment to fill out the yellow contact slips on the narthex tables and return them to the bin on the narthex counter. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date!

TEACHER CALL: On Monday, December 5th the Voters of the congregation approved the recommendation to call a 1st grade teacher (combined 1st/2nd in the afternoons) for the 2023-2024 school year. We called Mrs. Stephanie Liepert, currently teaching at Mt. Calvary Lutheran School in Waukesha. We received this letter from Mrs. Liepert: To the members of St. Paul's, On Monday, December 5, I received a divine call to serve as your first and second grade teacher. I am honored and humbled by this call. I look forward to learning more about the ministry being carried out at St. Paul's from your church and school leaders as I consider the two calls before me. Please keep my family and the ministries of St. Paul's and Mount Calvary in your prayers as I deliberate where I can best serve. In Christ, Stephanie Liepert
(sliepert@mountcalvarywaukesha.org)

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND: St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering tower.

MEN'S OPEN GYM: Men's Open Gym will held Thursday nights from 7:30 – 9:00 pm every week starting December 8th. All college age and older men interested in stretching their legs are invited to participate. Please be sure to watch the Weekly Schedule at the end of the church bulletin every week for updates or cancellations as we approach the Christmas Season.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE: There are 16 people meeting every other Tuesday with continued lessons on the book "The Narrow Lutheran Middle". New dates are January 3, January 17, January 31, February 14 and February 28. It is never too late to join our group. Just tell Jean Terek or Lucy Ellenberger.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: A new Bible Information class has begun! We meet at 9:15 AM (between the two worship services). The purpose of the class is to present the basic teachings of the Bible as well as to introduce you to the rewarding life of Christian discipleship. This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church, considering joining our church or anyone who would like to refresh their knowledge of God's Word. Anyone is welcome to join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join our Sunday School class, which meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM! Class is located in the After School Care room of the school.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care: St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org or by phone at 414-421-1930.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

December 28-January 3 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

January 4-10 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

January 1: *Happy New Year!*

January 8: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1

Worship Service with Communion..... 10:00 AM only

Monday, January 2

NO School
NO Public School Confirmation Class
NO Worship Service

Tuesday, January 3

School Resumes..... 8:15 AM
Women’s Bible Study 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 8

Worship Service..... 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service..... 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 70, Communed – 63
10:30 AM – 50, Communed – 24
6:30 PM – 28, Communed – 23
Total Attendance – 148
Total Communed – 110
Christmas Eve 4:30 PM – 240
Christmas Eve 10:00 PM – 89
Christmas Day 10:00 AM – 93