

WORSHIP DETAILS

Common Service with Communion, pg. 15

Psalm 85

Hymns: 20, 23, 24, 47

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5

²“But 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 bears a son,
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 our peace.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Randy & Nancy Willms in thanksgiving for the 21st anniversary of Randy’s liver transplant.

BAPTISM: Last Sunday after the 10:30 AM service Carter Owen DePew was received into God’s kingdom through holy baptism. Carter is the son of Devin DePew & Tessa Topp. Serving as his godmother is Autumn Scifo. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: The Lord called Mr. Joseph Lengyel to his heavenly home on Sunday, December 12th. A Christian funeral service will be held here at St. Paul’s on Tuesday, December 21st. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the service will begin at 11:00 a.m. “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (*Revelation 14:13*)

MARY & MARTHA CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE UPDATE: A huge thank you to everyone who donated cookies to the sale and also to all those who purchased cookies. \$655.00 was raised through the cookie sale and will help fund the ongoing work of Mary & Martha and their support of missions.

WISH TREES: In past years we've had a Christmas tree in our school lobby full of "wishes" for our classrooms. This year our tree has gone digital! If you would like to grant a classroom wish, please scan the QR Code on the poster in the narthex. We also have a wish tree for church! If you aren't able to shop online, you can make a donation using the envelopes on the narthex counter!

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School next Sunday, December 26th or the following Sunday, January 2nd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: During the upcoming holiday season there are many opportunities for worship! Please join us!

Children’s Christmas Service (K5-Grade 8) – Sunday, December 19th at 4:30 PM

Preschool & Junior Kindergarten Christmas Service – Thursday, December 23rd at 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Friday, December 24th at 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Friday, December 24th at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Service – Saturday, December 25th at 10:00 AM

Worship Service – Sunday, December 26th at **9:00 AM** (one service only)

New Year’s Eve Service – Friday, December 31st at 6:30 PM

Worship Service with Communion – Sunday, January 2nd at **9:00 AM** (one service only)

NO PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Please note, there will be no Preschool Power Hour this Thursday, December 23rd as our Preschool and Junior Kindergarten classes will be having their Christmas service at that time. We will begin again on January 6, 2022.

ALTAR GUILD

Dec 15-21 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

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REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Dec 19: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

Dec 26: *No refreshments this week*

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 19

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM

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

Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Children’s Christmas Service (K5-8) 4:30 PM

Monday, December 20

Lutheran Girl Pioneers 6:00 PM

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 21

Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM
Senior Choir..... 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 23

NO Preschool Power Hour
3K & 4K Christmas Service 11:00 AM
Half Day of School (K5-8) 12:00 PM

Friday, December 24

NO SCHOOL
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship..... 4:30 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship..... 10:00 PM

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship..... 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 26

Worship Service 9:00 AM only
NO Adult Bible Class/Sunday School

Statistics – Last Week
Attendance: 8:00 AM – 91
 10:30 AM – 78
 6:30 PM – 24
Total Attendance – 193