

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas** **January 1, 2017**

**W**elcome! 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! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † 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!

TODAY’S THEME:  
**GOD CARES FOR US**

**Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher .....Pastor Brian Adams  
 Organist .....Miss Heather Schmidt

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

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**THE OPENING HYMN .....“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

*Christian Worship #55*

*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*

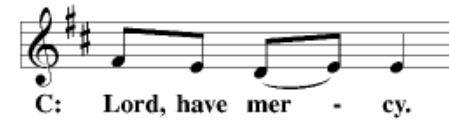
**P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**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.



**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.



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



### O LORD, OUR LORD

**P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



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, 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 WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. <sup>8</sup> He said, “Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me”; and so he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup> In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 2

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*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*

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

*Psalm tone* \*

THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. <sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

*Please stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

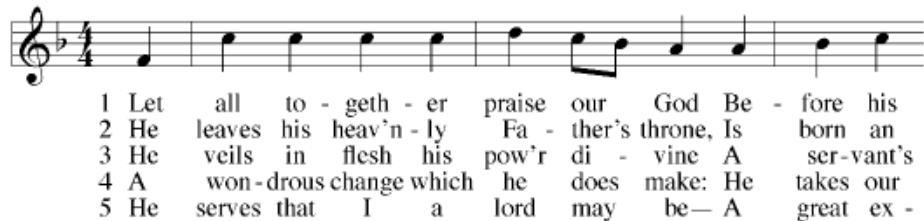
<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”



*Please be seated*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Let All Together Praise Our God”**

*Christian Worship #41*



*Hymn continues on next page*



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.

**THE SERMON .....Galatians 4:4-7**

*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*

**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.

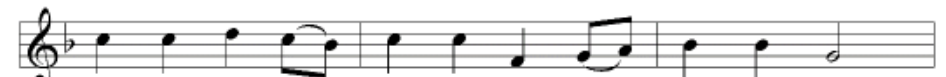


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 of the pastors.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN ..... “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,

*Hymn continues on next page*

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

*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!"

*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 - jice 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..... "There Is a Redeemer"

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1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
names, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
face; There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

*Refrain*



Ho - ly One.  
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my  
In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

New Year's Day - January 1 - 10:00 am (Please note only 1 service)

January 2nd - No Worship Service - 6:30 pm

**MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP:** Just a reminder that there will not be a Monday (January 2) night worship service this weekend.

**THANK YOU:** The staff and faculty of St. Paul's thank you for all the prayers, gifts and cards that were received over this holiday season.

**LIVING NATIVITY VOLUNTEER THANK YOU:** We wish to thank all who were involved with our Living Nativity. Without everyone's help, we would not be able to have a successful event. What a great opportunity to share the message of Jesus with all who attended.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Our Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will return to the Sunday schedule at 9:15 am on next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Beginning of the End".

**SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. More details will come later!

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** We are still in need of a few more members for our Refreshment Committee to help out in both services. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex counter, or you may can contact Tony Tripoli at (414) 232-5817 if you would like to help!

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** Have you seen the news lately? It's crazy out there. The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference uses God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world with the theme, "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS." Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (Pastor Mike Novotny from The Core in Appleton), the relevant, thought-provoking sessions (20 to choose from) or the worship experience with 600 other men (with Koine', the worship band), God's Word will speak to you. The 8th annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) for the first 650 men (\$40 by January 29th; \$50 from January 30th - February 5th). Please join us for a day in God's Word that you will not soon forget!

### VOLUNTEERS

#### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (January 8 & 9)

**8:00 AM** – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry

**10:30 AM** – Marilyn Krueger

**6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

#### 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 Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

#### ALTAR GUILD

Dec 28-Jan 3 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer

Jan 4-10 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistra, Karen Hille

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan. 8: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli

### THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, January 1

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

#### Monday, January 2

NO Worship

#### Wednesday, January 4

School Resumes .....8:15 AM  
Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30 PM

#### Thursday, January 5

Preschool Power Hour .....10:45 AM  
Board of Education ..... 6:30 PM

#### Friday, January 6

School Devotion .....8:30 AM

#### Sunday, January 8

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

#### Statistics – Last Week

Children's Christmas Eve Service – 644

Candlelight Service – 177

Christmas Day Service – 148

Total Attendance – 969