

# *the* FIRST SUNDAY *after* CHRISTMAS

## December 30, 2018

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### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

### NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

# ORDER of WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “King of Heaven”

*Praise Team*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise”

*LSB 798*

INVOCATION *and* CONFESSION

## INVOCATION

⊕ *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy...name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalms 111*

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P Great are the works of the LORD,

**C studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

**C and his righteousness endures forever.**

P He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

**C the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P He provides food for those who fear him;

**C he remembers his covenant forever.**

P He has shown his people the power of his works,

**C in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

P The works of his hands are faithful and just;

**C all his precepts are trustworthy;**

P they are established forever and ever,

**C to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

**C Holy and awesome is his name!**

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**C all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

P His praise endures forever!

**ALL 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.**

## KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

9:00 - "Joy Has Dawned"

*Praise Team*

1. **Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation;  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for every nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
Not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love:  
Jesus born of Mary.**

2. **Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
With the songs of angels;  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness.  
Cling now to a mother's breast,  
Vulnerable and helpless.**

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3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophesy the story.  
Gold, a King is born today;  
Incense, God is with us;  
Myrrh, His death will make a way,

And by His blood He'll win us.  
4. Son of Adam, Son of heav'n,  
Given as a ransom,  
Reconciling God and man,  
Christ our mighty Champion!  
What a Saviour, what a Friend,  
What a glorious mystery :  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of history.

11:30am - "Gloria in Excelsis"



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** *(please be seated)*

The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’S. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a

*Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*

lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in

*Colossians 3:12–17*

perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or

deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

9:00am - **ALLELUIA** (*please stand*)

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

Spoken Verse: My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2:31-32*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

11:30am - **COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation

that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**NICENE CREED** *found inside the back cover of LSB*

9:00am - **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the SERMON HYMN, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**SERMON HYMN** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LSB 374

**SERMON**

9:00am - **OFFERING**

*Kay Kaepf*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand)*

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition of the prayer:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SERVICE** *of the* **SACRAMENT**

*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the WORSHIP card, located in each pew rack.*

**PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

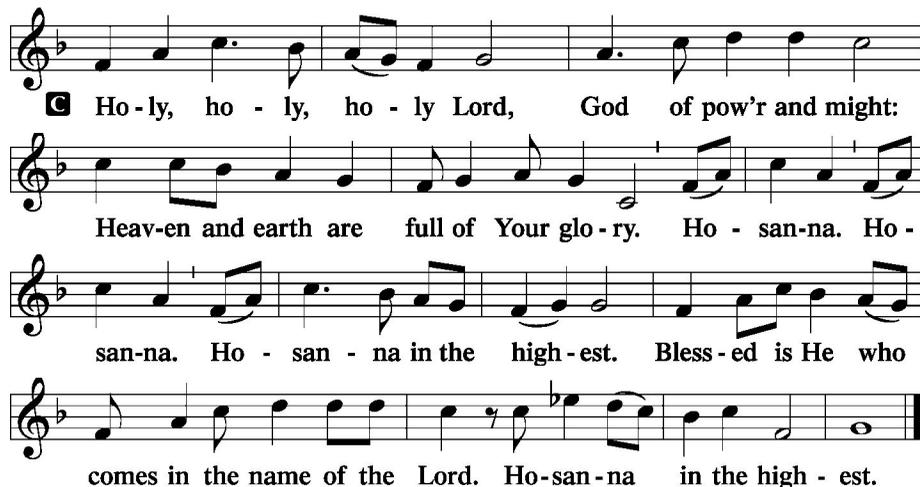
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.  
 P The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

**AGNUS DEI**

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

9:00am - **DISTRIBUTION SONGS** (You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers)

“Our King Has Come”

*Intro* Oh oh oh

1. **Come come rejoice this day  
Come and see the promised One  
The love of God displayed**
2. **Sing sing the angel's song  
Join in singing Holy is the Lord  
Our God who saves**

*Chorus 1* **Let all the earth rejoice  
Let all the earth rejoice  
Oh let us adore  
Christ the Lord  
Christ the Lord**

3. **Praise praise His holy Name  
Jesus our Emmanuel Messiah  
Prince of Peace**

*Bridge* **For the Lord has done great things  
For the Lord has done great things  
Oh how my soul will sing  
For the Lord has done great things  
For the Lord has done great things**

*Chorus 2* **Praise the Holy One  
Christ our King has come  
Oh let us adore  
Christ the Lord  
Christ the Lord**

“Oceans (Where Feet My Fail)”

1. **You call me out upon the waters,  
The great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery,  
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.**

*Chorus:* **I will call upon Your Name And keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise, My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine.**

2. **Your grace abounds in deepest waters,  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now.**

*Bridge:* **Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,  
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Saviour. Repeat**

*Last Chorus:* **I will call upon Your Name, Keep my eyes above the waves.  
My soul will rest in Your embrace I am Yours and You are mine.**

“Where Charity And Love Prevail”

*LSB 845*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

*LSB 924*

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## SERVING *in the* LORD'S HOUSE

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick  
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**Interpreter for the Deaf** Mary Smith  
  
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*January Open Building* Paul Dove

**Secretary** Renee Taden  
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**Praise Team** Lisa Dove  
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*January Altar Guild* Marnie Wood  
**Banners** Gail Green  
*January Banners* Gail Green

### Today - December 30

**Acolyte** Kaydence Scherer  
**Assistant** Rick Taden  
**Reader** Donna Hines  
**Ushers**  
Ruth Patch  
Carl Hunker  
Jimmy Powell  
**Greeters** Fred & Harriet Jenner  
**Cookies**  
**Counters** Moore & Burroughs  
**Sound** Chris Donbrock

### Next Week - January 6

Chayse Moore  
Loren Green  
Ed Lake  
Chris Donbrock  
Paul Meyer  
Jason Moore  
Bill Tunison  
Eileen Luckert & Melissa Chittick  
Donna Hobday  
Mobley & Donbrock  
Paul Dove

### Sunday School

No Classes Today or  
January 6

**ABUNDANT BLESSINGS** Numbers will be reported next Sunday.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Rob Eickmann; Melvin Gallatin; Jackie Harris; Tim Herman; Jake; Ed James; Grace Lindemann; Marialyce; MaryJane; Insa Raymond; Reese; Carol Unroe; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Anne; Lisa Heffelfinger; Mark James; Debbie Jenner; Al Kossow; Doreen Robinson; Vienna.

*Shut-ins:* Carol Heffelfinger; Ed James; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling; Evelyn Yearling.

*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Nickole DeNio; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please have all announcements to the office by 12pm, Wednesdays.*

**No Sunday School Today** Classes will resume January 13.

**Office Closed** The church office will be closed December 24-January 1 for the holidays. If you have an emergency, please call Pastor Aaron 407-925-9025. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**2018 Member Giving Statements** Because of the 2018 change to the standard income tax deductions, the Treasurer is wondering how many of you will need your statements this year. To save on copy costs, IF you would like your statement printed contact: Donna Hobday, Barb Tunison, or the Church Office.

**Christmas Un-Decorating** Sunday, January 6 @ 10:30. We will begin taking down the Christmas decorations, starting with the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. When 2nd service is finished, we will move into the Sanctuary. Please join us, as many hands make light work.

**Cookies!** The 2019 Cookie Schedule is out. Please sign up to bring cookies Sunday mornings to have with our coffee and punch. Remember, you can also recruit a friend or two to help. The 2019 sign up sheet is under the 2018 sheet, on the shelf by the cookies.

**Are you a Snowbird?** Flying the coop for a month or two? If you are leaving for an extended period of time, please inform the office. We worry when we don't see our family members. Safe travels!

**Secure Our Building** When you are leaving, look around to see who else is in the building. If you are the last person, please turn off the lights, lock the doors, and check all 4 outside doors to the parking lot to make sure they are latched. If you are not the last person, but there are just a few left, give a reminder for the last person out to lock and latch the doors. Thank you from your Church Council

## THIS WEEK *at* ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 12/30	9:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Worship
12/24-1/2	Office	Closed for the Holidays
Wednesday 1/2	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Quilting
	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Saturday 1/5	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 1/6	9:00am	Worship - LWML Mites Collected
	10:30am	Undecorating
	11:30am	Worship - LWML Mites Collected