



St. Paul Lutheran Church and Pre-School

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Classes: 9:45 a.m.

The Divine Service Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Celebration

- P** As each Christmas dawns again, God's eye is on us and on the whole world. The joy we share this day in Christ as our dearest friend is a joy God intends for the whole world. Let us, therefore, celebrate the Savior of the world and the Good News of his birth for all of humankind!

Processional Hymn: Joy to the World *LSB 387, verses 1 & 4*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

The Prayer

- P** Eternal Father, You sent your only Son to bear our sins and to be our Savior. Grant Your Church, we pray, Your heart for the world that by our witness to Christ many may come to believe in Him and so have everlasting life. As we celebrate Your Son's arrival as Your promised Sent One, so send us into the world that we may carry the Good News of the Christ Child to the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.



We Tell the Christmas Story in Word and Song

Matthew tells the Story: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice *LSB 386, verses 1 & 2*

Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

Luke tells the Story: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: What Child Is This *LSB 370, verse 1*

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

The Angel tells the Story: Luke 2:9-14

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory *LSB 367, verse 1*

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

Refrain
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.



The Shepherd tells the Story: Luke 2:15-18, 20

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363

Silent Night originally had 6 verses. Today we sing the two verses not traditionally included in our hymnals.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shows to each his great might.
Love descends from heaven above;
Dwells with us in brotherly love,
Hailed by nations afar,
Hailed by nations afar.

Silent night! Holy night!
Grants us grace, from sin's plight;
Stills God's wrath as was foretold
By His prophets in days of old.
Peace, goodwill to all,
Peace, goodwill to all.

John tells the Story: John 1:1-5, 14

Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358, verses 1 & 3

From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

We tell the Story

"Do You See Him?"

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Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

LSB 388, verses 1 & 3

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessèd Christmas morn. Refrain



The Prayers

*Petitions end, "Lord in Your mercy,
Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."*

The Offering

A note about Communion: We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

A Carol Setting for Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

- ☐ Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto you, almighty God, eternal Lord, merciful Father! Long ago, you made us in your image; and though we shattered it, in your mercy you sent your Son to restore your image in us. Having suffered for us and died our death, he lives and reigns at your right hand. And so, with the Church on earth and the Hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

The Sanctus

(Sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be given!
All your glory fills the earth,
And your power fills the heav'ns!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Blessed is the King who came,
Bringing love and light divine!
Blessed is the King who comes
In the bread and in the wine!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**



Words of Institution

Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ ...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



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 Agnus Dei *(Sung to the tune of "Once in David's Royal City")*

**Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
Mercy to your people give.
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
May we in your mercy live.
Lamb of God, we all implore:
Grant us peace forevermore.**

Hymns during Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis *(Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*

**Lord, now in your mercy your servants release
As your Word has promised. Oh, grant us your peace.
Our eyes your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations as prophets foretold.**

**A light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see
The glory of Isr'el, the promised One, He
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Son,
With Father and Spirit, eternally One.**



Post Communion Prayer

- P** Great and saving God, you have gathered your people around gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim as we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

(Sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

- P** The Lord now bless and keep you all
And make His face to shine;
Lift up His face with shining grace
And grant you peace divine.

C **To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
All glory be eternally.
Amen! So be it done!**

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Merry 
Christmas

"St. Paul Lutheran Church nurtures and strengthens the families of our diverse community. This is accomplished as we intentionally share the love and forgiveness of Christ through grace-filled worship, education, outreach, and service."



**THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED
IN...CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Upcoming Youth Events

- Eighth Grade Confirmation Classes begins Weds. Jan. 5 for students and parents
- Wednesday Spirit Night for High School Students kicks-off again January 5 at 7:30 PM
- Middle School Teen Night Laser Tag -January 7
- Eighth Grade Confirmation Retreat - January 28-30
- Middle School Teen Night Lock-In - February 4-5
- Blessing of the Animals - February 13
- Middle School Teen Night- March 4
- Youth Free Car Wash Fundraiser - March 5 from 9:00 AM
- Senior Youth Lock Out- March 11-12
- Middle School Teen Night-Sky Zone -April 8
- Stations of the Cross -Youth Led Good Friday Service -April 15 at Peace Mound Park
- Resurrection Run Youth Fundraiser - April 17; 7:00 AM
- Senior Brunch and Recognition - April 26
- Senior Youth Brunch & Recognition- May 1
- Rite of Confirmation-May 15
- Senior Youth Sky Zone-May 21
- Middle School Teen Night-June 3
- Vacation Bible School 2019 June 13 -17
- Spoke Folk Biking Ministry Summer Tours
- National Youth Gathering -Houston- July 7-15

Adult Groups

- Monday Night Men's Group
- OWL's (Older Wiser Lutherans) Monthly Social Gathering
- Prayer Ministry
- Shawl Ministry
- St. Paul Out and About -Dinner Gathering
- Bible Study 10:00 AM -10:45 AM

Children's Ministries

- Sunday School 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM
- Easter story and Egg Hunt - April 9 at 10 AM
- Vacation Bible School (June 13-17) registration will open in March.

Music Ministries

- Adult Choir
- Bell Choir

New members always welcome!

