



St. Paul
Lutheran
Church

**Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2022
9:00 am**

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #275 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Greeting- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie: pg. 98-99

Hymn of Praise: pg. 101 “This is the Feast”

Prayer of the Day- Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle– Four Candles are lit

The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

The Christ candle is lit.

From Psalm 96 “O sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
“Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples”

“Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
Tremble before him, all the earth”

“Say among the nations, ‘The Lord is King!’
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with his truth”

Hymn: ELW #257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Verses 1-2

Word

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation pg 102

Gospel: John 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People:

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Offering

(We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

Create in Me a Clean Heart— p. 186 (*hymn section*)

Offering Prayer

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.

Sending

Blessing—

Sending Hymn: ELW #298 “The Bells of Christmas”

Dismissal

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Thank you Paul Krull for providing pulpit supply. We appreciate you!

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Carol Brumwell in memory of her parents. We thank her for this ministry gift.

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are out in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours home with you after worship.

If you provided a poinsettia for the church this Christmas you may take yours home with you today.

God's Christmas barnyard– Once again this year we will be collecting funds to fill God's Christmas Barnyard. There is a display in the fellowship hall.



This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

12/25/22	9:00 am	Offering 12/18/22	
Presiding Minister	Paul Krull	General:	\$ 2,400.00
Reader	Jay Van Wert, II	Building:	\$
Organist	Pam DeVries	Radio	\$
Coffee Hour	Church Council	Automated Giving General	\$ 480.00
Greeters	Larry Alquist	Bldg	\$
1/1/23	9:00 am	Total	\$ 2,880.00
Reader	Jay Van Wert, II		
Greeters	Jay and Sally Van Wert		
Coffee Hour	Church Council		

Prayer List:

Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Kathy Brandt, Jan Hinrichs, Arvin Stadlander, Gary and Curtis Askew, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig, Marlys Peterson, Verna Humburg, Jo Coonley, Ron Hintch, Marian Kay Foster-Thomas, Joy Christiansen and the Call Committee Process.

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Sunday 9:00 am

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