

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Elli Bode, Sheyenne Seely, Eileen Kukrall, Nathan Bettmann, Janet Smith, Debbie Caven, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Laurie Steichen-Ingram, Dallas Tschappat, and Courtney Frohling. Brantson Meier – military service.

Welcome new member Cody Voegeli from Oakes, ND.

A Circuit Epiphany worship service will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at St. Paul's at 6:15 pm.

Newsletter: The monthly newsletter is on-line due to paper shortage and cost of copy paper. Go to St. Paul's website, select NEWS and then CHURCH NEWSLETTER. For those who do not have access to a computer, call the church office and a newsletter will be printed for you.

Do you like to visit people? We are looking for volunteers to visit members of the congregation. It would only be about 3-4 hours a month and do not worry about what to say or do. For we will have a short training session at the beginning of next year. So, if you are interested or know of someone would love to have someone visit them contact Pastor Smith and let him know!

Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes. They are on a table in the South Narthex.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now HIRING! We are in need of a person to ride along on the bus from 3-4:15ish on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons to help take kids to their doors. If you are interested and will have a clean background check, please call the preschool at 605-725-1855. Beginning date: January 3rd.

The circuit is invited to a New Year's Day service with Communion at Our Savior in Aberdeen on January 1st at 10:00 am.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Jan. 2, 2022 10:00 AM – This the Life – “*The Other Wiseman*” 10:30 AM – Rev. Bill Heermann, presents the message “A Father’s Love.” This sermon is based on Luke 2:41-52. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Jan. 2, 2022 “*Gospel Power for Personal Patience*” *Speaker:* Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Ushers: If any member is interested in helping usher for 2022, please contact the church office. Also, please return the usher cards to the office.

Offering: Dec. 19, 2021 - \$13,407.00 Missions - \$140.00
Soup and Sandwich - \$85.50

Sunday Attendance – Dec. 12, 2021:

8:00am – 103 Communed – 82
10:45am – 151 Communed - 96
Monday – 26 Communed - 25
Advent: 12:15pm - 39 6:15 pm - 49

Bible Study: 6am – 8 10:45am – 9

Organists: Sunday – Cyrece Kono

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (Dec.26 – Jan. 2)

Sun 9:30 am Worship Service

No Bible Study or Sunday School

Mon 6:15 pm No service

Wed 6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Coffee/donuts and Bible Study

10:45 am Worship Service

5-7pm Circuit Youth at Our Savior

Introit Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

P: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**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.**

P: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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 Reading Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“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.”

³Then 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. . . .

¹¹“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, ¹²you 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. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵For 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.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

P: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,

C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing 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. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When 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 ²³(as it is written in the Law

of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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 ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And 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, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And 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.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town

of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**