

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## *The Second Sunday After Christmas*

Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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Peter J. Hartmann, Pastor

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Piano Prelude**

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"                      Arr. Mark Hayes

**Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **We confess that we are in bondage 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 and 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.**

**P** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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## Opening Hymn

### As With Gladness Men of Old

- 1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming  
bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth  
adore; so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at  
last; where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not  
down; there forever may we sing  
alleluias to our king.

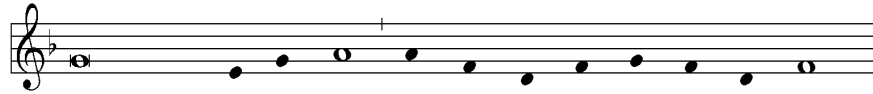
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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## The Gloria



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



♩ 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

## The Prayer of The Day

## **The First Lesson**

## **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." <sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

### **Chancel Choir**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**C** 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.

**P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the first chapter.**

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Sermon Hymn**

**Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

- 1      Rise up, O saints of God!  
         From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
         with nobler zeal might burn.
  
- 2      Speak out, O saints of God!  
         Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
         his word of hope proclaim.
  
- 3      Rise up, O saints of God!  
         His kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
         give justice larger place.
  
- 4      Give heed, O saints of God!  
         Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
         with love the weak sustain.
  
- 5      Commit your hearts to seek  
         the paths which Christ has trod  
and quickened by the Spirit's power,  
         rise up, O saints of God!

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## The Apostles' Creed

- + I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 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, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Benediction

- P** The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face  
Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon  
You with Favor, and Give You Peace.

**C**

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.



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## **The Closing Hymn**

### **Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning**

- 1      Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
         dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
         Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
         guide where our infant redeemer is laid.
  
- 2      Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
         low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
         angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
         maker and monarch and savior of all.
  
- 3      Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,  
         fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,  
         gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
         myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
  
- 4      Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
         vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
         richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
         dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
  
- 5      Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
         dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
         Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
         guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

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## **Organ Postlude**

“Fanfare for The New Year”

Robert J. Powell

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**We Welcome You to  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call.

If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time.

Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Cory, Virginia Huber, Denny Jacobi, Clarke Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Jane McClain, Nancy Merk, Rita Monson, Jodi Ragno, Leonora Reid, Frankie Rivenbark, Ed Robb, Kay Robb, Kay Sellman, Bonnie Sessums, Barbara Tyson, Bart Waller, Melissa Waller, Rachel Warsaw, Simone Wiggins, Wayne Woodside and Stan Woo.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2021 Offerings**  
\$8,000.00

**Received From Current Offerings Christmas Eve  
& Last Sunday, Lessons & Carols**  
\$9,930.00

**Received From St. Paul's Angels Last Week / Total Received**  
\$ 10,000.00 / \$ 38,900.00

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home  
Christmas Eve**

6:30 - 173 8:30 - 71 10:00 - 57 Facebook - 227

**First Sunday After Christmas Lessons & Carols**  
10:00 - 41 Facebook - 78

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**Our Worship Leaders & Staff...**

**Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann  
**Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.  
**Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain  
**Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes  
**“The Epistle” ...** Betsy Martin  
**Facilities Coordinators ...**  
 Rebecca T. McClain & Richard Wolf  
**Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin  
**Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leaders ...**  
 Melissa Flummerfelt & Sarah P. Taito  
**Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Carl Lettow  
**Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ...** Anthony Broadnax  
**Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson  
**Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas  
**Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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**Our Lectors Today**

8:30 11:00

**January Altar Guild**

8:30 Patty Cannady

11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickie Waldhour

**Liturgical Service Cantors**

8:30 Emma Martin 11:00 Scott Leary

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**From The Entire Staff of  
St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...  
Our Blessings for A Safe and Healthy  
New Year...**

**April Reilly, Fran Snipes, Gina Johnson  
Melissa Flummerfelt, Cynthia Thomas  
Anthony Broadnax, Rebecca T. McClain  
Sarah P. Taito, Donald R. Martin, Jr.**

**And**

**The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann**

