

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday in Advent

“The Christmas Panda”

Sunday, December 18, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome & Announcements

Choral Prelude

“Island Harmony Quartet”

Opening Hymn

The First Noel #56

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. ***Refrain***

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. ***Refrain***

4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. ***Refrain***

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. ***Refrain***

The Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Chancel Choir Anthem

"Come To The Stable" By: Garry Cornell Violin, Gabby Fontaine

"The Christmas Panda"

Solo

"O Holy Night" Ella Foose

Pageant Hymn

Silent Night #65

Women of Choir ONLY

1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

SOLO: Emma Martin

2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Congregation

3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

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Shepherds (Men of Congregation)

*"We are the shepherds brave and true,
watch our sheep the whole night through."*

Angels (Women of Congregation)

*"Baby in a manger you got to see,
Leave your sheep for the big city"*

Shepherds (Men of Congregation)

"We are scared, don't know the way."

Angels (Women of Congregation)

"The Star will guide you this Christmas Day"

Pageant Hymn

Away In A Manger #67

Men of Choir ONLY

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

SOLO: Reagan Barnard

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Congregation

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

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Chancel Kazoo Choir

We Three Kings

Solo

"What Child Is This"

Mike Hatfill

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It On the Mountain #70

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*

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.
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Choral Postlude

“Island Harmony Quartet”

“Silent Night” Traditional

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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...

Brett Allen, Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Cory, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Rita Monson, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Charlie Screen, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller and Wayne Woodside.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2022 Offerings
\$8,000.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week
\$4,532.00

Received From Christmas Angels Last Week
\$4,500.00

Total Received in Christmas Angels This Season
\$15,500.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home
8:30 am - 45 11:00 am - 55 Facebook - 99

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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
- Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin
- Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...**
Melissa Flummerfelt
- 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

10:00 am Charlie Schafer & Paine Froistad

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Today We Welcome Back to Our Services...

“Island Harmony Quartet”

*Featuring... Melanie Clearman, Amanda Richards Whitfield,
Becky Tatman & our own Carol Stemsrud.*

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Bulletin Cover - An Original Painting By

Elizabeth Rone...

The Panda Wandered in on Its Own...

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St. Paul's Christmas Angels

*As we approach the End of the Year, I once again am looking for "Angels" to offer an extra \$1,000 Gift above their regular levels of giving to help me close the year in the "positive." However, any gift is accepted and no one will ever know the amount of your additional sacrifice. Thanking you for another Great Year of Blessings! **Donald***



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA

We would like to give all members an opportunity to place a Poinsettia in the church this Christmas in honor and/or in memory of loved ones.

The plants will be ordered through the church at a cost of **\$15.00** each. This price includes tax and delivery.

If you would like to place a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return to the church office no later than **December 19th**.

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

I wish to donate a Poinsettia which will adorn the Chancel for the services of Christmas, to the Glory of God and be:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

(Please list exactly as you would like it shown in the Bulletin and use the back for additional space.)

____ I will pick up my plant after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service or during the following week for my own enjoyment, or I'll take to a neighbor or a shut-in.

**During Advent... We Are Asking You To Build
A Box of Advent Food Offerings As Shown Below
To Help Grow Our Pantry / Food Bank
And Deliver to the Church after Christmas!!!**

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

DECEMBER 18TH - ADVENT 4

ONE 10:00 am Christmas Program Service

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

6:30 & 10:00 pm Services with Holy Communion

Candlelight Service with Choirs, Brass & Organ
No Reservations Necessary

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

ONE 10:00 am Service with Holy Communion

JANUARY 1ST - NEW YEAR'S DAY

ONE 10:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols

