

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3rd, 2021

A Note to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, and we pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 46:1-7

1 Peter 4:12-19

Matthew 2:13-23

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 46:1-7

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

✠ *Church Notes – January 3rd, 2021*

Installation of Officers for 2021

As we have the Installation of Officers for 2021 at St. Paul's this morning, we also want to thank all officers for their service to the congregation this past year, especially those who are concluding their time of service. As we are reminded in the Installation Rite for Congregational Officers today, there is a great responsibility which congregational officers take on and promise to God they will strive to be faithful in. Of course, this is always a serious matter. But this past year, more than most, has obviously presented many challenges and thus required much more concern and attention from our congregational leaders. It is no exaggeration to say that 2020 has been one of the most demanding and trying years to serve in positions of leadership and be decision makers on behalf of others while considering their spiritual and physical wellbeing. As pastor, I would especially like to thank the Board of Elders and Chairmen of both congregations for their faithful and godly service and leadership in

this especially difficult year, with all the extra demands on their time and attention. Particularly, I want to thank Mr. Chris Snider as the Chair of the Board of Elders and Mr. Gary Misselhorn as the Chairman of the Congregation for their leadership this past year as they now conclude their service in those positions and get a much-deserved rest. Thank you to all those who have served the congregation in so many ways this past year and we pray God's Blessings (and hopefully a more normal!) time of service in the year to come.

St. Paul's Congregational Officers for 2021

President:	Dane Patterson (1 st Year)
Vice-President:	Paul Miller (1 st Year)
Secretary:	Kim Kothe (1 st Year)
Treasurer:	Leland Wolters (2 nd Year)
Elders:	Rick Henson (3 rd Year) Lester Kothe (2 nd Year) Neil Schwarz (1 st Year)
Trustees:	Eric Gladson (3 rd Year) Donald Feldmann (2 nd Year) Ron Kothe (1 st Year)
Board of Education:	Shelby Huey (3 rd Year) Dorothy Feldmann (2 nd Year) Liz Knop (1 st Year)
Board of Missions & Evangelism:	Katie Schatte (3 rd Year) Gina Gladson (2 nd Year) Sherry Prange (1 st Year)
Members at Large:	Delbert Prange (3 rd Year) Gary Vallett (2 nd Year) Judy Wolters (1 st Year)

Dedication of the New Organ

With the Dedication and Blessing of the new organ for use in the Lord's House at St. Paul's this morning, we want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who so generously made donations in order to *completely* fund the purchase of this beautiful instrument! We rejoice at this great blessing and pray it will serve to unite the saints in singing and beautify our worship to the glory of God for many years to come! Also, we would like to specifically thank the members of the Organ Committee, Sherry Prange (committee chair), Brad Mueller, Kim Kothe, Neal Schwarz, Heather Smith, and Sharon Snider, for all of their time and efforts. Thank you for a job well done. Your work is greatly appreciated!

Bible Class

We will resume Bible Class this coming Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Bible Study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in St. Paul's Parish Hall. We will be continuing our study of "What the Bible Says about Death and the Christian Funeral."

Jr. Catechesis Classes

Jr. Catechesis classes will resume next Sunday, January 10th. The class is held in St. Paul's Parish Hall at 6:30 pm on Sundays.

