

First Sunday after Christmas

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Welcome to St. Paul Chuckery. Whether you are here for the first time or are a life-long member, we are glad to have you worshipping with us today. The Lord in his great mercy has called us together as a community of believers to have fellowship with him and with one another. We are pleased to share in that fellowship together with you. If there is any way that we can serve you or your family, please feel free to contact any member of our staff. We truly hope that the Lord bless you in His service to you today.

Today

Greeters: Bonnie Thiergartner & Mae Etta Thiergartner

Acolytes: Wyatt Scheiderer & Matt Bouic

Ushers: Ron Burns, Dan Burns, Jerry Burns, & Greg Dellinger

Next Week

Greeters: Anita Thiergartner and Suzanne Toth

Acolytes: Wyatt Scheiderer & Matt Bouic

Ushers: Doug Dellinger, John Dellinger, Ted Dellinger & Bill Dellinger

This Week at St. Paul

Today: 11:30 am Gym/Kitchen/Gathering Room Reserved (Eickhoff)

Monday: 9:00 pm Gathering Room Reserved (A. Scheiderer)

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Choir

Thursday: 8:00 pm Dartball

Saturday: 8:00 am Gym/Kitchen Reserved (Eickhoff)

Next Sunday: 11:30 am Voter's Meeting

Attendance for Dec. 23, 24, & 25th

Worship Attendance 23rd - 132 24th - 143 25th - 53
Sunday School Adults 12 Children 27 Teachers 5

Offering Report for Dec. 19th & 23rd, 2018

	19 th	23 rd
Loose	\$ 29.50	\$ 54.00
Envelopes	\$ 395.00	\$3,945.00
Total	\$ 424.50	\$3999.00

Altar Flowers today are provided by Dave & Kathy Picklesimer

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is immediately after the service next Sunday!

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX TODAY for:

- **January Newsletter**
- **2019 Offering Envelopes**
- **Christmas Greetings**
- **2019 Greeter Schedule**

Thank You to everyone for your gifts to me and my family this Christmas season. Your generosity and kind words in support of music here at St. Paul mean much to me! - Elena Pfeiffer

Sunday School: Today in Sunday School we studied "An Angel Visits Joseph." Just as the angel proclaimed to Joseph that Mary would bear an infant who is the Son of God, the Savior, so God proclaimed to us in His Word that this same Jesus is our Savior from sin and death. *Parents could ask, "What important message did the angel give Joseph? What important message do we hear in God's Word?"*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Luke 2:38 – **"And 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."** Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

Private Confession and Absolution: The practice of Private Confession and Absolution is a practice that was established by Jesus (*If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.* John 20:23) and has been in use in the Church throughout its' history, including our history as Lutherans. (*What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.* [Small Catechism: The Keys]) Pastor is available for private confession at any time during the week by appointment. Please call him at (937) 594-1575.

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
 Your festal banner wave on high,
 The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks,
 and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong
 As ocean's surging praise,
 Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
 The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high,
 Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,
 With all the saints on earth
 Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
 True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still,
 With hymn and chant and song,
 Through gate and porch and columned
 aisle
 The hallowed pathways throng.
 Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore:
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One God forevermore. Refrain

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Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- C** **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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite

LSB 220

C **O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Additional Psalms

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b



¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the cong- | gation.

²Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered,*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just,*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

Sit

389 Let All Together Praise Our God

1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.

2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.

3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.

4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's
love!
No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.

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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.'"

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

LSB 221

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You
The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.
When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.
We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.
Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Sit

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 227

- ☩ Lord, have mercy;**
- Christ, have mercy;**
- Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

- ☩ Our Father who art in heaven,...Amen.**

Collects

- ℣** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- ☩ And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

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.

- ☩ Amen.**

Collect for Grace

- ℣** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- ☩ Amen.**

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228

- ℣** Let us bless the Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God.**

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

C **Amen.**

938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

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| <p>1 In peace and joy I now depart
Since God so wills it.
Serene and confident my heart;
Stillness fills it.
For the Lord has promised me
That death is but a slumber.</p> <p>2 Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom You have made my eyes to see
By Your favor.
Now I know He is my life,
My friend when I am dying.</p> | <p>3 You sent the people of the earth
Their great salvation;
Your invitation summons forth
Ev'ry nation
By Your holy, precious Word,
In ev'ry place resounding.</p> <p>4 Christ is the hope and saving light
Of those in blindness;
He guides and comforts those in night
By His kindness.
For Your people Israel
In Him find joy and glory.</p> |
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Congregation at Prayer

Invocation: In the name of the Father and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Memory: Luke 2:38

"And 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."

Meditation: (*Portals of Prayer / Devotion*)

Daily Readings

Dec. 31 Isaiah 60:1–22 Luke 1:39–56

Jan. 1 Isaiah 61:1–11 Luke 1:57–80

Jan. 2 Isaiah 62:1–12 Luke 2:1–20

Jan. 3 Isaiah 63:1–14 Luke 2:21–40

Jan. 4 Isaiah 63:15—65:2 Luke 2:41–52

Jan. 5 Isaiah 65:8–25 Luke 3:1–20

Jan. 6 Isaiah 66:1–20 Luke 3:21–38

In our Prayers this Week: (on back)

Collect: 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. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction: May the Lord Almighty bless our days ✠ and our deeds in his peace. Amen.

The following is a list of prayer concerns. Please use this as a daily reminder in your Prayer Time.

Members who are ill, recovering or seeking medical treatment: Erin Andrews, Harold Burns, Bob Dellinger, Idella Eickhoff, Sharon Gale, Bill Headings, Linda and Scheiderer, Ann Schmidt, Bonnie Thiergartner, and Jeanie Thiergartner

Shut-ins:

Idella Eickhoff – Heartland	Virginia Greenbaum– Walnut Crossing
Jane Nicol – Gables	Elton Rausch – home
Margia Renner – Edgewater	Helen Scheiderer – Brookdale
Jeanie Thiergartner – Home	Martha Wolff – Brookdale

Public/National Service: Darrell Breneman (Sheriff's deputy), Joshua Dillahunt (police), William Harms (Prison Guard), Nathan Burns (firefighter), and Shane McNae (police), Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Plain City Police Department (pray for their safety).

Miscellaneous: Epiphany Ministries, Loving Care Hospice and Home Health, Grief Share and Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation – Charities in Thailand, Miguel & Rachel Gonzalez Feliciano (Ladies Aid Seminary Student), and New Path Pregnancy Resource Center

Birthdays: 1 – Kenny Boerger; 3 – Colin Toth; 4 – Garrett Dellinger;
5 – Mark Nicol

Anniversaries: None this week