

The Epiphany of Our Lord

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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: Anita Thiergartner and Suzanne Toth

Acolytes: Wyatt Scheiderer & Matt Bouic

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

Next Week

Greeters: Tim & Angie Underhill and John & Martha Wolff

Acolytes: Emma Agner & Abby Underhill

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

This Week at St. Paul

Today: 11:15 am Voter's Meeting

Tuesday: 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study

6:00 pm BOPE

7:00 pm Elders

Wednesday: 6:00 am Men's Augsburg Confession Study

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday: 8:00 pm Dartball

Attendance for Dec. 30th

Worship Attendance 95
Sunday School Adults 11 Children 8 Teachers 4

Offering Report for Dec. 24th, 25th, & 30th, 2018

	24th	25th	30th
Loose	\$423.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 69.00
Envelopes	\$671.00	\$ 525.00	\$3348.00
Gym Rent			\$ 150.00
Total	\$1094.00	\$599.00	\$3567.00

If you didn't check your mailbox last week – do so today!

- **January Newsletter**
- **2019 Offering Envelopes**
- **2018 Giving Report for Taxes**

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

Thank You to the choir for the lovely Christmas tree Nativity and the gift cards. Deaconess Janet Nicol

Thank You to the Ladies Aid for the nice treats at Christmas. George Stump

Thank you to everyone that helped decorate St. Paul for the Christmas season – including the youth that did the outside lighting.

Sunday School: "The Birth of Jesus" as recorded in Luke 2 is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! *As a family discuss the details of Christ's birth. Ask, "How does our sin cause us to fear God like the shepherds did? Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.*

Golden Eagles Meet and Eat will be held Wednesday, **Jan. 16th at 11:15 am at Buckeye Pizzeria**, 707 S. Maple Street, Marysville, OH. Please RSVP to Marjorie Morley at 937-644-4401.

Epiphany – taken from LCMS.org website

Q: I was wondering if you could explain Epiphany to me a little better. Also, when was the Circumcision of the Lord?

A: Epiphany is from a Greek word, meaning to "reveal" or "make manifest." The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of "who" Jesus is: both true God and man. On the Festival of Epiphany, Jan. 6, we hear the reading of the visit of the wise men (Mt. 2:1-12). In that event, these foreigners bowed down in acknowledgement that this infant was indeed the Christ, the Son of God. The Sunday after Epiphany we hear the story of the Baptism of Jesus (Mt. 3:13-17). Here, God the Father confirms that this man standing in the water is His beloved Son. The following Sunday we hear the story of the changing of water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11). Through this event, Jesus revealed his glory and his disciples put their faith in him. According to Jewish law, all males were circumcised on the eighth day--one week after their birth. We don't know the actual birth date of Jesus, so we don't know the day of His circumcision either. But since we have set aside a date for observing His birth, Dec. 25, we then set aside Jan. 1 (eight days later) as the date for the naming and circumcision of Jesus (Luke 2:21). The significance of this day is that our Savior began His long ministry of submitting Himself to the Law in our place. Also, this was the first shedding of His blood, and points, in a small way, to the ultimate shedding of His blood on the cross.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Luke 2:21 – “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord saves. That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.

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.

Issues, Etc.

What is it? Christ-centered/Cross-focused Lutheran Talk Radio

Door offering after the worship service.

- Check made out to St. Paul Church
- Cash

When: Sunday, January 13th

Goal: \$1,000



*Ken Schurb (Stewardship Sunday) guest speaker at St. Paul is a frequent guest and contributor on this program.

412 The People That in Darkness Sat

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| 1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been. | 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored. |
| 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home. | 5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end. |
| 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n. | △ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one. |

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Stand

Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is truth.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**☐ 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.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

**☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
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.
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Psalm

Psalm 72:1–15

¹Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!
²May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!
³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!
⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!
⁵May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

⁶May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!
⁷In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!
⁸May he have dominion from | sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!
⁹May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him*
and his enemies | lick the dust!
¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!
¹¹May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!
¹²For he delivers the needy | when he calls,*
the poor and him who has no | helper.
¹³He has pity on the weak and the | needy,*
and saves the lives of the | needy.
¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their life,*
and precious is their blood | in his sight.
¹⁵Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be giv- | en to him!*May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him | all the day!

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

L A reading from Isaiah, the sixtieth chapter.

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me
for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written
briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now
been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the
Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in
Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was
given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the
saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in
God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This
was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in
whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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.**

Stand

Ten Commandments

- ☪ You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- ☪ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and
light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light
divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth's deep sadness
May perplex us
And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through You has
reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Installation of Servants of the Congregation

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

L O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

- C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

400 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 thine 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 and 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 thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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Congregation at Prayer

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

Memory: Romans 7:18

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Meditation: (*Portals of Prayer / Devotion*)

Daily Readings

Jan. 7 Ezekiel 1:1–14, 22–28	Romans 1:1–17
Jan. 8 Ezekiel 2:1—3:11	Romans 1:18–32
Jan. 9 Ezekiel 3:12–28	Romans 2:1–16
Jan. 10 Ezekiel 18:1–4, 19–32	Romans 2:17–29
Jan. 11 Ezekiel 33:1–20	Romans 3:1–18
Jan. 12 Ezekiel 34:1–24	Romans 3:19–31
Jan. 13 Ezekiel 36:13–28	Romans 4:1–25

In our Prayers this Week: (on back)

Collect: O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same 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: 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
Bob Dellinger – Bluebird	

Bereaved: The families of Erin Andrews and Diane Duncan (Dawn Boergers’s mother)

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: 8 – Rachel Taylor; 9 – Tony George; 10 – Sonya Cross; 11 – Austin Burns; 12- Danielle Burns

Anniversaries: 8 – Jerry & Mary Carpenter