

The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of Our Lord

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Welcome to St. Paul Chuckery. 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.

Attendance

Sunday Worship - 98

Sunday Schools Adults - 19 Children - 17 Teachers – 3

Today

Greeters Ted & Susan Dellinger and Bill & Mandy Dellinger

Acolytes: Krisitin Dellinger and Victoria Easterday

Ushers: John Eickhoff, Tony George, Derik Heiss, & Mat Johnson

Next Week

Greeters: Mark & Sue Ann Dillahunt and John & Susan Eickhoff

Acolytes: Krisitin Dellinger and Victoria Easterday

Ushers: John Eickhoff, Tony George, Derik Heiss, & Mat Johnson

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Loose \$ 56.40

Envelopes \$ 3005.00

Total \$ 3061.40

This Week at St. Paul:

Tuesday: 8:30 am Ladies Bible Study on Job

7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00 am Men's Confessional Study

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday: 8:00 pm Dartball

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Confirmation Class

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

4:00 pm Double H 4-H meeting (Gym)

Altar Flowers today are in given by the Underhill family in memory of Emerson Boerger.

Attendance Cards: Please fill out your attendance cards (even if it is just date and name).

Pre-School Registration is now open. Forms are on the Narthex table. Contact Belinda Allen with any questions at Belinda.allen@stpaulchuckery.church.

Epiphany Visits: Please sign up to welcome Pastor to come visit you at your home during the season of Epiphany. There is a signup sheet on the Narthex table.

Invitation to join the Prayer TEAM and Adult Bible Class: Please join us in the Gathering Room every Sunday morning as we pray for our Country, Community, Church and for each other. We begin **promptly at 8:45 am** for prayer, and Adult Bible Class is at 9:00 am. We look forward to seeing you. John Eickhoff

How to Reserve Chairs & Tables: If you want to borrow the tables and chairs from the barn, please email or contact Sue Ann, Church Secretary. She will put it on the calendar in the church office.

Golden Eagles Euchre: They are now playing cards every Wednesday at 1:00 pm at the Heritage House. Feel free to join us.

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone at St. Paul Chuckery who has offered their prayers, cards, donations, and loving words of sympathy to Suzanne Toth and the Donald Groscop family in the recent, sudden death of Suzanne's dear mother, Barbara Groscop. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time. We feel blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring congregation.

Der Dutchmen Fundraiser for St. John's 7th & 8th grade class: The 7th and 8th graders at St John's will be hosting a fundraiser at Der Dutchman on 2/18 5-8 PM. Proceeds go to fund their Washington DC trip in April. Come on out and let them serve you! (The buffet is strongly encouraged so the kids aren't carrying plates of food around.)

It's Heart Healthy Time: On Friday, **February 21st, at 2:00pm**, your **Golden Eagles will welcome Dr. Michael Donnally**, Memorial Hospital Cardiologist who will share information on heart and vascular disease, treatment options, and prevention. Following a short lecture, Dr. Donnally will answer questions and share his knowledge with the group. Refreshments and "goodies" will be provided. It's almost Valentine's Day.....take care of your SWEET.....HEART! See you on the 21st at the Heritage House!

The Tulips will be Blooming Soon...Golden Eagles on the Road again: Already the planning is beginning on an **excursion to Holland, Michigan** in May to enjoy the Annual Tulip Festival. We've invited Reynolds Travels to put together a travel package to include time at the Festival, several shows, exhibits, and dinners... AND an opportunity to visit Sharon and Pastor Hackett, who now reside in Holland. A bonus to the trip is that Pastor Hackett will be serving as interim pastor at Zion Lutheran in Holland the Sunday that we will be visiting. **Tentative dates May 7-10, 2020.** More to follow.

"I have no problem going back to prison!" I will be participating in another Epiphany Ministry weekend in February and again in March. I will be going to Pickaway Correctional Institute in Orient to spend time with men inmates, ages 18-25. Then in March, I will be going to Corrections Receiving Center in Orient to spend time with male juveniles ages 15-17 who have been tried as adults. At each location we will sing, have Bible studies and discussions with these young people, and share God with them. Many of them had not heard about God's love and forgiveness before they were incarcerated. This will be the first time Epiphany Ministries has been inside PCI, so special prayers are needed for that weekend. We are asking for your help during both of these times. Please pray for our teams of volunteers, before and during the weekends of February 7-9 and March 20-22. If you would like a "Prayer Guide" to give you an idea of what we do each day of the weekend and guide you in how you can pray for all of us, please let me know. Also, we will be putting together a prayer chain again to show the inmates that many people are praying for them. Please put your name (first name only) on one of the colored lined papers on the table in the narthex to indicate your willingness to pray for us, for the men at PCI, and the young men at CRC. These strips will be put together to form a chain which will be strung around our meeting room. The inmates will be amazed by this "prayer chain." If you leave church and forget to put your name, you can also include your name on my Facebook post or call/text me to be included. In the past, we have had as many as 4200 links, so let's try to beat that number! Thank you for your prayer support! Martha Wolff

2020 Making the Case Conference: This will again be held at Concordia University Chicago on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. Featured speakers this year include Mark and Mollie Hemingway, Rev. Hans Fiene, Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, Dr. Robert George, Dr. Albert Mohler and Rev. William Weedon. The early bird cost to attend is \$135 (After April 1 this will increase to \$150). If you are interested, log in to IssuesEtc.org for more information. This is a VERY worthwhile conference!

Memory:

Ninth Commandment—You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Tenth Commandment—You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Luke 2:24 – “... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’ ” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification is either a lamb or this pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us, and, of course, Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion but His all.

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.

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
 Upon life's way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me
 From day to day.
 Without Your grace and favor
 I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior,
 And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
 I need not fear,
 For You, the Rock of Ages,
 Are always near.
 Close by Your side abiding,
 I fear no foe,
 For when Your hand is guiding,
 In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
 And night has come,
 I know that You will strengthen
 My steps toward home.
 Then nothing can impede me,
 O blessed Friend;
 So take my hand and lead me
 Unto the end.

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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.**

- 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.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

- C 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.

Sit

¹How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts | of the LORD;***
**my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the | living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King | and my God.

⁴**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!**

⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

⁶**As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a | place of springs;***
the early rain also covers | it with pools.

⁷They go from | strength to strength;*
each one appears before God in | Zion.

⁸**O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;***
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

¹⁰**For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand | elsewhere.***

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- | rightly.

¹²**O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!**

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:21–28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."

And he worshiped the LORD there.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:14–18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–32

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.”

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

C 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

**C 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

519 In His Temple Now Behold Him

1 In His temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,
God has now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.

2 In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie
While His aged saints adore Him
Ere in perfect faith they die.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

3 Jesus, by Your presentation,
When they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation,
Seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

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Sermon
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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 Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through 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 T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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Congregation at Prayer

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

Prayer: Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth. Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Meditation: (*Portals of Prayer / Devotion*)

Daily Readings

Feb. 3 Zechariah 14:1–21	Titus 2:7—3:15
Feb. 4 Job 1:1–22	John 1:1–18
Feb. 5 Job 2:1—3:10	John 1:19–34
Feb. 6 Job 3:11–26	John 1:35–51
Feb. 7 Job 4:1–21	John 2:1–12
Feb. 8 Job 5:1–27	John 2:13–25
Feb. 9 Job 6:1–13	John 3:1–21

In our Prayers this Week: (on back)

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; 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: Kris Bosley, Ann Burns, Kristin Dellinger, Sharon Gale, Bonnie & Jeanie Thiergartner, Barbara Barnhart (Kylene Harms' mother), and Belinda Fonner (St. John's parent)

Shut-Ins

Home: Marjorie Loschky, Elton Rausch, & Jeanie Thiergartner

Bluebird: Bob Dellinger

Brookdale: Helen Scheiderer & Martha Wolff

Edgewater: Margia Renner

Gables: Jane Nicol

Walnut Crossing: Viola Burns & Virginia Greenbaum

Public/National Service: Public/National Service: Seth Rengert, Matthew Roth, Darrell Breneman, William Harms, Nathan Burns, Shane McNae, Joshua Dillahunt, David Gerholdt, MacKenzie Roop, Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Plain City Police Department.

Miscellaneous: POBLO Mission, Epiphany Ministries, Loving Care Hospice & Home Health, CWEFT (Thailand Mission), Miguel & Rachel Gonzalez Feliciano (Ladies Aid Seminary Student), and New Path Pregnancy Resource Center

Birthdays: 2 – Cybil Williams, Jim Andrews, Josh Burns, & Kristy Bosley, 3 – Lyndy Agner; 4 – Darrell Breneman; 5 – Jeanne Wright; 8 – Andy Agner

Anniversaries: 2 – Richard & Rhonda Lehman; 4 – **Bill & Mary Headings**