



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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January 3, 2021

2nd Sunday after Christmas

PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; O Lord, we pray, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by His birth in all times of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, and our precious Savior. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 95:1-5 Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh – Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

3. Wondrous birth! O Wondrous Child Of the Virgin undefiled!
Tho' by all the world disowned, Still to be in heav'n enthroned.

4. From the Father forth He came and returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell – High the song of triumph swell!

5. Thou, the Father's only Son, Hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 5:2-5

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting.”

³Therefore He shall give them up,
Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren
Shall return to the children of Israel.

⁴And He shall stand and feed *His flock*
In the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;

And they shall abide,
For now He shall be great
To the ends of the earth; (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 2:10-18

For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹² saying:

“I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.”

¹³ And again:

“I will put My trust in Him.”

And again:

“Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”

¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

¹⁶ For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 98:1-3 Of the Father’s Love Begotten

1. Of the Father’s Love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessed When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

3. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

THE SERMON: John 1:1-5,14

Theme: The Word Became Flesh

- I. Identifying the Word
- II. Illuminating a Dark World
- III. Revealing the Grace of God

SERMON TEXT: John 1:1-5,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 96: Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

1. Oh rejoice, ye Christians, loudly, for our joy hath now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done. Tell abroad His goodness proudly
Who our race hath honored thus That He deigns to dwell with us.
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining For the Sun of Grace is shining!

2. See, my soul, Thy Savior chooses Weakness here and poverty;
In such love He comes to thee Nor the hardest couch refuses;
All He suffers for thy good, to redeem thee by His blood.
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining For the Sun of Grace is shining!

3. Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly? I acknowledge that by Thee
I am saved eternally. Let me not forget it lightly,
But to Thee at all times cleave And my heart true peace receive.
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining For the Sun of Grace is shining!

4. Jesus, guard and guide Thy members, Fill Thy brethren with Thy grace,
Hear their prayers in every place. Quicken now life's faintest embers;
Grant all Christians, far and near, Holy peace, a glad New Year!
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining For the Sun of Grace is shining!

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 97:1,4 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

¹ Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.

⁴ O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. Bible Class is scheduled to follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism resumes via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Bible class is scheduled to follow the service. Next Sunday's sermon text: Isaiah 60:1-6.

SUNDAY JANUARY 17: Church council meeting follows the service.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: Annual Voters meeting will follow the service.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Dec. 27 worship – 16

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$ 2,359.60	Missions	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$63,750.00	Memorial; Joyce Lerum	\$200.00
Received for Year:	\$59,688,60		

January 2021 Church Cleaning – Ubl

NEW ILC TOUR CHOIR CD: The CD “Worthy Is the Lamb” is \$12.00 for one, or \$20 for two. Payment should be placed in the envelope pinned to the bulletin board. (There is one remaining at church but more may be ordered.)