

The Nativity of Our Lord



*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

25 December Anno † Domini 2022

9:30 a.m.

[This Morning's Hymns](#)

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made Heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O Most Merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6



*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is | given;**
and the government shall be upon His | shoulder,
and His Name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done mar- | velous things!*
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

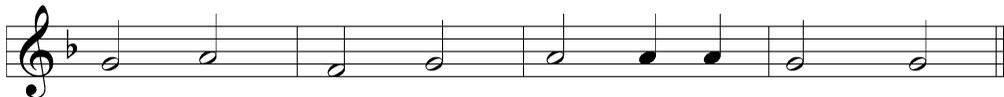
*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is | given;**

and the government shall be upon His | shoulder,
and His Name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



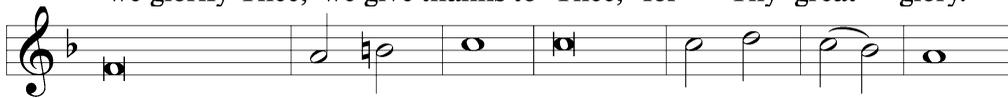
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



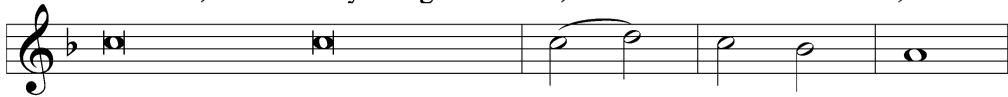
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



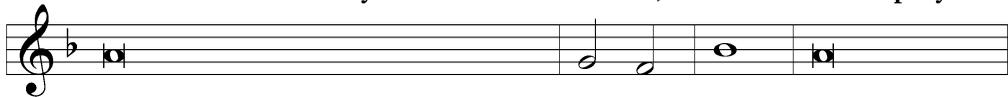
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



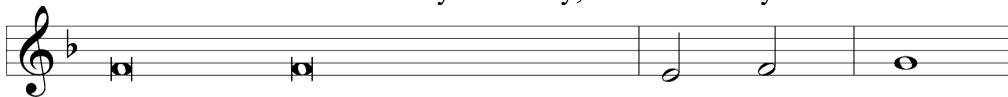
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

Gradual

Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23



Blessèd is He who comes in the Name | of the LORD!*

The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine up- | on us.

This is the LORD's | doing:*

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–12

Brethren: ¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the Heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the Word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the Name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are My Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”? ⁶And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “Let all God’s angels worship Him.” ⁷Of the angels He says, “He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions.” ¹⁰And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe You will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Liturgical Text



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

A holy day has dawned up- | on us.*

Come, all you nations, and wor- | ship the Lord.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

☐ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In 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 was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose ⁷name was John. ⁸He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁹He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

¹⁰The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹¹He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹²He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹³But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹⁴who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁵And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven *and was*

*incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is *worshipped and glorified*, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.*

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

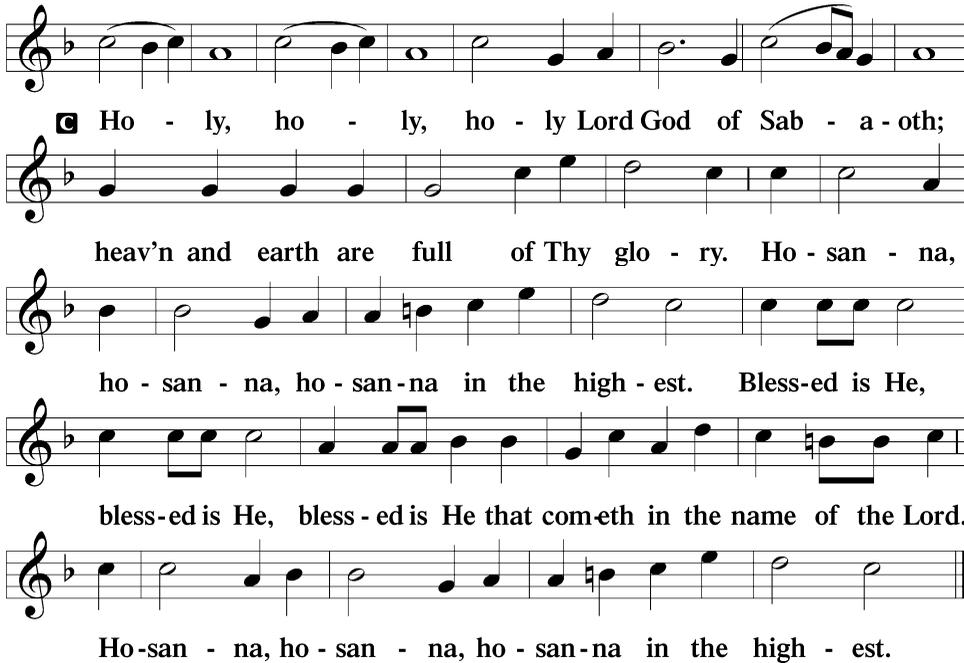


C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

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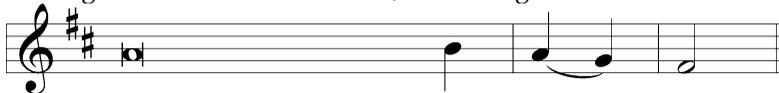
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

Joy to the World

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, December 25	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
Monday, December 26		Church Office Closed	
Saturday, December 31	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Service	Atonement LC

BIRTHDAYS

12/26 – Cymantha Makeley-Ashby

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

12/31 – Arbutus Wood

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

A special Voters' Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following the Divine Service. Up for discussion is the consent and approval of the extension of the current sublease between Great Hearts/Maryvale Preparatory Academy and Lexington Life Academy, as well as a 3rd amendment to the original lease between St. Paul Lutheran Church and Great Hearts/Maryvale Preparatory Academy. No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class that day.

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Confirmation Class and Wednesday Bible Study will not be held December 21 or 28. Both will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaulslutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Charlie Cook – At home recovering from covid and pneumonia.

Debbie Dyjak – Seeking employment in UAE and medical insurance to cover eye injections.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Cymantha Makeley – suffering from spinal injuries

Christopher Richards – ongoing health issues

Vi Redner – complication resulting from stroke

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Michael Moreno – recovering from surgery

Kevin Stamm – suffering from back pain

Jon Brant – health problems

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

Dennis Stonecypher – medical reasons

Barbara Sand – diagnosed with MDS

Suzanne Berna – on dialysis

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Rose Tressler – health issues

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Doc Dalbey – dealing with back pain

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Maija Alise Jensen (great-grandniece of Marci Brekken) born prematurely, on oxygen and feeding tube.

Barbara Peterson (niece of Mary Howard) diagnosed with rare disease and currently in ICU on ventilator with double viral pneumonia and sepsis.

Travis Loeslie (classmate of Pastor Proctor) diagnosed with Huntington’s Disease.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing chemotherapy.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family of friends of **Don Ball** (brother of Joyce Larson) died 12/16/2022.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. **Deborah Dyjak** serving in Abu Dhabi.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala. **PSWD Missions**

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor, his wife, Joan, and children, Christian, Olivia (Joseph), Nigel, Fiona & Siwan

Sunday School teachers & children

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

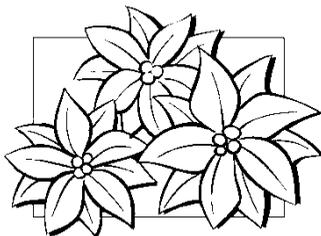
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Julian Perez, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak**

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith, Arbutus Wood



Merry Christmas!

The poinsettias in our Sanctuary
are gifts from our members and friends.

Dedicated:

To the Glory to God!	The Ahrens (2)
In memory of Catherine Irmer	
In memory of John Ahrens	
In memory of Otilia Wartell	The Armstrongs (1)
To the Glory of God	Vickie Hulteen (1)
In celebration of Kaitlyn, Vivian, & Tristen Tressler	Chris & Katrina Tressler (6)
In memory of Mike Tressler and John Winger	
In memory of Tom & Till Chambers	The Armstrongs (1)
In memory of John & Esther Armstrong	
In memory of Leona	Doc Dalbey (1)
In memory of Dolores	
In memory of loved ones now passed	Mary Howard (1)
In celebration of our grandchildren	Paul & Jeanne Schubring (1)