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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

January 2, 2022

Second Sunday After Christmas

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School-Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline
8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30 PM WDS
7:30 PM LYF Meeting @ Trinity

THUR. 1:30 PM Ladies Aid-Hostess Linda Doehring

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School
11-1 PM LYF Soup Luncheon @ Trinity

December 26 8:30: 125 Year Ago: 113 Sunday School:41
Christmas Eve 193 Year Ago: 158
Christmas Day 116 Year Ago: 66

Welcome As the shepherds and magi worshiped the Word-made-flesh, we too gather to worship the Lord. Welcome, one and all! *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook*

Officer Installation The installation of the newly elected officers for 2022 will be this morning during the church service.

Thank You Thank you to all the children, teachers and volunteers who helped with the Christmas Eve program. Special thanks to co-directors Alicia Kessler and Mary Tabbert and helpers Susie Allen, Dee Dee Batson, Courtney Wittenberg and Rachel Kessler. Thank you to Gary Wirth and Mike Pfeiffer for their assistance with the sound system and setup. Thank you to the Board of Education for supplying the sacks of candy for the children and to all who helped put the social hall back together after the service. Thank you to Mariah and Jesse Williams for printing the t-shirts for the children and to Dianna Spannagel, Dawn Schlechte, Doreen Whybrew, Dee Dee Batson, Roger Kull and Karen Kull for helping wrap the shirts. God's blessings to all!

Thank You Thank you everyone for your cards, gifts, and prayers. We are truly blessed. Pastor & Doreen

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
December 25&26	\$ 3,436.00	\$4,607.00	\$ 1171.00
year-to-date	\$ 177,432.00	\$192,823.98	\$ 10,784.98
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
December 25&26	\$ 423.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -243.00
year-to-date	\$22,000.00	\$22,970.00	\$ 970.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$10,345.00
Building \$250 Trinity \$100 Bell Tower \$50 Seminary \$345 Sunday School \$45			
Choir \$50 LYF \$200 Hayden Rensner \$100			

December 24 \$2,076.00
December 25 \$1,761.00
December 26 \$4,166.00

- 1/11 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Council Meeting
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 1/12 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30 PM WDS
- 1/13 8:30 AM Blanket Making

2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. Since your offering box number will most likely change for 2022 please do not begin using them until January 2022 to ensure that your contribution is recorded correctly.

Mites Today is Mites Sunday.

LYF Soup Luncheon The Joint LYF of Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The youth will begin serving homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dine-in and To-go available! Proceeds from your freewill donations will go toward local youth group activities and trips. We appreciate your support and hope to see you after church on the 9th!

Council Meeting The council meeting will be January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Voter's Meeting The voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th after church.

Thank You Dennis and I would like to thank our neighbors, friends, and family for all the acts of kindness shown to us after the tornado, on Dec. 10th. The many calls, texts, cards, prayers, food, and especially the cleanup crew, for three days, is greatly appreciated. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Whybrew for his text and prayers. The Lord was watching over us, and we are truly blessed and thankful.
Dennis & Kenna Wirth

Thank You Thank you to the Trustees for the Christmas gift. Neva Hagan

Thank You Thank you to all the members that brought me so many goodies during Christmas, and a big thanks to the Trustees for the Christmas gift. Sue Bowers



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Brendon & Renea* Bowers
- 6 - Richard & Catherine Stremming
- 7- Tim & Delreen Lenz

BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Tim Lenz
- 4- Anna Schlechte; Lisa Shelton
- 6- Tim Beals
- 7- Imogene Lading; Whitney Schlechte; James* Hortenstine
- 8- George Glasscock

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Brian Kessler, Roger & Wanda Kessler, Toby & Melba Rose Kircher, Brittany & Drew Kirkley, Kevin & Chris Kramer, Kim & Brad Storm, Kurt Storm, Melba Storm, Ryan Storm, Brad & Kim Stremming

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

HEALING

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| Glen Spannagel | Jackie Stodden |
| Diane Paraiso | Melba Storm |
| Anna Schlechte | Ken Hagan |
| Mary Rincker | Carolyn Stremming |
| Joe Oakley | Wayne Wirth |
| Nick Hanfland | |

LIMITED MOBILITY

- Noma Huddleston - Lakeland Healthcare Center
- Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
- Bill Orr
- Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
- Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
- Doris Stremming – Villas of Holly Brook

FRIENDS & FAMILY (non-members)

- Ottillie Whybrew (Pastor mother Covid)
- Larry Whybrew (Pastor father Covid)
- Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-cancer)
- Geoff Kowalczyk (Jesse Wallin's cousin)
- Tammy Gebben (cancer-friend of Scott & Lori Pieper)
- Christie Dust (Howard & Kay Dust daughter in-law)
- Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
- Gloria Fortkamp
- Erica Stollard (cancer)
- Matt Durbin
- Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley' daughter)
- Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)
- Karl Zalman (cancer)
- Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother, health)
- Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)
- Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading's gson.)

Second Sunday after Christmas – January 2, 2022
Liturgy – Setting One

Hymn of Invocation We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth LSB 382

- 1 We praise You, Jesus, at Your birth; Clothed in flesh You came to earth.
The virgin bears a sinless boy And all the angels sing for joy.
Alleluia!
- 2 Now in the manger we may see God's Son from eternity,
The gift from God's eternal throne Here clothed in our poor flesh and bone.
Alleluia!
- 3 The virgin Mary's lullaby Calms the infant Lord Most High.
Upon her lap content is He Who keeps the earth and sky and sea.
Alleluia!
- 4 The Light Eternal, breaking through, Made the world to gleam anew;
His beams have pierced the core of night, He makes us children of the light.
Alleluia!
- 5 The very Son of God sublime Entered into earthly time
To lead us from this world of cares To heaven's courts as blessed heirs.
Alleluia!
- 6 In poverty He came to earth Showing mercy by His birth;
He makes us rich in heav'nly ways As we, like angels, sing His praise.
Alleluia!
- 7 All this for us our God has done Granting love through His own Son.
Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice And sing His praise with endless voice.
Alleluia!

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

C **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

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

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

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

Children's Message- Children up to and including Grade 6 are encouraged to come forward.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

- C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is Read

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

- 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 blessèd, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.
- 4 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.
- D 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen. Text: Public domain

Sermon Ephesians 1:3-14 "The Purpose of His Will"

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 T
everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

LSB 390

- 1 Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
- 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.
- 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.

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