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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**January 7, 2024**

**The Baptism Of Our Lord**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
	10:30 AM	Christmas decoration clean-up
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM	<b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	2:30 PM	Social Hall Communion
	6:30-7:30PM	WDS
THURS.	8:30 AM	Blanket making
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	11-12:30PM	LYF Soup luncheon @ Trinity

**Dec 31 8:30: N/A Year Ago: Sunday School: 40**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship, dear family of God. As we celebrate the Epiphany [*and/or* the Baptism of Our Lord], may God enlighten us all. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Book giveaway on January 21**

**National Sanctity of Human Life Day** is an observance declared by several United States Presidents who opposed abortion typically proclaimed on or near the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade. Sanctity of Life Sunday in 2024 will be observed on January 21 in LCMS churches. St. Paul's Education team will be giving away a book that day entitled "Alive Before You Were Born, God's Gift of Life." This simple-concept illustrated children's book, published by Concordia Publishing House, teaches about the living relationship between God and the child, from the child's very conception. The book helps adults lay a foundation for belief in the sanctity of life, reinforcing a biblical truth that will stay with children and guide their lives as adults. Stop by the table in the Narthex on January 21 to pick up a free copy.

**Lutheran Witness** The January edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Dec 31	\$ 3,578.00	\$9,073.89	\$ 5,495.99
year-to-date	\$ 186,236.00	\$199,248.05	\$13,012.05
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Dec 31	\$ 481.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -81.00
year-to-date	\$ 25,012.00	\$27,854.50	\$2,842.50
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$11,125.00
Building \$510 Sem. Student \$660 Trinity \$125 Cemetery \$200			
Ladies Aid \$400 Sunday School \$200 Choir \$200			

**Dec 31 \$11,390.89 (AM)**  
**Dec 31 \$ 378.00 (PM)**

01/16 9:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
01/17 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30-7:30 WDS  
01/18 1:00 AM St. Paul's Cemetery Association meeting

**2024 Offering Envelopes** The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex. You can start using your envelopes Sunday, January 7, 2024.

**Mites Sunday** Today is Mites Sunday.

**Thank you** The children from St. Paul's told the story of Jesus' birth during the Christmas Eve Service with a play, "**From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**" by **way of the Christmas Magic Train**, written by Susie Allen and Dee Dee Batson who paid tribute to Martin Luther, author of the beloved Christmas hymn. We wish to thank Susie, Dee Dee and everyone who assisted with the program, especially music director Sheryl Vonderheide, Autumn McCormick who led the Pre-K children, program assistants Jennifer Stodden, Bianca Nichols, Kim Storm and Troy Uphoff. Also thanks to Roger Kull for building the train crossing for the play, Gary Wirth and Mike Pfeiffer for their technical expertise, Sue Bowers, Neva Hagan, Samantha Hayes, Dalton Storm and Gary and Karen Kull for their assistance. Thanks to our organist, Muriel Merriman, to Marvail Allen who organized the pre-service music and to all who used their talents to perform. Thank you to all who helped with the set up and tear down. Thank you to Pastor Whybrew for overseeing the program and to all who attended. We pray that you were blessed by the service.

**It's a Most Wonderful Time of the Year** to join our adult choir! New choir members are welcome at any time, but now is a great time to jump in! The choir schedule is a little lighter so there is more time at rehearsals to go over individual parts. Come join us as we sing God's Praises!

**Annual Report** All treasurers of church organizations, please have your end of year report to the church secretary by January 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

7- Tim & Delreen Lenz  
9- Ron & Carolyn Boldt  
10-George & Debra Glasscock;  
Theron\* & Linda Newell  
12- Mac & Lois Ogle  
13-Matthew\* & Ellen McCoy

### **BIRTHDAYS**

7-Imogene Lading;  
Whitney Furr;  
James\* Hortenstine  
8-George Glasscock  
10-Rose Schlechte;  
Ryan Sporleder; Luke Daniels  
11-Chris Ashmore

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Randy Stremming, Richard & Cathy Stremming, Robert Stremming, Sharon Stremming, Shirley Stremming, Doris & Augie Supan, Margaret Swank, Chris & Karla Tabbert, Joshua Tabbert, Mary Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, Shalyn & Jacob Tabbert,

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

Dianna Gibson	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Margaret Swank

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Melvina Lading-StoneBridge  
Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge  
Robert Stremming  
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland  
Healthcare Center  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care  
Center  
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living  
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook  
Effingham

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY (non-members)**

Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's  
daughter) (Primary Progressive  
Multiple Sclerosis)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)

### **Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23**

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## The Baptism of Our Lord - Setting Three

### Hymn of Invocation

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

### **Kyrie**

LSB 186

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

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

C **Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1–5

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

## The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

## 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.**

## **Children’s Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father’s will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound Came God’s own voice with words  
profound:  
“This is My Son,” was His decree, “The one I love, who pleases Me.”
- 5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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**Sermon** Romans 6:1-11 “Dead and Alive”

### **Offertory**

LSB 192

- C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.***

## **Prayer of the Church**

P Heavenly Father, You revealed Your Son in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, bless all places where Your people teach and learn. Guide teachers and students, that together we would marvel at Your creation and appreciate the depth of Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, grant that all those baptized into Christ would receive the boldness of Your servant John to lead faithful and pure lives in this world, ever mindful of our promised heavenly inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need. Watch over all expectant mothers and their children, that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, in Holy Baptism You have opened the heavens to Your children. Grant that all those baptized into Your Son would worthily receive the heavenly feast of His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**



P Eternal God, You have made us Your own people by Baptism and granted us Your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in word and deed. We remember with thanksgiving those who went before us, who passed the faith on to us and who now rest in Christ from all their labors. Since we have died with Christ through Baptism, grant that we would be raised with Him also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, as Your Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep, You uttered Your Word and the world was created. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have spoken our names and declared us righteous. You have drawn us to Jesus, the light of life, and saved us. Let His light now shine through us, that others may see our good works and give glory to You; 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

### Benediction

LSB 202

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

- 1 All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
  
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

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Next Week's Readings – 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

This Week's Memory Verse – Romans 6:11 "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

**Acknowledgments**

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