

The Epiphany of our Lord



“...and they fell down and worshiped him.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts,

gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11b

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

2 January A+D 2022

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. Visitors, please sign our our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered on every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

The Adoration of the Magi

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "thirteenth day" of Christmas (officially January 6th), and yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6).

Service Notes: The Gloria Dei Choir is singing for both services. Ashley Mohling will play flute. Miles Wurdeman will provide Distribution music at 8:00 a.m., and Sophie Roth will provide Distribution music at 10:45 a.m.

Opening Prayer: O God, as we gather before Your throne bless our worship with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing and receiving Your Sacrament, may our faith be strengthened and our lives be inspired to faithful service to You. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.



✠ Divine Service ✠

Setting One

Prelude: Partita on WIE SCHON LEUCHTET (LSB # 395: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright".....Michael Burkhardt

During the singing of the first hymn please stand for the procession of the cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

Opening Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB #395 (Choir vs. 4)



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning for the day of Your returning!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

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 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit (*congregation chants bold*) *Ps. 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

**Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!**

May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit



Old Testament Lesson ~ *Isaiah 60:1-6*

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A

multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: (Choir) *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*.....LSB # 397 Setting by Jacob B. Weber

The Epistle Lesson ~ *Ephesians 3:1-12*

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Procession: “O Savior of Our Fallen Race”.....LSB #403 vs. 1-4

403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race



1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness
 2 O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light, Our con - stant
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to
 4 To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the

of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared
 star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers
 save our fall - en race, You put our hu -
 world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth

the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew
 Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this
 man ves - ture on And came to us as
 out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from

day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mar - y's son, Al - le - lu - ia!
 You a - lone, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd chapter.

Cong: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**



Matthew 2:1–12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then,

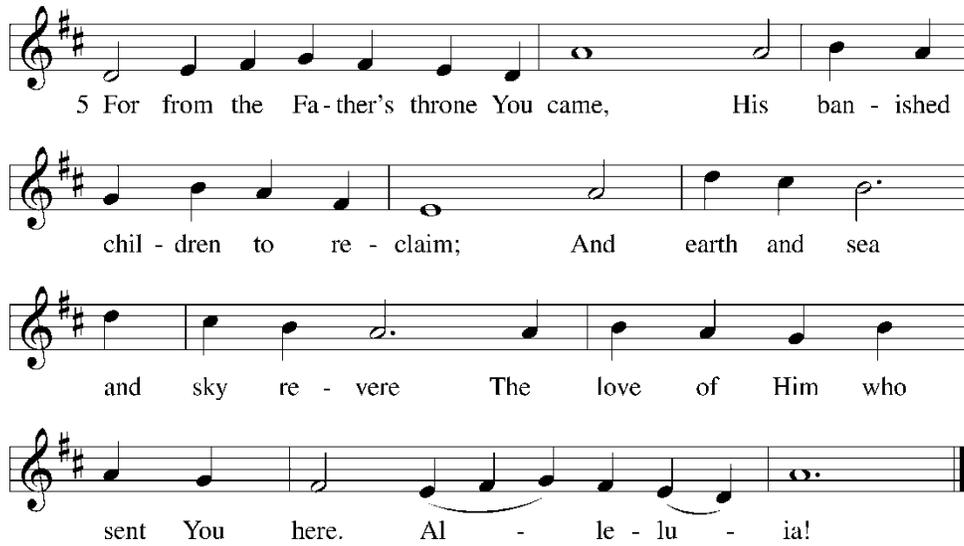
opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Gospel Recession: “O Savior of Our Fallen Race”.....LSB #403 vs. 5-7

403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race



5 For from the Fa-ther's throne You came, His ban - ished
chil - dren to re - claim; And earth and sea
and sky re - vere The love of Him who
sent You here. Al - le - lu - ia!

6 And we are jubilant today,
For You have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing
On this, the birthday of our King!
Alleluia!

7 O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.
Alleluia!

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Sit

Hymn: 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born



1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of



on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -



crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield,
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Sermon ~ "God's Word reveals Jesus to you" Matthew 2:1-12

Stand

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 worshiped 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

Offering ~ "All My Heart Again Rejoices".....Camil Van Hulse

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper.
Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

Preface

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

LSB 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

"We Three Kings" - piano

523 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur-nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal-lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach Your wan-d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot-steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

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362 O Sing of Christ



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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 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.

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue in G-Major".....Johann Sebastian Bach

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The family of Wes Walker, who mourn his death;
The family of Barbara Hansen, who mourn her death;
Art Bandomer and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;
Rev. Ron Rosenkaimer and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Joseph Finch, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Justin Aistrope (friend of Shaylie Gardner).



News and Notes



Christ Academy Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
Cantate Domino Choir - at 5:00 p.m.
Gloria Dei Choir – at 7:00 p.m.
No Handbell Choir on Monday

Pick up your Poinsettias: Thank you to all who helped make our sanctuary festive for our Christmas services by purchasing poinsettias in honor of loved ones. Anyone wishing to take your plants home may take them after the second service this Sunday. If you would like to pick them up during the week, they will be placed in the hallway near the greeting card display. Thank you and Merry Christmas! (Bags to transport the poinsettias are available in the front pew in the transept.)

“Honoring God’s House” ~ It’s not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul’s Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! Please make sure your pledges are up-to-date.

“Friend of Jesus, no matter what painful or wonderful endings you marked in the past year, please watch for the early signs of new beginnings. Seize them as opportunities for you and God to develop together. Think about what the Bible teaches about life, appreciate God’s love for you, gather up bits and pieces of experience, and put them in a file named ‘lessons learned.’ Then keep it handy.” *Jason Nelson, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Church Office will be closed on Monday.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone for their Christmas greetings and gifts. It is truly an honor to be part of such a wonderful church family.
Pastor, Tina and family, Pastor, Sandra & family
Pastor & Susan, Dr. C, Rosemary



Meeting Minutes

Council Present:

~~Becca Heinicke~~
Bill Kruse
Bill Wege
Dan Wurdeman
Linda Yates-Remote
Martin Cannon
Pastor Frank
Pastor Sherrill
Peter Heinicke-Remote
Randy Milbrath
Wade Stephenson

Pastor Sherrill opened with reading and prayer.

Randy Milbrath led discussion
(Agenda distributed prior to meeting)

1. Endowment and Legacy Fund Board
 - a. Guests Tim Hanson, Virgil Steenbock, Dan Wych, Julie Moreno(Chair), Bill Wege
 - b. Martin Cannon made motion to recommend reappointing current, seconded by Dan Wurdeman
 - c. Undesignated gift of \$123,000
 - i. Opportunities:
 1. Endowment Funds
 - a. church operating expenses, church building and grounds, local missions funds
 2. Legacy Gift
 - a. Designated to something specific by Endowment Board
 - d. Council Suggested Funding Priorities
 - i. Primary: Organ Replacement-Legacy Fund, Sounds System Replacement-Legacy Fund, Stained Glass Windows Restoration-Legacy Fund
 - ii. Other Priorities: Youth Director/Program-Endowment, Security/Property Manager-Endowment, Future Operations Underwriting-Endowment, Carillion-, Seed Money for each of the three endowment funds
 - iii. Discussion of a Discovery Period/Mission to learn of all our needs
2. Financials
 - a. Review of November Financial Reports
 - i. Peter Heinicke made motion to approve November, seconded by Martin Cannon.
 - ii. General discussion held
3. Pastors Report
 - a. Advent/Christmas
 - i. Saturday evening worship services cancelled on Christmas Day and New Years Days due to Christmas Service and New Years Eve Service.
4. Elders
 - a. Review member transfers, confirmed, baptisms, marriages, and deaths
 - b. Memorial list items approved by voters for spending \$6,541.80

- i. Council recommends concentration on live streaming updates, candles and children's choir robes, previously approved by the congregation.
- 5. Church Property
 - a. Review of restoration progress, change orders, concerns, and additional findings of eight damaged stones
 - i. Martin Cannon made motion to proceed with change orders and additional work raising project total to \$386,987.00, seconded by Wade Stephenson.
 - ii. Bridge loan has not yet been needed for progress payments totaling \$160,000.
 - b. Camera Upgrades
 - i. General discussion held.
 - c. Parsonage Kitchen
 - i. Assemble team to review condition and needs
- 6. 2021 Initiatives
 - a. Safety and security team
 - i. Committee Formed
 - 1. Martin Cannon, Nate Heinicke, Chris Circo, Wade Stephenson
 - 2. Bill Wege made motion to establish and accept committee, seconded by Peter Heinicke
 - b. Annual Voters meeting set for January 30th, 2021, following second service.
 - i. Peter Heinicke made motion to approve January 30th date, seconded by Wade Stephenson
- 7. SPLECC
 - a. Searching for Early Childhood Director
 - b. Searching for SPLECC Board Chairperson
 - c. Review draft organizational chart
 - d. Bill Kruse provided facility updates
 - i. Hired four new assistants/teachers
 - ii. General discussion
 - e. Reviewing options for congregational monetary support
- 8. Music Conservatory
 - a. \$5,000 contribution to missionary support of Sandra Rhein for 2021.
- 9. Approve caucus to be held on February 9, 2022 (These have been held here in the past.)
- 10. Pastor Frank closed with prayer

Opportunities for Service and Growth ~ January 2 – 9, 2022

Sunday: 1/2/22

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/BC

Tuesday: 1/4/22

8:50 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC
11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. – Music at Midlands

Wednesday: 1/5/22

8:50 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC
5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino
5:00 p.m. – Christ Academy
7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei

Saturday: 1/8/22

5:30 p.m. ~ Worship – C

Sunday: 1/9/22

8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C
9:30 a.m. ~ SS/BC
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship - C
1:00 p.m. – Shower hosted by Coreen Trost



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St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

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