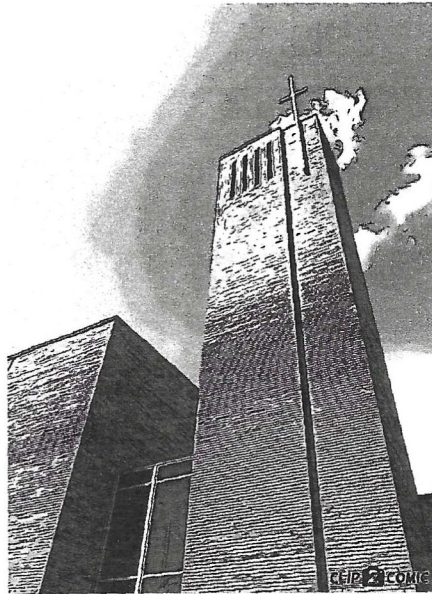


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+Order of Service+
December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **Of the Father's Love Begotten** LSB 384
Confession and Absolution LSB 184
Introit, Gloria Patri, and Kyrie LSB 186
Collect of the Day LSB 189
Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5a
Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10
Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45
Creed
Hymn of the Day: **O Little Town of Bethlehem** LSB 361
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 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior LSB 627
 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending LSB 336
 What Is This Bread LSB 629
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Concluding Liturgy LSB 200
Closing Hymn: **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns** LSB 348

December 8, 2021 Of Our Time: 25 Giving: \$ 52.00
December 12, 2021, Of Our Time: 92 Communion: 71

Giving: \$ 12,011.00
Bank Loan: \$ 0.00

Old Testament Reading**Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (3) Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. (4) And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. (5) And he shall be their peace.

Epistle**Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; (6) in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. (7) Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" (8) When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), (9) then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. (10) And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel**Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, (40) and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (41) And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, (42) and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (43) And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (44) For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. (45) And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

LIFE PROCEEDS IN stages marked by rites of passage. Dr. Zeigler talks about the changes we go through, and the Savior Who goes with us. Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message: "Rite of Passage" Luke 2:21-40) on WCCO (830): 6:05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM, KJLY-FM (104.5): 6:00 PM & XM's Family Talk Radio 170 12:00 PM. Today's message: "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree" (Luke 2:1-15).

THE NEW ENVELOPES for 2022 are on the table in the Narthex. If you want some and your name isn't there, please let the church office know and I will get you some. Thanks

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING is designated for MLHS tuition aid unless specified otherwise. New Year's Eve offering is designated for seminary student aid unless specified otherwise.

SAVE THE DATE for the OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction at Martin Luther High School to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Now is the time to gather your creative ideas and shop holiday sales for items to donate.

Some Christmas Reminders

May the Christmas **gifts** remind you of God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas **candles** remind you of Him who is the "Light of the world".

May the Christmas **trees** remind you of another tree upon which He died for you.

May the Christmas **bell** remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas **carols** remind you of the song the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest.

Introit 1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7;

antiphon: Luke 1:46b- 47

My soul magnifies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
My mouth derides my enemies,*
because I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like the LORD;*
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

The barren has borne seven,*
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;*
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich;*
he brings low and he exalts.

My soul magnifies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER.:

+ The family of **Grace Ekstrom** who fell asleep in Jesus' arms last Tuesday. May the living Lord Jesus comfort all who mourn.

+ **Terry Bentele, Arlys Halverson, Charles Scott, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Jim Hagedorn, Marlen Halverson, Neal Breitbarth, Gloria Drevlow, Ursula Scott, Marsha Miller, Grace Ekstrom, Carol White, Emery Armbrust, Carol Ritz, Bea Schultz, Richard Gottschalk, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit**, who face prolonged illnesses. May the Lord's grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed.** May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL


Sun.,	Dec. 19	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School
Fri.,	Dec. 24	5:00	Candlelight Service
Sat.	Dec. 25	9:00	Christmas Day Service & Holy Communion
Sun.	Dec. 26	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion

Organists: 12/19 Chris 12/24 Sylvia 12/25 Sylvia 12/26 Sylvia 12/31 Chris
Ushers: 12/19 Glenn Kubly, Ken Urban, Scott Halverson, Andrew Ritz, Elder on duty
12/24 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Jason Meinert, Elder on duty
12/25 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Gerald Urban, Elder on duty
12/26 Glenn Kubly, Ken Urban, Scott Halverson, Andrew Ritz, Elder on duty
12/31 Board of Elders

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

 Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**