

# St. Paul Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

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*St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation whose focus is  
"Living and Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ"*

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## First Sunday after Christmas

### Order of Worship

*Divine Service, Setting Four - Page 203 in Hymnal*

### ✠ Preparation ✠

**Prelude**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Call to Worship**

♪ ♪ **Opening Praise Song "Mary, Did You Know?"**

**St. Paul Praise Choir directed by Bruce Jolivette**

**1. Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk  
on water.**

**Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons  
and daughters?**

**Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This Child that you deliver will soon deliver you.**

**2. Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man?**

**Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?**

**Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,**

**And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God**

**3. Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?**

**Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb, And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM.**

## **✠ Confession and Absolution ✠**

### **Invocation and Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the

infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## **Confession of Sins and Absolution**

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **✠ Service of the Word ✠**

### **Introit**

*Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,\*

**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!\*

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;\*

**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 beginning,\*

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,\*

**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

♪Kyrie

*LSB 204*

☐ **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

☐ **1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated**

## At God's right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading **Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

<sup>11</sup>"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set

apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual**

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

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.

Sing to the Lord a new song,\*

for he has done marvelous things!

**Epistle Colossians 3:12–17**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel Luke 2:22–40**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel,  
and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your  
own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of  
the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her  
husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a  
widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple,  
worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at  
that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him  
to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law  
of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.  
<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the  
favor of God was upon him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 207*

**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 #393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**  
*(Please stand for the last verse)*

**1 Infant holy,  
Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing,  
Little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging,  
Angels singing,  
Bells are ringing,  
Tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**2 Flocks were sleeping,  
Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory,  
Heard the story,  
Tidings of a Gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing,  
Free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing,  
Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!**

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**Sermon Gift of Love, Colossians 3:12-17**

**Offering and Rite of Friendship**

**♪Offertory #805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**Prayers**

**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.**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**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** **Amen.**

### **♪ Closing Hymn #368 Angels We Have Heard on High**

**1** **Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain**

**ref** **Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**2** **Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain**

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain**

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Postlude**



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# *Welcome to St. Paul*

**May you find God's amazing grace, mercy  
and peace as you worship with us today.**

***Members & Visitors***, please add your name to the Friendship Register as it is passed along in each pew during the Rite of Friendship.

***Visitors***, please add your address and home church; if we can be of service to you, please speak with Pastor or a Deacon after the service.

***All*** are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment following the service.

***Thank you for visiting!***

***Thanks to those who provided the poinsettias which beautify our sanctuary this Christmas Season.***

***Thanks to St. Paul Praise Choir for enhancing our service this morning.***

## *~ In Our Prayers ~*

### ***For Comfort, Strength & Healing:***

Shawn Baker	Earl Jaspersen	Gary Sandell
Wesley Baker	Herluf Jaspersen	Jerry Thompson
Sandy Block	Marsha Johnson	Brooke Waddingham
Bryce Cherryholmes	Melissa Mayland	Alice Walkusch
Lois Eenhuis	Rhys Nieman	Darlene Wood
Mary Graham	Janice Peterson	

### ***For Members & Friends Serving in the Military & Law Enforcement:***

Members: Corey Alden, Cory Graham, Danielle Graham, Brad Kozisek, Kevin Kozisek, Jarod Lemke, Adam Stenberg, Jim Thiele

Friends: Matt Barton, Kelly Vedane-Finn, Corey Grote, Eric Hythecker, Levi Loschen, Ron Smith, James J. Sperr, Jacob Sperr

### ***For Comfort & Strength:***

The families of military and law enforcement officers wounded or killed in service to our country, domestic and abroad

### ***Those serving as Missionaries and Peace Corps Volunteers***

Cima Family in Cambodia, Krista Jolivette in Ethiopia

***A sincere "Thank you for your generosity" to those who helped the local family in need of Christmas presents for their three children.***

***Please note, the January 1029 Newsletter & Calendar is available. It was emailed on Friday, December 28 to those on the distribution list – please advise the Church Office to be included in the distribution. ([stpauloffice@comm1net.net](mailto:stpauloffice@comm1net.net))***

***A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life ~ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)***  
**December 30** "God's time is not our time. He sees the whole, but also more than the whole, as each whole life is a part of a larger picture beyond our sight lines. To accomplish His purposes, God takes His time, not ours." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

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***Building Healthy Families:*** How about considering a new and improved plan for making New Year's Resolutions this year...here's the idea: Don't make it about you! What if instead losing 10 pounds, you resolved to spend unscheduled time every Sunday afternoon with your children? What if instead of getting up early to go to the gym, you resolved to read to a nursing home resident who has no family or visitors every Tuesday morning? What if instead...you get the idea. Look around; ask God to open your eyes. Who has He put in your life who needs the gift of your time and attention? Resolve to give it! Happy New Year from your friends at Lutheran Family Service!

***CALLING ALL THOSE INTERESTED***

***Winter Jam, Friday, January 25 @ 7:00pm***

***Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines***

***Tickets \$15 at the door, Featuring: Newsboys, Danny Gokey, Mandisa, Rend Collective & Others. Check out [2019.jamtour.com](http://2019.jamtour.com).***

***Contact Amanda Clark (641-512-1853) or  
Barbra Kozisek (812-525-9464) if interested.***

**St. Paul Senior Choir**

**Practice Wednesday, January 2 @ 7:00pm**

**To prepare for January 6 and January 13 worship.**

**COMING SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 6:30PM!**

**CROSS TRAINED EVENT!!!**

***Beer & Wine Making ~ Card Making ~ Human Book***

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION – BUT BE SURE TO  
INCLUDE IT ON YOUR JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR!!!**

***Serving in the Lord's House this week of December 30, 2018***

Organist: Liz Waddingham

Acolyte: Braden Boehnke, Luke Lamb

Deacons: Dan Clites, Paul Luppen

Ushers: Tom Formanek, Bill Horstman,  
David Rosendahl, Fred Schroeder

December Courtesy Drivers: Fred & Lisa Schroeder, 641-587-2386

Special Music: St. Paul Praise Choir

Directed by Bruce Jolivette

***Acolyte "On Deck" 2018-2019 schedule:***

January 06 – Aleah Brown, Alyssa Luppen

January 13 – Reed Cataldo, Vanessa Waymier

January 20 – Seneca Echelberger, Brody Frayne

January 27 – Trever Gardner, Kenedee Frayne

***ACOLYTES, PLEASE REMEMBER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE***

**for serving as an acolyte for the week to which you are assigned, from Sunday through the next Saturday. If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a substitute and notify the church office to advise who will take your place by Thursday prior to your scheduled date.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**125 "YEARS OF GRACE" ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

# *Opportunities at St. Paul*

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:40am Praise Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, December 30...</b>	<b>9:00am Worship</b>
	<b>10:00am Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday, December 31..</b>	<b>7:00pm New Year's Eve Worship / Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday.....</b>	<b>NO PRAIRIE VIEW SERVICE</b>
<b>Wednesday.....</b>	<b>7:00pm Senior Choir practice</b>
<b>Thursday.....</b>	<b>NO TRUSTEE MEETING</b>
<b>Friday.....</b>	
<b>Saturday.....</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 6</b>	<b>9:00am Worship / Communion</b>
	<b>10:00am Fellowship</b>
	<b>10:15am Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:15am Adult Bible Study</b>
<b>Monday, January 7</b>	<b>9:00am Hope Circle</b> <b>(Bachman/Duregger/Kozisek)</b>
<b>Tuesday .....</b>	<b>Pastor's Conference</b>
<b>Wednesday.....</b>	<b>REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME</b>
	<b>4:00pm Junior Youth</b>
	<b>5:15pm Christian Ed Meal:'</b>
	<b>5:45pm Christian Ed Classes</b>
	<b>7:00pm Wednesday Worship / Communion</b>