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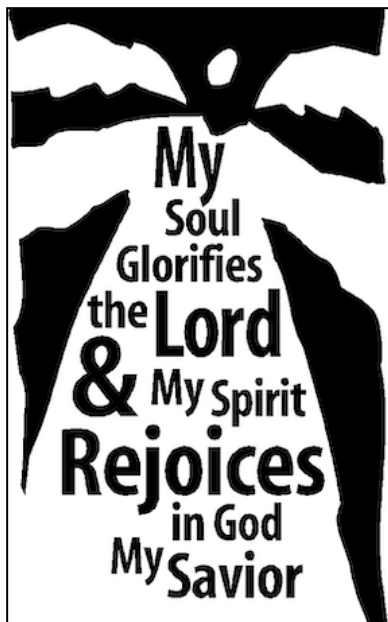
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2nd Sunday after Christmas – January 5, 2025

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000*. Please leave your liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service or drop it into the designated box on the shelf in the foyer so it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Jeana Kettner

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 57 (pew bible, page 509)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 902, 332, 519, 705* (**tan hymnal*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-21
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148

Sermon



Text – Luke 2:22-40

Theme – "*Christmas Leftovers*"

1. Rejoicing with Simeon
2. Marveling with Mary and Joseph
3. Giving thanks and witnessing with Anna

(A CLC Ministry-by-Mail Sermon)

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon
Text are printed on the following pages.*

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Consecration of the Firstborn

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine." 3 And Moses said to the people: | 11 "And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, 12 that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be the LORD'S. 13 But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14 So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, "What is this?" that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 148

Praise to the Lord from Creation

P Praise the LORD from the heavens:
C **Praise Him in the heights!**
P Praise Him, all His angels:
C **Praise Him, all His hosts!**
P Praise Him, sun and moon:
C **Praise Him, all you stars of light!**
P Praise the LORD from the earth:
C **Snow and clouds, stormy wind, fulfilling His word.**
P Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars:
C **Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl.**
P Kings of the earth and all judges of the earth:
C **Both young men and maidens; old men and children.**
P Let them praise the name of the LORD:
C **For His glory is above the earth and heaven.**

Second Lesson – Colossians 3:12-21

*Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly
Character of the Christian Home*

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. 18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Sermon Text – Luke 2:22-40

The Child Jesus Presented at the Temple

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 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. 26 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. 27 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, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 “*Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.*” 33 And

his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 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 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” 36 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, 37 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. 38 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. 39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. [ESV]

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (1/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School / Church Undecorating
Sunday (1/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting
	10:45 am	CLC Cooperative Budget Plan Presentation

Extended Calendar

- ▶ Church Council Meeting: Sunday, January 19, 8:30 am
- ▶ Annual Voters Meeting: Sunday, January 26, 10:45 am
- ▶ Installation of Newly-Elected Church Officers: Sunday, February 2

In Our Prayers: Marty Schmoldt who is scheduled to undergo eye surgery this week. <> We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Willa Mae Janssen, Joyce Maulis, Carly Mess, Pat Newton, and Georgia Waters. <> *"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him" (Psalm 28:7).*

Pastor Schuetze Is Out of Town visiting family Minnesota. Our thanks to Wayne Ruegge for conducting the service today in his absence.