



Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025

Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

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 will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!



SERVICE OF THE WORD
based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 362 "*O Sing of Christ*"

The Invocation

P Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be**

called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

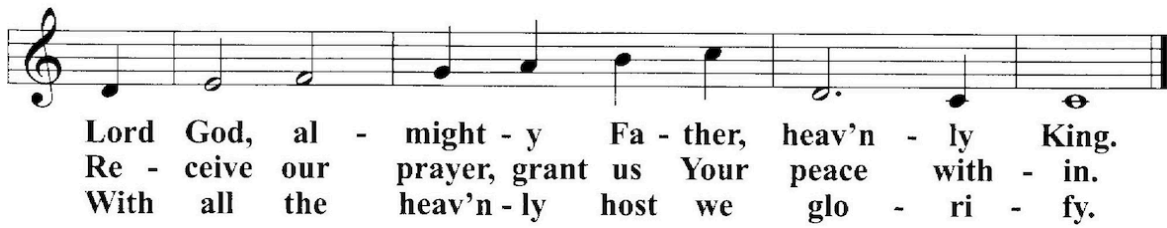
The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

The Gloria in Excelsis

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray ...

C Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. 8 For He said, "Surely they are My people, children who will not lie." So He became their Savior. 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!:

C **Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**

P Declare His glory among the nations:

C **His wonders among all peoples.**

P Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!:

C **Tremble before Him, all the earth.**

P Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; the world also is firmly established:

C **It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."**

P Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:

C **Let the sea roar, and all its fullness.**

P Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:

C Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

P For He is coming to judge the world with righteousness:

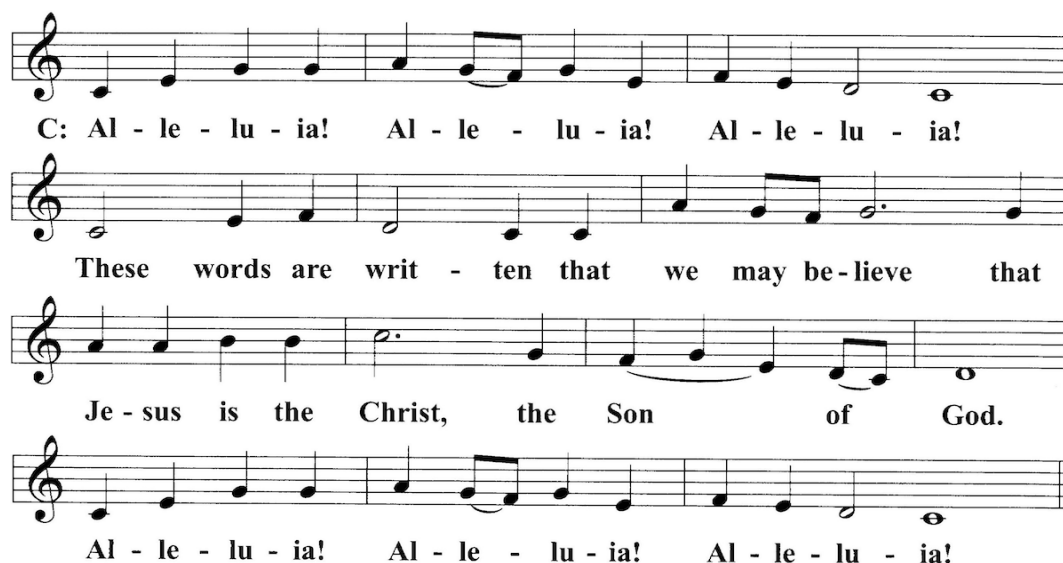
C And the peoples with His truth.

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 373 *"See Amid the Winter's Snow"*

Sermon

Luke 2:25-40

Who Is This Child Lying in the Manger?

1. He is the Christ who was promised and expected.
2. He is the Christ who brings peace ... and a sword.

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just 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 So he came by 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 which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

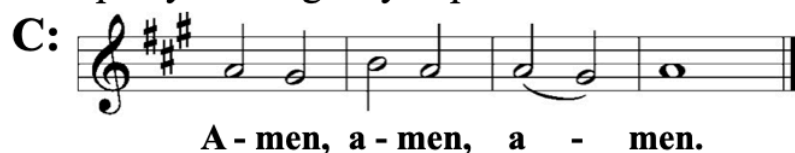
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 370 *"What Child Is This"*

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

LSB 937 *"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"*



This Week at St. Paul

Today (12/28) 9:30 am Worship Service
Wed 6:30 pm New Year's Eve Communion Service
Sun (1/4) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Undecorating

Upcoming in January

Jan 11 Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting, 10:45 am
Jan 18 Church Council Meeting, 8:30 am
Jan 25 Annual Voters Meeting, 10:45 am

Call News: Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at our sister CLC congregations in Phoenix, AZ; Red Wing, MN; Spokane, WA; Appleton, WI; and Eau Claire, WI (third pastor). <> *"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).*

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

December 29 – January 3

Mon Luke 2:33-40 Joseph and Mary are amazed to hear Simeon talking about the saving mission of the baby Jesus. Not all accept Him, but He brings thankful joy to all who are waiting for the Lord's redemption.

Tues Galatians 4:1-7 As a child even the heir is like a slave under the law, but God sent His Son to redeem all mankind, that they might be adopted as heirs of God through Christ. Why would we want to go back?

Wed Isaiah 63:7-18 The believer remembers all the undeserved mercies of God in the past and how He rescued His people of old. Thus as we face the future, let us entrust ourselves to His powerful hands.

Thurs Isaiah 11:1-5 As we enter a new year, we commit ourselves to the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the Messiah. In Him we find wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, righteousness and faithfulness!

Fri Psalm 111 Truly the Lord is worthy of all praise! His works from A to Z show forth His glory. His words proclaim His redemption and impart wisdom and understanding. "His praise stands forever" (v10).

Sat Psalm 121 In their daily walk the people of God need help. And help is what we receive from the Lord. Day or night, in sunshine or shadow, the Lord promises to watch over our going and coming. Hallelujah!

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