

By the First Sunday after Christmas, by and large, the culture has completely finished with its observance of Christmas. In testimony that the blessings of the true Christmas are never finished, the Church continues its Christmas celebration for a full twelve days, a celebration which itself only ends by transitioning to Epiphany, a further celebration of Immanuel, God with us!

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

**The Lord's Supper** is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

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**Away in a Manger**



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,  
 The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*P* In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

*C* **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*P* Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church,

in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*C* **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### **Introit**

*P* The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

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

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

*C* **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

*P* The LORD has made known His salvation;

*C* **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*P* He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

*C* **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*P* Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

*C* **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**All 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.**

*P* The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

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

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## 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**

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Proper**

*P* To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

*C* **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

*P* And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

*C* **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*P* Sing to the Lord a new song,

*C* **for He has done marvelous things!**

**Epistle**

Galatians 4:4–7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying,

“Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Alleluia and Verse**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**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, worshipping 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.**

## **Nicene Creed**

*C* **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.

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Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

He is a servant, I a lord:  
 How great a mystery!  
 How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
 No truer friend than He,  
 No truer friend than He.

He is the key and He the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

▲ Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

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## Sermon Text

Galatians 4:4-7

## Sermon

“No Longer a Slave”

I. We were all \_\_\_\_\_.

II. But Christ, God’s Son, came to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (vv 4-5).

III. Therefore, we now live as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 4:5-7).

## Prayer of the Church

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

LSB 208

*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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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**What Is This Bread**

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
3 So who am I, That I should  
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,  
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace  
live and He should die Un - der the rod?  
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul  
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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**O Lord, We Praise Thee**

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor





In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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**Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning**



- 1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
- 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
- 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
- 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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**Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and  
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who  
 4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me  
 5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -  
 Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -  
 jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
 of my cheer; For He who is of death the  
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be  
 for my soul the high - est good!

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**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

*P* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## Benediction

*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 give you peace.

*C* **Amen.**

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## O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For  
2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With  
3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy



sin - ners You be - came a child. You came from  
God we now are rec - on - ciled. You have for  
fills the world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we



heav - en down to earth In hu - man flesh through  
all the ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's righ - teous  
have be - longs to You; O keep us faith - ful,



hu - man birth. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
 an - ger stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
 strong, and true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

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BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of Dec. 23, 2020: \$74,100

**This amount represents just under 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.**

September preliminary operating budget fund donations \$44,440

September preliminary operating budget fund spend <\$56,232>

MEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet at the church at 6:30 am on December 30<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>.



Wondering what you can do to help the pastoral selection committee? Let’s pray together! Prayer meetings continue each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We meet together in the Narthex for a brief time of prayer lifting up the call committee’s work and the ministries of the church. This will be a regular weekly prayer meeting as we seek God’s will for the future of his ministries at St. Paul’s. Call Terry Miller if you have any questions 248-1770.

**150 Psalms in 151 Days**

Friday Jan 1—Psalm 1

Sunday Jan 3-Psalm 3

Saturday Jan 2- Psalm 2

Monday Jan 4—Psalm 4

Tuesday Jan 5—Psalm 5  
Wednesday Jan 6 Psalm 6  
Thursday Jan 7—Psalm 7

Friday Jan 8—Psalm 8  
Saturday Jan 9 Psalm 9  
Sunday Jan 10—Psalm 10

The first 41 Psalms are intensely personal Psalms of David. They end with a Doxology in Psalm 41 verse 13.

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!** Patsy Schlemmer would like to thank all those who have sent her cards over the past year; she has received more than ever before. Also, thank you for the Christmas cookies and other treats this Christmas season! Mel is also thankful. God bless you all!

**Jim and Lillian Salyer** would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for all the cards and the Christmas treats. May God grant us all the peace of Christmas!

**For your spiritual preparation for next Sunday**, you will want to read Psalm 119:97-104; 1Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52. On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Fiechtner will be our guest pastor.

**VACATION:** Pastor Wonnacott and family will be on vacation December 28<sup>th</sup>- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

### Calendar of Events

<b>TODAY</b> .....	<b>December 27, 2020</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Worship Service.....	11:15 am
<b>MON:</b>	
Parish Planning Council.....	7:00 pm
<b>TUES:</b>	
Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 pm
<b>THUR: New Year's Eve</b>	
Worship Service.....	7:00 pm
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>January 3, 2021</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Worship Service.....	11:15 am
Men's Group in the Gym.....	3:00 pm

## **School Corner Update**

When will “normal days” return, next week? Will life be normal in 2021? As we ponder this question, we can be grateful that our Lord and Saviour did not wait for “normal” to come. The census was the 1st, while Quirinius was Governor....that wasn’t normal. The Messiah being born in a stable, lying in a manger bed, while angels appeared singing to the shepherds tending their flocks....that was not normal either. Christ was “Sent to Serve” more than 2,000 years ago, and the birth of our Saviour changed everything. May we always remember to trust God and His plan for each of us, keeping Christ as the focus of our celebrations this Christmas and into 2021!

The 2020-2021 school year has made it to the halfway point. We give thanks to God, that our preschool and day school have met in-person each of the 84 days of school, in the 1st and 2nd quarters. Thank you to our church and school family for your continued prayers and support during this school year. Blessings are all around us, even during this pandemic.

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### **Servants for Today’s Worship**

*Assistant Pastor:* Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291

*Organist:* Anita Eichinger

*Usher:*

*Acolyte:* Bradin Schmitt

*Elder:* 1<sup>st</sup> Terry Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Kaiser

*Communion Assistant:* 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Gumz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Rettinger