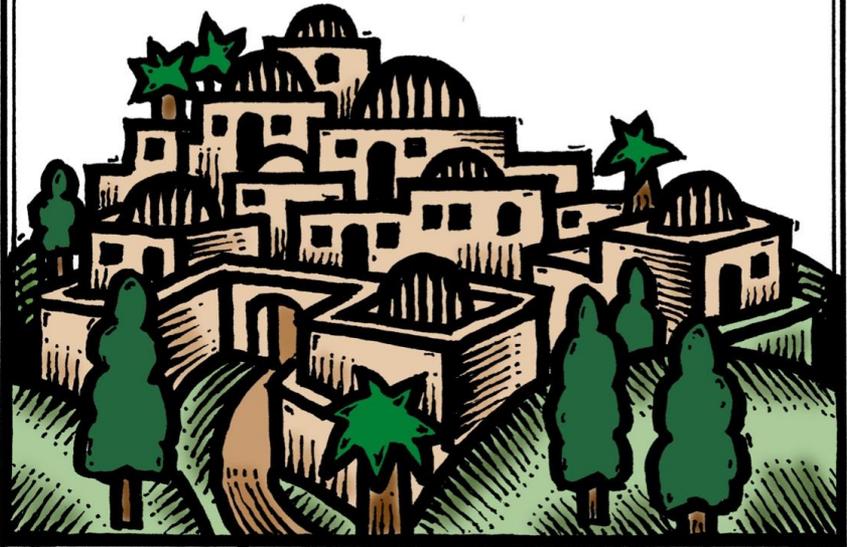




*For unto you
is born this
day in the
city of David
Luke*



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Christmas Day..... December 25, 2022

As we gather on this Christmas Day, it is most appropriate to celebrate Holy Communion, and thus not only to hear of but also to receive with the mouth the Word Who became flesh and dwelt among us (Jn 1:14). A Blessed Christmas to us all!

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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose "e-tithing" by having a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

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

God's Word tells us that children are a blessing from the Lord – Psalm 127:3. We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Processional Hymn 379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

T CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION T

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

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.** *(Psalm 139:3-4)*

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. *(Luke 18:13)*

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.

Adult Choir "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,
Before His highest throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
And gives us His own Son,
And gives us His own Son.
2. He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.
7. He serves that I a lord may be;
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?
To help me in my need?
8. He opens us again the door
Of paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more.
To God our thanks we pay.
To God our thanks we pay.

TLH Hymn 105 vs 1-2 & 7-8

T SERVICE OF THE WORD T

Introit

Psalm 93:1-2, 5; antiphon: Isaiah 9:2

P The people who walked in darkness

C **have seen a great light;**

P those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

C **on them has light shined.**

P The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

C **the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.**

P Yes, the world is established;

C **it shall never be moved.**

P Your throne is established from of old;

C **You are from everlasting.**

P Your decrees are very trustworthy;

C **holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

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.

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C **on them has light shined.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

LSB 204



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



☐ 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.
Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; 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 62:10–12

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway;
clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
"Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, His reward is with Him,
and His recompense before Him."

¹²And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

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

Titus 3:4–7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



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

(John 20:31)



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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 τ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Sermon Text

Luke 2:8-11

Sermon "An Angel Brings Hope with a Sign of God's Presence in the Newly Born Christ Child"

Offertory (Psalm 51:10-12)

LSB 192

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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Prayers

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 208*



C 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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 (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ The peace of the Lord (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)

LSB 210



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Hymn 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Hymn 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn 380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

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 ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn 386 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

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The flowers that adorn the altar are given in praise and thanksgiving for our newborn King! Hallelujah!

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK Diana Rogers

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Calendar of Events

TODAY Christmas Day.....December 25, 2022

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

No Bell or Adult Choir Rehearsal.....

MON: Pastor Wonnacott & Family on Vacation Dec. 26th-Jan. 2nd

----- Christmas Break – No School until January 4th -----

TUES:

WED:

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study.....6:30 am

THURS:

FRI:

SAT: New Year’s Eve

New Year’s Eve Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – New Year’s Day!..... January 1, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service.....9:30 am

No Bell or Adult Choir Rehearsal.....

The new Portals of Prayer for January-March are currently available in the tract rack.

Pastor Wonnacott and family will be on vacation from December 26 to January 2.

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: For true Christmas joy that comes from the salvation that God gives to us in the newborn Christ Child.

For Immanuel, God with us; and for His holy supper.

Celebrating Anniversaries: 28th-Brad & Ada Sahlhoff; 31st-Wayne & Tara Andrews, Tony & Melonie Venable

Celebrating Birthdays: 26th-Katherine Goze, Matthew Ringle; 27th-Patty Bowen, Rhonda Owens, Ethan Tjernagel; 28th-Eric Miller 29th-Larry Britt, Alexia Cannon, Candace Wright

Those who are ill: Elvira Besco (Jennifer Brurok's mother); Steve Brown (Ann Knepper's brother); Goldie Buckner; Fred Coxey (Tom Coxey's dad); DeWayne Creighton (Kelly Sienicki's dad); Peyton Dobbins; Daniel Enders (Beth's nephew); Becky Ervin (Tara Andrews' aunt); Remi Ford (preschool student-cancer); Roy Frank Jr. (Wendy Patterson's father); Dr. Bill Garl (knee surgery); Adason Goffinet (Robin Spicher's cousin-leukemia); Meagan Gunter (Alice Shepherd's granddaughter); Theresa Harman; Elbia Hundt; Holly Johnson (friend of Coxey & Tinkey families); Hank Kiefer; Tabatha Lahman (Noah Miller's fiancée); Lewis Leeper; Carol Lynch (Virginia's granddaughter); Nancy Mast (Peggy Miller's aunt); Mark Matejka (shoulder surgery); Rene Mejia (cousin of Rebecca's family-stroke); Deana Miller; Trisha Miller; Kathy Minix (Sandy Schooler's friend) John Moerer (friend of Andy Wildauer); Vicki Neher (Helen Bellman's friend); Steve Nelson (Lee Anglemeyer's friend); Peter Paul (grandfather of the Keck children in the Day School); Melinda Polson (Mary Ingle's daughter); Jon Rettinger (hip surgery); Roger Rettinger (Jon's brother); Carol Sahlhoff; Leo Sahlhoff; Lillian Salyer (eye surgery); Leon Sarber (father of Tonya [Scott] Hundt); Cliff Schooler; Edd Shepherd; Jerry Smith; Jamie Spiese (Sandy Kiefer's friend); Lori Stacy; Dennis & Peggy Swanson; Charlesette Wagner (Kim's sister-in-law); Bo Weldy; Troy Yoder

Special Concerns:

For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

That Jesus would shine in the hearts of all Christians throughout the world who face the struggles of war and persecution as they stand up for their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
Psalm 133:1 The Board of Christian Education is making available

copies of the Lutheran Book of Prayer. The book contains 28 days of morning and evening prayer focused on individual and communal spiritual health. Join us in spending the first 28 days of 2023 praying together in unity. Books are available in the narthex or from any board member.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 A.M.. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! Our last date to meet this year is: 12/28

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxe.

Budget info: Operating budget fund balance as of December 15, 2022 is \$46,600. This amount represents over 3 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries

SCHOOL CORNER

Merry Christmas! We hope you have a safe, healthy, and blessed time celebrating Jesus's Birth, whether it is traveling to see family or staying cozy at home! May God bless you!

Both Preschool and the Day School are on break until January 4th, when school resumes.

The January schedule will resume with an away basketball game on January 5th, against Immanuel Valpo. (For location information, see Mark Wildauer.) We have home games January 9th (4:30/5:30) and January 11th (4:30), so mark your calendars! We will also see the end of the second school quarter and have NWEA testing January 9-12th.

If you are interested in serving the school and interacting with the students as a substitute teacher, please see Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. A substitute teaching license (easily obtained from the state) and a background check are required. We also love to have volunteers who read with and assist the students!

Happy New Year as well!

Please don't forget to donate to the SGO!

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. **We have provided scholarships for 26 students!** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.



You are invited to watch a **FREE showing of "LIFEMARK"**, a Christian film produced by Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick brothers -creators of War Room and Fireproof - **at the Bremen Theater, January 1st, 6:00pm**, hosted by one of our school families. "Lifemark" is a story of the sanctity of life, adoption, and forgiveness. It is inspired by the true story of David, an 18-year-old, who is encouraged by his birth parents to uncover the truth about his birth mother and meet her. It is rated PG-13 only because of the heavier theme, not because there is anything graphic or objectional in the film. Please invite your family and friends January 1st, and enjoy a family-friendly film.

Servants for Today's Worship December 25, 2022

Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Curt Nielsen & Wayne Spicher

Acolyte: Colton & Reuben Napper

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Tender: Rod Schroeder

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship January 1, 2023

Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Jessica Rogers

Elder: Lewis Haug

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt