

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community,

and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and

teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)

⊕ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

⊕ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046 Email: revgrannis@gmail.com **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.

Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast (K0WZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.

Lutheran Hour: The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.

Sunday School: We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Lee Williams. Sponsored by Jeannette Williams and family.

- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- Live Streaming on Facebook for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- We are looking for **Volunteers to greet and assist our members at the Handicap Entrance**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator. Thanks for your assistance.
- The church office will be closed Monday January 1st, 2024.
- There will be NO quilting Tuesday January 2nd, 2024.
- Waseca Circuit will be hosting an **Epiphany Service** here at St Paul on **Saturday January 6**th at 4pm followed by a meal. The offerings from the service will go to the Circuit Mission Projects and the free will offering from the meal will go to the Higher Things Convention for youth.
- The Board of Evangelism delivered 38 pounds of food to the Neighborhood Service Center this week. Thank you for your continued donations.

OUR PRAYERS:

The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son," born of the woman, "to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, "according to the Law of Moses," Mary and Joseph "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. "At that very hour," old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and "began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes "righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations" (Is. 61:11). We also "greatly rejoice in the LORD," because this child has clothed us "with the garments of salvation," covered us "with the robe of righteousness" and called us "by a new name" (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: In His Temple Now Behold Him

LSB 519

Divine Setting Five Service of the Word

LSB 213 LSB 214

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 salva- | tion for him.
- The LORD has made known his sal-vation;*
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

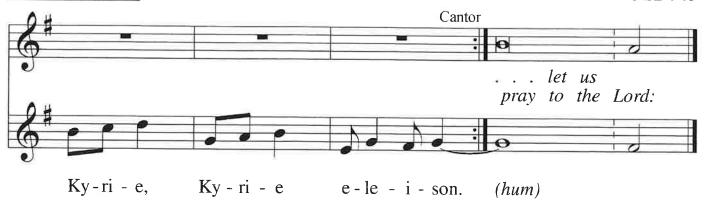
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;*
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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: Kyrie — I

LSB 943



Gloria in Excelsis: All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden cause what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. ¹For 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. ²The 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. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- 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

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And

because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When 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 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." ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he 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 salvation31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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." 36And 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.³⁹And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: We All Believe in One True God

LSB 953

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church	LSB 215	
Service of the Sacrament Preface Lord's Prayer	LSB 216 LSB 217	
Sanctus: Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old		LSB 960
Pax Domini	LSB 217	
Agnus Dei: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy		LSB 434
<u>Distribution</u> <u>Distribution Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing</u> <u>Distribution Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come</u> <u>The Dismissal</u>	LSB 217	LSB 333 LSB 358
Post-Communion Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace		LSB 937
Post-Communion Collect		
Benedicamus Benediction	LSB 218	
Hymn to Depart: The Only Son from Heaven		LSB 402

Called Home:

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder

Hospitalized:

Prayer for continued recovery and healing: Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Orval Proechel

Medical Procedure: Gary Ross, Jess Klinger, Stan Stiernagle, Karen Thompson

Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson)

Treatment: Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen,

Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John

Wolff (Kenya)

Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 31st, 2023 January 7th, 2024

Sunday (31st):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM) 10:15 am Coffee hour and Bible Study and SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Monday (1st): OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TODAY

NO Prayer Team

Tuesday (2nd):

NO Quilters

6:00 PM

Stewardship and Elders

Wednesday (3rd):

3:30p- 5:00p 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation

7:00pm

Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble and 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism

Thursday (4th):

6am

Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

5:30pm

Board of Education

Friday (5th):

Saturday (6th):

4:00pm

Epiphany Service followed by a meal at 5pm

Sunday (7th):

9:00 a.m.

Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m.

Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: December 31st, 2023:

NEXT WEEK: January 7th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

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ACOLYTE: Kyler Welander

ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/ Bob Roemhildt and Jim Wyffels

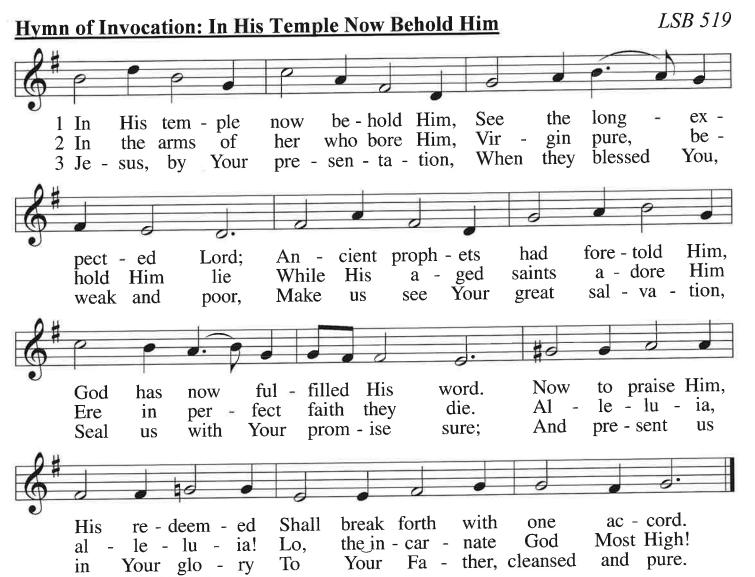
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

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Hymn of the Day: Let All Together Praise Our God



5 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.

6 He is the key and He the door

To blessèd paradise;

The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise,

To God our praises rise.

 \triangle 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,

Lord Jesus, we adore

And praise to God the Father yield

And Spirit evermore;

We praise You evermore.



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,

3 We all con-fess the Ho-ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host; Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won; Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds. By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y. Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

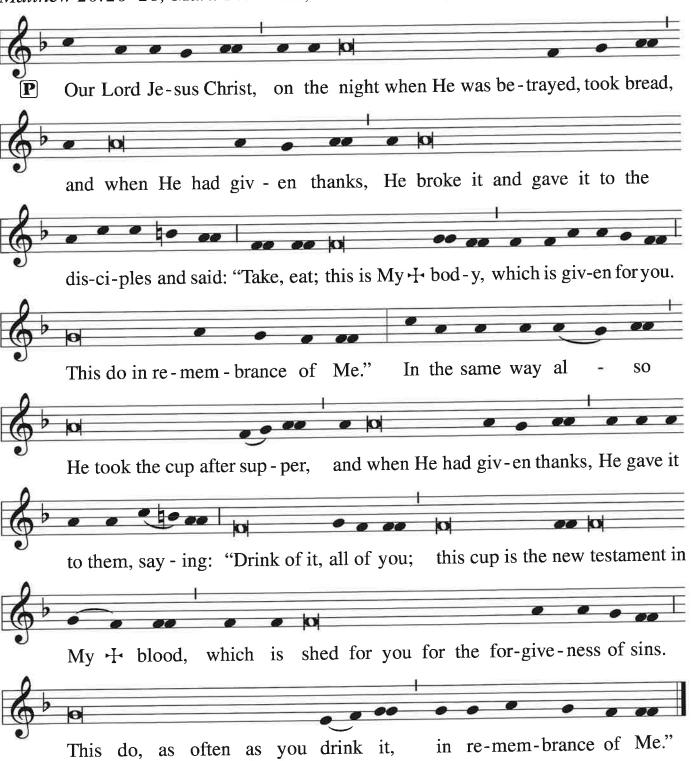
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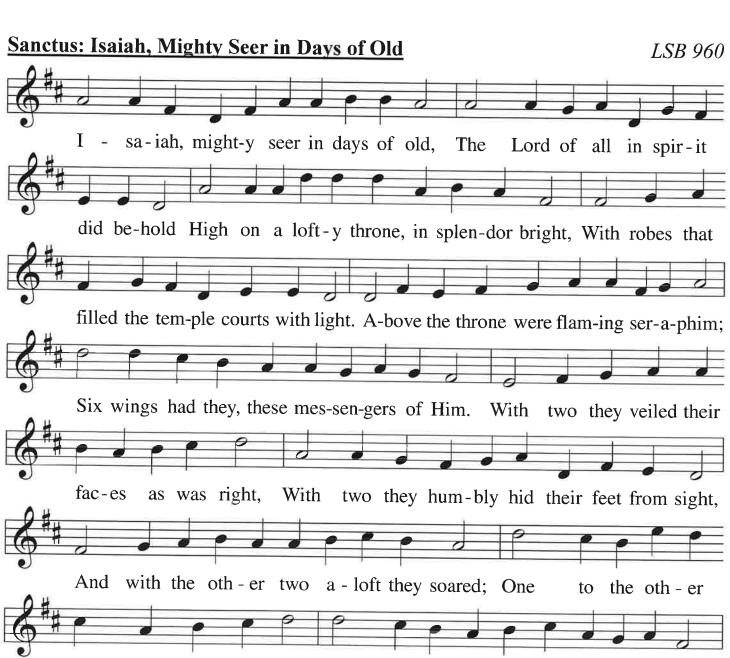
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The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25





called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of

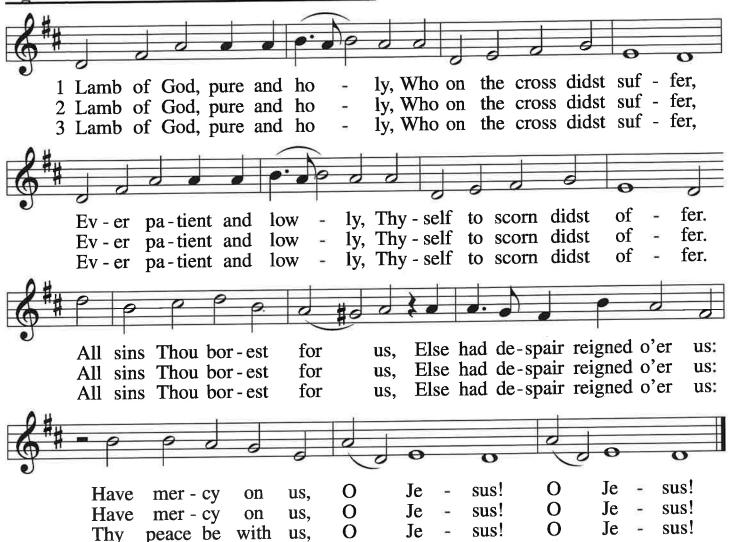


Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high. Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003197 Tune: Public domain

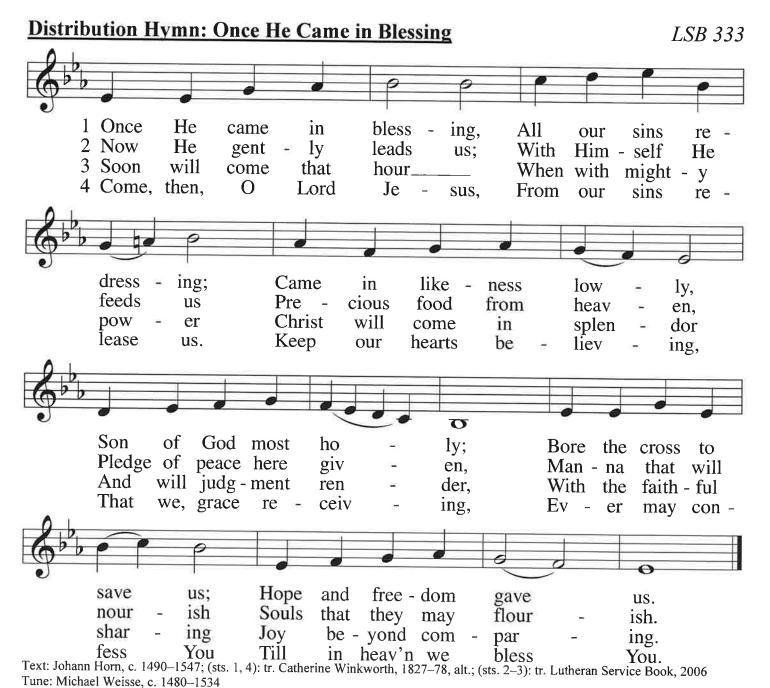
Agnus Dei: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



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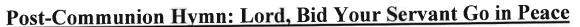
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Distribution Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



- These are the signs that you shall mark:
 The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
 There you will find the infant laid
 By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."
- 6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 To see what God for us has done
 In sending us His own dear Son.
- 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what in the manger lies. Who is this child, so young and fair? It is the Christ Child lying there.

- Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 Through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery
 That You might share Your joy with me.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all, How weak You are, so poor and small, That You should choose to lay Your head Where lowly cattle lately fed!
- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair And set with gold and jewels rare, It would be far too poor and small A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff
 You have but hay and straw so rough
 On which as King, so rich and great,
 To be enthroned in royal state.
- 12 And so it pleases You to see
 This simple truth revealed to me:
 That worldly honor, wealth, and might
 Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
 Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
 A quiet chamber set apart
 For You to dwell within my heart.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap; My lips no more can silence keep. I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
 Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
 While angels sing with pious mirth
 A glad new year to all the earth.





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