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LUKE 2:21

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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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)

○ 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School

○ 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

- *Welcome* **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.
- **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.
- **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall.
- **Women's Bible Study** will not meet in December. In January we plan to meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 -- January 4 and January 18.
- **There will be NO Prayer Team on January 2.**
- **The Quilters will back in January 3rd, 2023.**
- There will be **NO RADIO BROADCAST** Sunday January 1st due to radio staff shortage. Services will be live streamed on Facebook.
- **2022 Poinsettias** We thank the following families for beautifying the church for Christmas to the Glory of God, in memory of loves one:
Dick Arnold, Karen Baerg, Shirley Bluhm, Duane Brase, Kent Delong, Denise Duffy, Kathy & Jerry Flogstad, Sharone Goetz, Judy Graper, Aimee Hill, Connie & David Krause, Bill Kuschel, Jean Kuschel, Marvin Maass, Tyler & Amalia Paulson, Bob Roemhildt, Ron Roemhildt, Beryl Ross, Suzi Ross, Jared Ross, Dale Rudolph, Lila Schaal, Gene Schwarz, Lois Spies, Karen Weckwerth, Jeanette Williams, Jim Wyffels and Dave Ziegler.
- **The Church office will be closed** Monday January 2nd, 2023.
- **January 15th, 2023 at 2pm** there will be a **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** to determine a call for our next Pastor.
- On behalf of the Stewardship Board, we delivered 82 pounds of food from our Church to the Food Shelf. **Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.**
- **January 8th, 2023 will be the Installation of all Board members** during service. New members please feel free to come to your January meetings as scheduled.

UP COMING CHURCH MEETINGS

- January 3rd:** Board of Stewardship @ 6pm
Board of Elders @ 6pm
- January 4th:** Board of Trustees @ 7 pm
Board of Evangelism @ 7pm
- January 5th:** Board of Education @ 5:30pm
- January 9th:** Church Council Meeting @ 6pm
- January 15th:** Special Voter's Meeting @ 2pm
- January 29th:** Quarterly Voter's Meeting @ 10:15 am

CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

January 1, 2023

AS WE GATHER

A new year begins! Yet, often so little changes. For most, a new year means little difference regarding life, vocation, house, and home. Outside of annually changing one number on our calendar, much of life remains the same, including the daily battles we face against Satan, sin, and our own flesh. With that, we rejoice today not just in the year's changing, but a daily changing we recognize every day as we live in this world through the blameless One born for us. Christ was under and has fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us, even as an infant child brought to the temple for circumcision under Mosaic Law. It would mark both the promise of redemption and the burden of the Law—and with Jesus marking the sacrifice that would set us free. Try as we might with new year's resolutions to become better people, we still find ourselves falling short of God's moral law that remains today. Rejoice in the newness that has come! More than a new year, we are given a new life, for Christ has fulfilled all and set us free! As we are marked in Baptism and bear Christ's name, we become inheritors of His promise. It is a newness to celebrate each day of every year!

HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

[LSB 379]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Galatians 3:24–26; 4:4–5*

Pastor: Christ, our Savior is born!

People: O come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

People: O come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

People: O come, let us adore Him!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 8:34; Galatians 3:23; 5:1*

Pastor: As we begin a new year in God's grace, we acknowledge and repent of our sinfulness and failure to keep His Law. "Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."

People: Lord, we confess to You our sins, those of which we know, and those of which we are unaware. We have not always viewed Your Law as a gift, but instead at times as a burden to obey. Though we desire to be free, we find ourselves enslaved and unable to help ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: "Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed."

People: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Law and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: v. 16*

HYMN: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

[LSB 374]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, strong to save, You gave Your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. You made Your Son subject to the Law to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us circumcision of the heart by Your Spirit that we may be made pure and in faith rejoice in the freedom achieved through Christ for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 6:22–27* (The Aaronic blessing)

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Hebrews 8:10; 10:17*

Pastor: This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

People: **after those days, declares the Lord:**

Pastor: I will put My laws into their minds,

People: **and write them on their hearts.**

Pastor: I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

People: **I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.**

EPISTLE *Galatians 3:23–29* (The Law and the promise)

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 1:21*: Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:21* (Jesus is circumcised and named.)

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: "The Ancient Law Departs"

[LSB 898]

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come again 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *John 3:16, adapted; 16:33; Galatians 4:4-5, adapted*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...Your gracious promises in this new year assured in Christ alone,

People: we praise You, Lord.

Pastor: our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, gracious Lord. You are the source of our life, the ruler of time, the giver of the good and wise Law, and the one who redeems us and sets Your people free. Grant continued faith for our journey through a new year as we live as Your beloved children, until the day we join with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven who laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

[LSB 550]

Oh Lamb of God,
Sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord our God, for now that faith has come we are no longer under a guardian but are Your own children. Through the perfection and blamelessness of Your Son, Jesus, we receive through Him blessings throughout each year You give us in this life. Grant us now that we may faithfully receive His true body and blood, given and shed for us, with the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven,,,, glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" [Verse 1 - LSB 435]

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" [Verse 2-4 LSB 435]

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" [Verse 1,2,3,6 LSB 900]

"Come Thou Almighty King" [LSB 905]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that through Your Son You set prisoners free and give the inheritance of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Through Christ, who kept the Law, and in His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, nourish our spirits, strengthen our faith, and equip us to love our neighbors. Bless our lives with Your abiding presence and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you in the year ahead.

The Lord make His face shine on you, now and always.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ grant you His peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

[LSB 733]

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 1st – January 8th, 2023

Sunday (1st):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday (2nd):

Church office Closed

No Prayer Team

Tuesday (3rd):

1:00 pm Quilters
3:30 – 4:30 pm Adult Confirmation
6:00 pm Stewardship
6:00 pm Elders

Wednesday (4th):

9:30– 10:15 am Women's Bible Study
3:30 – 4:30 pm Confirmation 6th – 8th grade
7:00 pm Trustee's and Evangelism
7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (5th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
5:30 pm Board of Ed

Friday (6th):

Saturday (7th):

Sunday (8th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
** Installation of ALL Board members***
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: January 1st, 2023:

ORGANIST: Matt Groskreutz

ACOLYTE: Josie Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: No Broadcast

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: January 8th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Blake Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READER:

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Saturday December 24th 4pm:

6pm:

Sunday December 25th: Bible Study: 0 Sunday School: 0

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) December 24th and 25th:

***** This information will be in January 8th, 2023 bulletin*******