



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We are glad you're here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. For those visiting, please fill out a visitor card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand to a worship leader.

Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

PRELUDE

"March of the Kings"

Robert Thygerson

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father, \dagger the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Pause for reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Pastor declares the forgiveness of sin.



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#300 “The First Noel”

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

- ¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,

² **for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

⁸ **Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

GOSPEL*Matthew 2:1-12**

The reading is found on page 4 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Emily Myallis

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

***HYMN OF THE DAY #808 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"**

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastoral staff are happy to discuss.*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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***OFFERING CAROL**

#296 "What Child is This?"

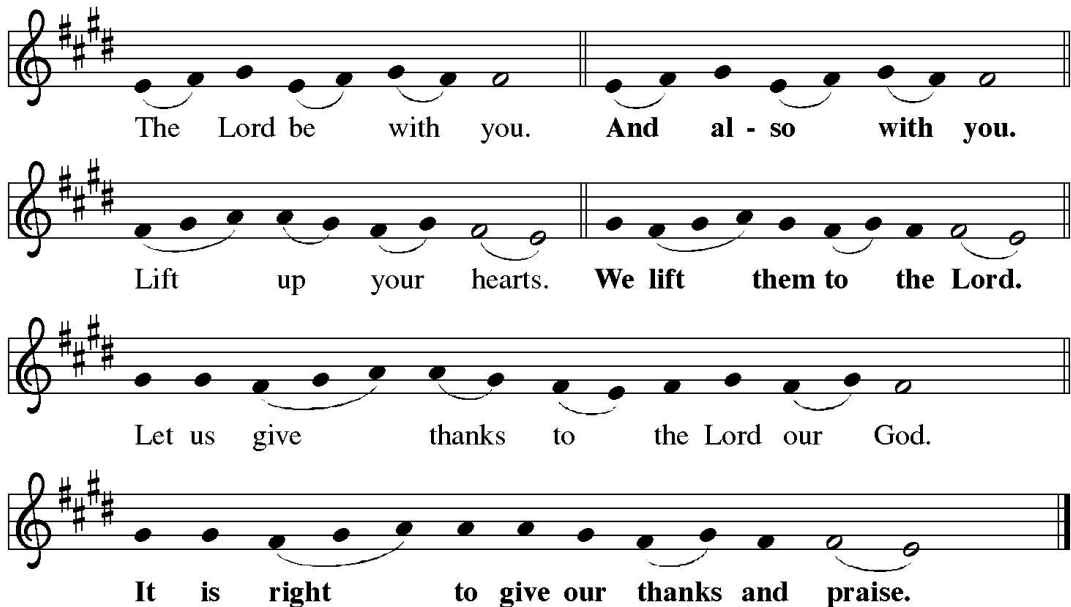
So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born the babe, the son of Mary!

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider,

You are faithful to your promises. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING (8:15 – Intoned, 10:45 - Spoken)**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*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.

LAMB OF GOD (8:15)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(10:45)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"What Child Is This"

arr. Catherine Rollins

"We Three Kings"

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High.

Refrain

4 Myrrh is mine;
its bitter perfume
breathes a life of
gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold
tomb.

Refrain

*BLESSING

***SENDING CAROL**

#300 “The First Noel”

- 3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!

Born is the King of Israel.

- 4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Three Kings of Orient”

Gordon Young

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