

Midweek grades 3-6 .....  
**THURSDAY: Women's Guild** .....  
**One Accord** .....  
**NEXT SAT: Worship**.....  
**SUNDAY: Worship**.....  
**Fellowship**.....  
**Adult Bible Study/SS** .....

*The Lutheran Hour* *The Lutheran Hour* December 30 "A Lon  
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy As the year come to a close, v  
 regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left und  
 Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more tha  
 take us into another year and give us peace. (Luke 2:27-32)On  
 at 6am, WMT 600AM at 6:30 am, WHO-1040AM at 7:30 am, o  
 ly Talk Radio XM170 at noon

**Attendance Last Week:**  
 Saturday — 225 Sunday — 115 Wednesday 124 Total— 464  
 Adult Bible Study — 18 Sunday School— NA His Too— 13

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**St. Paul's Financial Books will be closing on December noon. Please have any bills or offerings to the church of so they can be in the 2018 books. Thank you for your co**

**Welcome to**  
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**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2018**



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- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ☩ **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.**
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed... as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”
- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ☩ **Amen.**

(Tune: *LSB 528*)

**All: O Lamb of God, for all the world  
You take all sin away.  
O Lamb of God, bestow on us  
Your mercy full, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, in mercy true  
You take all sin away.  
Your peace in time and evermore  
Grant unto us, we pray.**

#### Distribution Hymns

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| <i>Anthem</i> | What Child Is This                     |                |
|               | On Christmas Night All Christians Sing | <i>LSB 377</i> |
|               | It Came upon the Midnight Clear        | <i>LSB 366</i> |
|               | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming           | <i>LSB 359</i> |
|               | Away in a Manger                       | <i>LSB 364</i> |

#### Post-Communion Liturgy

- O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**
- The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

**All creation worships You, and we join their wond'rous verse:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Christ, the holy Lamb of God, You who takes our sin away,  
Send Your mercy upon us from Your heav'nly throne, we pray.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Glory to the Father be; Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory to the Spirit be; Glory to the Three in One.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

#### Collect of the Day

- O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

#### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–14

- The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the seventh chapter.
- <sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

#### Epistle

1 John 4:7–16

- The Epistle is from 1 John , the fourth chapter.
- <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** O Holy Night

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 1:18–25

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter.

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn** O Come, All Ye Faithful *LSB 379*

**Sermon** A Savior with Us Matthew 1:18-25

**Nicene Creed**

☩ **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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Each petition concluding with:*

☐ Precious Lord Jesus,

☩ **hear our prayer.**

**Offering**

**Service of the Sacrament**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

☐ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

(tune: *LSB 368*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might adored;  
Heav’n and earth with glory bright Shine for us this holy night.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Our hosannas we lift high to the Lord who does draw nigh;  
Blessed is He who comes to us, infant form yet glorious.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**