



“In Nomine Iesu”

Welcome to

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

915 - 27th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302

e-mail: office@stpaulsmarioniowa.org

www.mystpauls.org

Phone: (319)377-4687

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

December 11, 2022

The St. Paul's Children's choir wishes you a very merry Christmas season, and thanks you for joining us today as we read and sing our way through a ***Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S*** written by Gail Gaymer Martin. In this play, each letter of the word *Christmas* has been assigned a key word(s) from the biblical account of Christ's birth. The letters and their meaning are: **R – Root of Jesse, C – Caesar Augustus, T – Traveler, I – Innkeeper, S – Shepherds, A – Angels, M – Manger, S – Savior, H – Holy night.** We will be concluding the program by singing **Silent Night LSB #363**, and invite the congregation to join us on verses 2 & 3.

Thank you to those who have been involved in preparing the children for this very special day, and we hope that this program is a blessing to you all!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – page 184

Divine Service Setting Three

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor
sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful
and unclean and that we have sinned against You by
thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge
to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your
grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-
begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us
and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins;
and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true
knowledge of You and of Your will and true
obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your
grace we may come to everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy
upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for
His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe
on His name He gives power to become the children of
God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that

believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 71:14-18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

P Rejoice in the Lord always;

C again I will say, Rejoice.

P I will hope continually

C and will praise you yet more and more.

P My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all the day,

C for their number is past my knowledge.

P With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

**C I will remind them of your righteousness,
yours alone.**

P O God, from my youth you have taught me,

C and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

P So even to old age and gray hairs, O God,
do not forsake me,

**C until I proclaim your might to another
generation, your power to all those to come.**

P Rejoice in the Lord always;

C again I will say, Rejoice.

Gloria Patri



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning

sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (please stand)



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Apostles' Creed

All 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 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.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering and Musical Offering

Hymn of the Day *“What Child Is This?”* LSB #370

Children’s Program

A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S by Gail Gaymer Martin

“Silent Night, Holy Night” LSB #363

Children will sing verse 1

Congregation joins in on verses 2-3

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

All **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.

Benediction (*please stand*)

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 (+) give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB #349

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

Acknowledgments Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Streaming license through CCLI, Stream License number: 20193242 Copyright License number: 1259603



Your Advent and Christmas Holiday worship schedule:

Wednesday Advent Services

7:00 p.m.

December 14 and 21

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.

Only ONE service this day.

Sunday School and Bible Class to follow

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.

Only ONE service this day.

Sunday School and Bible Class to follow.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th

Worship at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Only ONE service this day - with Communion

No Bible Class

Sunday, January 1, 2023, New Year's Day

Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

with Communion

Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.



A Christmas Prayer

Lord,
We welcome You
into our hearts
and homes.
Bless us with
Your peace, fill us
with Your joy,
surround us with
Your love.
We celebrate You
and thank You
for coming.
Amen.