

**Second Sunday after Christmas
ELW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, January 3, 2021
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(ELW pg. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of 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.
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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law!

all the day long it is in my mind.

⁹⁸**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.**

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.

¹⁰⁰**I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments.**

¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.

¹⁰²**I do not shrink from your judgments,
because you yourself have taught me.**

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴**Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.**

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Of the Father's Love Begotten



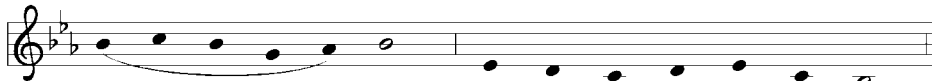
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

SERMON

“The Baby Outgrows His Manger”

Luke 2:40-52

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

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 into Hell
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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(ELW pg. 108)

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready.

THE PARTAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(ELW pg. 114)

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

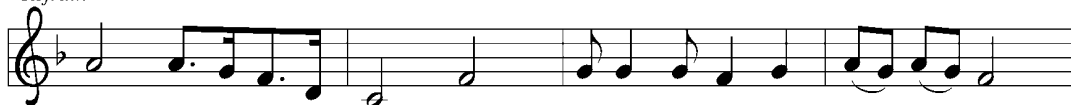
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

(ELW 290)

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome, family of Christ! Each person adds to our worship.
Thank you for being here.

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from the
“Cross of Lilies” Fund.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Ralph & Carolyn Bannister

Diane Dagg

Mike Emans

nephew of Nancy Dagg

Sandy Gray

Scott Griffith

brother-in-law of Barb (Adam) Wahl

Phyllis Jess

mother of Steve (Karen) Jess

Eric Karr

nephew of DeAnn Krauss

Neal Kessler

Bobby & Jennifer McCoy

Mel Mowry

Steve Pearson

Pastor Bob Young

Charlene Zaebst

cousin of Bev (Bill) Albright

DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

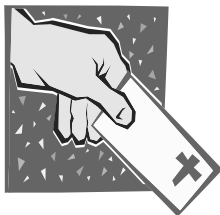
Kayle Carroll ~ granddaughter of Bev (Bill) Albright

Dylan Kimmet ~ son of Duane & Jeanie Kimmet

Michael Styczynski ~ husband of Elishia (Rosen) Styczynski

**HOMEBOUND &
IN MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES**

PRAY FOR ALL OUR HOMEBOUND AND/OR IN MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES: Bonnie Clark, Diane Dagg, Sue Dinan, Ruth Gerstenberger, Mildred House, Janet Kauble, LaVerde Kuns, Paul Long, Pat Newhouse, Florence Pocock, Katie Ritchey, Annabelle Tea, Margaret Watt and Walter Wickerham. *If you know of other members who are not listed, please inform the church office, 419-547-9225.*



**2021 OFFERING
ENVELOPES**

The “2021” Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall. If offering envelopes weren’t assigned to you and you would like a set of 2021 Offering Envelope, please contact me or the church office, 419-547-9225 to request envelopes. If you contribute electronically and would like the special envelopes that are included in the box of 2021 Offering Envelopes, please let me know. Please don’t use the 2021 Offering Envelopes until January 2021.

*Sue Mayes
Clerical/Finance Secretary*

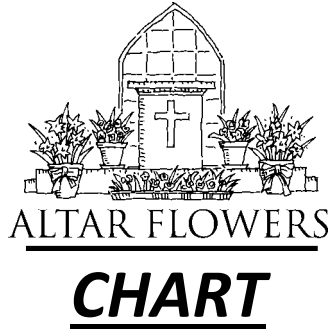
God wants us to ask for material possessions
and other things we need.

“ . . . ask, and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find; knock and it
will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9).

January 3, 2021 – January 10, 2021

<i>Sunday the 3rd</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. ~ Women’s Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion</p>
<i>Monday the 4th</i>	
<i>Tuesday the 5th</i>	<p>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Three Days of Prayer 9:30 am ~ Zoom Meeting/pastor 6:00 p.m. ~ Parish Education/Youth Board</p>
<i>Wednesday the 6th</i>	<p>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Three Days of Prayer</p>
<i>Thursday the 7th</i>	<p>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Three Days of Prayer</p>
<i>Friday the 8th</i>	
<i>Saturday the 9th</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Men’s Bible Study 5:00 p.m. ~Holy Communion Worship</p>
<i>Sunday the 10th</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service</p>

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The altar flower chart for the year 2021 is now on the double doors in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar “in honor” or “in memory” of someone, please sign the appropriate date on the chart and indicate whether you will be taking them or you want them to be delivered to our shut-ins.

The church office will order the altar flowers for each weekend. Cost will remain **\$30.00** with **checks payable to “WOMEN of ST. PAUL”** the week of your requested date.

Flowers will be removed from the altar by an assigned person and placed in the refrigerator in the kitchen. You will be responsible for removing the flowers from the refrigerator if you want them for yourself.

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ALTAR CARE

Anyone interested in helping with Altar Care please call or text **Tammy Baker @ 419-603-0698**. This is a very easy yet important part of keeping our church looking beautiful. If you have certain months you would like I will work it out with you. Even helping one or 2 weekends a month would help me out a lot. It usually only takes 1 – 1½ hours. We are very short handed this month and could use a person to help with the Christmas season.

Thank you,
Tammy Baker

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Where Is God in the Turmoil of a Life-Threatening Illness?

Karen Haren and Sue L. Frymark

In “Where is God in the Turmoil of a Life-Threatening Illness,” authors Karen Haren and Sue L. Frymark offer guidance in coping with a life-threatening illness from a Christian perspective.

It combines scriptures and personal stories, bringing a unique blend of practical, emotional and spiritual advice geared for the family. The goal is to help families walk through, what for many, may be their most difficult days.

Haren and Frymark discuss how God values us during all phases of our lives, and that people don’t lose their worth when they become sick or incapacitated. They describe a phenomenon they call God’s symphony orchestra. This is when God weaves emotions and events beautifully and powerfully like music from an orchestra with the ill person as the center note.

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**Daily
Devotions**



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The **January – March 2021** “Portals of Prayer” are in the track racks and at the “Information Center.” Please help yourself!



8:00 a.m. Service

10:30 a.m. Service

USHERS:

Kevin Larkins
Michelle Larkins
Brenda Sieger
Jim Sieger

Gary Wott
Keyli Billings
Tom Billings
Diane Hurst
Steve Jess

COUNTERS:

Greg Avery
John Glass

Barb Gosnell
Sandy Kessler

Song Leaders/Readers

Bill Hutchinson, Bev Mendoza, Tom Thorbahn

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OUR STEWARDSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Attendance 79
Offering \$ 1,278.00

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Attendance 61
Offering \$ 1,081.00

OUR STEWARDSHIP December 19 & 20, 2020

Worship Service Attendance 96
General Fund Offering \$4,201.95

Weekly amount needed to achieve budget is \$5,225.00