

Christmas Two

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cudahy, Wisconsin

January 3, 2021

*The Savior who came at Christmas (the Word became flesh)
continues to come to us through his Word (the Bible).*

OPENING HYMN – “Let All Together Praise Our God” (41)



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: People of God, let us come before the Lord and worship.

C: Let us praise him who comes with salvation.

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, as we gather in 2021:

C: In the name of Father,

M: whose love never changes;

C: And of the Son,

M: who is the same yesterday, today and forever;

C: And of the Holy Spirit,

M: whose work of creating and strengthening faith through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament never changes. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: As we come before the Lord, we confess our sins together:

C: Lord, as I come before you, I must admit my nature is corrupt and evil.

I have been sinful since the time of my conception.

My sinfulness has shown itself in how I think, what I say and the things that I do.

Lord, I've offended you by my actions, words and thoughts.

I ask that you forgive me and do not hold my sins against me.

Remove my guilt, and the punishment I deserve.

Lord, hear me, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my new-born King and Savior. Amen.

GOD'S VERDICT

M: The wonderful news I have the privilege of announcing to you in this New Year is that God has heard your prayer and answered it! The infant born in Bethlehem that first Christmas is Jesus Christ, your Savior. He has won for you the forgiveness for all your sins. His perfect life and his innocent death have satisfied God's righteous anger. As a called servant of the Lord, I assure you that your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you. Amen.

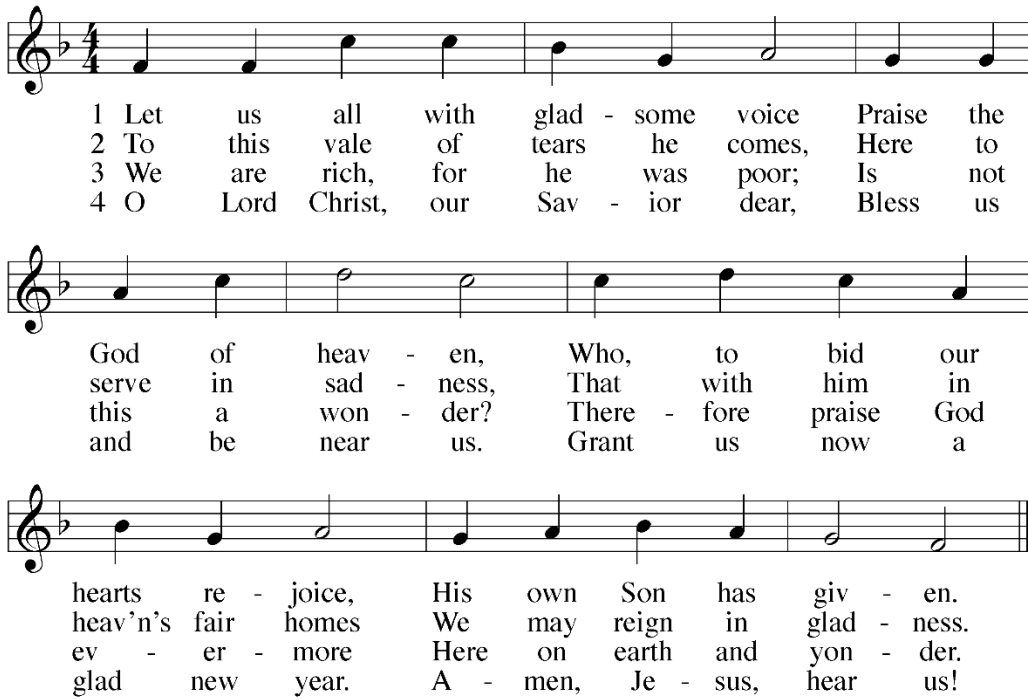
C: Sing unto the Lord a new song,

M: For he has done marvelous things!

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth:

OUR JOYFUL SONG OF PRAISE – “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” (64)

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1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the
 2 To this vale of tears he comes, Here to
 3 We are rich, for he was poor; Is not
 4 O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us

God of heav - en, Who, to bid our
 serve in sad - ness, That with him in
 this a won - der? There - fore praise God
 and be near us. Grant us now a

hearts re - jice, His own Son has giv - en.
 heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
 ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Micah 5:2-5a

So many people miss seeing and receiving the Savior's coming because of the humble way in which he came.

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he will be our peace.

EPISTLE LESSON / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

¹²He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

GOSPEL – John 7:40-43

Even after he came, people had a hard time seeing and accepting Jesus as the Savior.

⁴⁰ On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

⁴¹ Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

Still others asked, “How can the Messiah come from Galilee? ⁴² Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David’s descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” ⁴³ Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

A CHRISTMAS CONFSSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent his Son as my Savior on Christmas.


I believe in Jesus, Christ, his only Son, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the wisemen, he lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas; and by whose continuous work in my heart, through the Word, I am led to lay before the feet of Christ, my treasures of love, and live under him as my King, both now and forever.


This is most certainly true!

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Once Again My Heart Rejoices” (37)

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1 Once a - gain my heart re - joic - es As I hear
 2 Hear! The con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe,
 3 Should we still fear God's dis - pleas - ure, Who, to save,
 4 God be - comes the vic - tim, tak - ing Man-kind's place
 5 Soft - ly from his low - ly man - ger Je - sus calls



Far and near Sweet - est an - gel voic - es.
 Sin and woe, Death and hell are bro - ken!"
 Free - ly gave His most pre - cious treas - ure?
 By his grace, Full a - tone - ment mak - ing.
 One and all, "You are safe from dan - ger.



"Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing Till the air
 God is man, man to de - liv - er, And the Son
 To re - deem us he has giv - en His own Son
 For our life his own he ten - ders, And his grace
 Chil - dren, from the sins that grieve you You are freed;



Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
 Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.
 From the throne Of his might in heav - en.
 All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.
 All you need I will sure - ly give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!
 One and all,
 Great and small,
 Come with songs of gladness;
 We shall live with him forever
 There on high
 In that joy
 Which will vanish never.

THE MESSAGE

“Jesus Calls Us His Brothers and Sisters”

We thank Pastor Joel Gaertner for continuing our
 Christmas celebration with his message today.

HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” (34)



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to
 3 Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di -
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly



voice; He from whom joy stream - eth Poor
 thee. Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O
 vine. Death o'er us had reign - ed Through
 ground? Where the an - gels sing - ing With



in a man - ger lies; Not so bright - ly
 pure and ho - ly Child; Through thy grace and
 sin and van - i - ty; He for us ob -
 all his saints u - nite, Sweet - est prais - es



beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high.
 bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
 May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

M: Gracious heavenly Father, as we begin a new year we can't help but think of all the blessings we have received from you in the past year.

C: **We also realize our need for your continued presence in the future.**

M: We are confident that the kindness and faithfulness you have shown us in the past will not fail us in the year 2021, although we must confess we are not worthy of them.

C: **You have adopted us to be your children in Jesus, who is our Savior from sin.**

M: We are entirely certain of our salvation because of both the cradle and the cross. For this we thank and praise you and commend our bodies and souls into your care.

C: **We pray for your Holy Spirit so that you, O Savior, remain in our heart.**

- M: Help us grow in faith and love through a regular connection with your Word and Sacrament, and so that we might be able to better serve you and each another.
- C: Increase our understanding and involvement in the work of your kingdom in our church, our school and our community.**

Special Requests

- M: Lord, let your presence and guidance be evident in our families and in our congregation.
- C: Let this truly be a blessed New Year for us, O Jesus, as we pray in your name:**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION – “Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter” (70 v.1-2)

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1 Help us, O Lord, for now we en - ter Up -
 2 May ev - 'ry plan and un - der - tak - ing Be -
 3 And may this year to me be ho - ly; Your
 4 Je - sus, be with me and di - rect me; Je -
 5 And grant, Lord, when the year is o - ver, That



on an - oth - er year to - day. In you our
 gin this year, O Lord, with you; When I am
 grace so fill my ev - 'ry thought That all my
 sus, my plans and hopes in - spire; Je - sus, from
 it for me in peace may close. In all things



hopes and thoughts now cen - ter; Re - new our cour - age
 sleep - ing or am wak - ing, Help me, dear Lord, your
 life be pure and low - ly And truth - ful, as a
 tempt - ing thoughts pro - tect me; Je - sus, be all my
 care for me and cov - er My head in time of



for the way. New life, new strength, new hap - pi -
 will to do. In you a - lone, my God, I
 Chris - tian's ought. So make me while I'm liv - ing
 heart's de - sire; Je - sus, be in my thoughts all
 fear and woes. So may I, when my life is



ness We ask of you— oh, hear and bless.
 live; You on - ly can my sins for - give.
 here Your faith - ful ser - vant through the year.
 day And nev - er let me fall a - way.
 done, Ap - pear with joy be - fore your throne.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- M:** It is in the Sacrament of Baptism that the Lord forgives sin, and the Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts. It is in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper that the Lord forgives sin, and the Holy Spirit strengthens the faith he's planted in our hearts. That's why we want to come frequently to this special meal.
- C:** **“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”**
 (1 Corinthians 10:16,17)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



C: **"For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."** (1 Corinthians 11:26)

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF THANKS – "Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter" (70 v.3-5)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Dear Jesus. you were our Savior in the year that just past, and you have promised to walk with us into this new year. Through your Supper, we enter 2021 with the peace that comes from the forgiveness of sins. Through your Supper, you have also strengthened our faith in you. Help us to lead lives that reflect our forgiven status and our strengthened faith. To God be the glory!

C: **Amen!**

THE BLESSING

M: May the blessing of our Savior-God be upon us during this Christmas Season.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

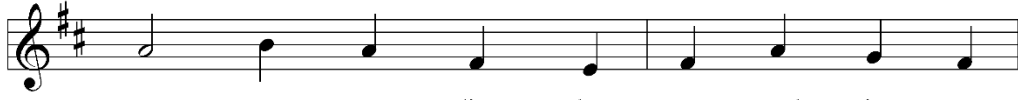
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – "O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is" (40)

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1 O Je - sus Christ, Your man - ger is
 2 He whom the sea And wind o - bey
 3 Dear Chris - tian friend, On him de - pend;
 4 Pon - der a - gain What glo - ry then gold;
 5 The world may hold Her wealth and gold;



My par - a - dise where my soul is re -
 Comes down to serve the sin - ner in great
 Be of good cheer and let no sor - row
 The Lord will give you for your earth - ly
 But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true



clin - ing. For there, O Lord, We find the Word
 meek - ness. Now God's own Son With us is one
 move you. For God's own child In mer - cy mild
 sad - ness. The an - gel host Can nev - er boast
 treas - ure. To him hold fast Un - til at last



Made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.
 And joins us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.
 Joins you to him—how great - ly God must love you!
 Of great - er glo - ry, great - er bliss or glad - ness.
 A crown is yours and hon - or in full meas - ure.

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January 3, 2021

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN WORSHIP TODAY!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We pray that you will be blessed by the message of the new-born King, Jesus that you will hear in our lessons, hymns and messages. We are striving to worship our God in a meaningful and yet safe way. Thank you for your patience and kindness as we do that. To assist you as you worship

- Masks are required in all indoor public facilities.
- During the Lord's Supper, please remain in your pew and participate at the pastor's direction.
- Offering envelopes can be placed in the offering baskets in the back row of pews as you exit.
- You will be ushered out at the direction of the ushers, moving from the back pews to front pews.
- Take home your service folder, or toss it in a receptacle as you are leave.
- Please do not gather in front of the exit doors so that others may exit safely.
- Please sign-up for worship by using the "Sign-up Genius" at stpaulscudahy.com or calling 744-9988.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message any time.

Today (Jan. 3)

9:30 AM.....Christmas 2 Worship / Comm

Monday (Jan. 4)

8:00 AM.....School Resumes

Tuesday (Jan. 5)

6:15 AM.....Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Thursday (Jan. 7)

6:30 PM.....Worship

Sunday (Jan. 10)

8:30 AM.....Sunday School Resumes

8:30 AM.....Revelation Study Resumes

9:30 AM.....Worship

Monday (Jan. 11)

4:30 PM.....Confirmation Class Resumes

6:30 PM.....Revelation Study Resumes

Organist

Mary Wilde

Ushers

Thurs. (1-7)

J Hansen

R Stack

Sun. (1-10)

D Borree

J Ziemann

D Richter

Our Worship

Christmas Eve 135

Christmas Day 75

Sunday 71

Total 281

Our Offerings

Envelopes..... \$6,223.00

Holiday \$6,834.00

Memorials \$50.00

Electronic..... \$1,765.36

Total \$14,872.36

Memorials

In Memory of Alex & Pauline Bauer,
Carole Huhn has given \$50.

2021 Flower Chart

The 2021 flower chart will be posted on the entryway bulletin board in mid-January, when the Christmas decorations are taken down. Thank you to everyone who placed flowers on the altar in 2020 to mark significant events in your Christian life. They gave thanks to God and enhanced our worship!

2021 Calendars & White Poinsettias

Thank You to Schmidt-Bartelt & Scott Koeske for the calendars on the entryway rack, along with the beautiful white poinsettias in the altar area.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

You've listened to this carol for years and probably wondered what do swimming swans and leaping lords have to do with Christmas? Once you understand the origin of this Christmas Carol, it truly has a Christian meaning. Over the 12 days of Christmas, St. Paul's – Cudahy is sharing an e-devotion (e-mail only) on the true Christian meaning of each of the 12 days. We pray that these devotions will help us continue to focus on the meaning of our Savior's birth throughout the 12 days of Christmas and beyond. Printed copies are available in the entryway.

Marriage Moments

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Sunday School

3-12 year olds meet in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9:15 AM
Resumes: January 10

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Bible Study - The Book of Revelation

Sunday 8:30 AM (Church) *or*
Resumes: January 10
Monday 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Resumes: January 11

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

First & Third Tuesdays at 6:15 AM,
at Andrea's Restaurant in Cudahy.

Women's Bible Study

Meets again in June.

7-Week Sermon Series to Start 2021

Our New Year's Eve message centered on the words from Second Peter below. God wants us to know that we can either choose to grow in our faith, or choose to decline. God wants us to know that as we express the 7 Christian attributes listed below in our daily lives, we not only please God, they also make our lives better.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

During these first 7 weeks of the New Year, we'll be taking one of these 7 Christian qualities, and focus on it in worship, so we can intentionally choose ways to express this attribute. Peter even adds this guarantee:

"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-8).

- January 3 Goodness
- January 10 Knowledge
- January 17 Self-control
- January 24 Perseverance
- January 31 Godliness
- February 7 Mutual Affection
- February 14 Love

