

ESV(Galatians 4:4-7) But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

ESV(Matthew 2:13-23) Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

NKJ(Isaiah 55:1-5) "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, And your wages for *what* does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. ⁴ Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."



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The Sunday after Christmas – December 29, 2024

The Opening Prayer by the Pastor

The Opening Hymn – 375 (Stanzas 1-2, 5) (Red Hymnal)

"If Thy Beloved Son, O God"

The Order of Service – Hymnal page 5ff. (Red Hymnal)

The Scripture Lessons: (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

The Epistle Lesson: (Galatians 4:4-7) With the phrase "**when the fullness of time had come**" our Epistle Lesson first reminds us of God's omniscient timing in connection with the sending of his Son to be our Savior. As in all things, God can be trusted to know what is best for those who desperately need his Savior. Through that Son of God, we have been redeemed from sin and Satan and have been made heirs of eternal life.

The Gospel Lesson: (Matthew 2:13-23) Every prophecy made concerning the Promised Messiah in the Old Testament was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Our Gospel lesson also reminds us of the forces of evil that were arrayed against Jesus from the very beginning of his life on earth, ending in his crucifixion on Calvary's cross. Truly he came not to be served, but to serve, suffer, and save.

The Confession of Faith -

The Apostolic Creed – page 12. (Red Hymnal)

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 738 (Lutheran Service Book)

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

The Sermon – Text: Isaiah 55:1-5 (Printed on the back of this bulletin)

"God's Incredible Christmas Offer"

I. It's what everyone needs

II. It's an unbelievable bargain

III. It comes with an everlasting guarantee

-Professor Paul Naumann, Guest Speaker

The Offertory – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Post-Sermon Hymn – 89 (Red Hymnal)

"To Thee My Heart I Offer"

The Prayers of the Day followed by the Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn - 97 (Red Hymnal)

"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"

Silent Prayer

Welcome! - We warmly welcome any visitors who might be with us this morning and invite you to join us every Sunday at this time. St. Paul is a congregation in fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) – a conservative Lutheran synod with churches and missions throughout the United States and around the world. We are glad you are here. Thank you for letting us share the Word of God with you. Please record your visit in our Guest Book, and come again.

Attendance – Sunday (40) Average (40) Tuesday (65) Wednesday (39)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today -9:00 a.m. – Sunday school and Bible Class

-10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

-11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

Wednesday - No Midweek Classes

Next Sunday -9:00 a.m. – No Sunday school or Bible Class

-10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

-11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

CLC News – Pastor George Dummam is considering the call to Faith of Manchester (St. Louis area), MO. Pastor Del Maas has returned the call to St. Stephen of Mountain View (San Francisco area) CA.

Pastor Out of Town – Pastor Roehl (and Sandy) are hoping to visit family in WI this week, leaving Wednesday or Thursday and returning Sunday evening or Monday. As a result, a lay service is planned for next Sunday, January 5th. As a result, there are no midweek classes scheduled for this Wednesday and no Sunday school or Bible Class next Sunday.

Church Council Organization – In a meeting during the fellowship hour last Sunday, the 2025 Church Council organized itself as follows: Mick Johnson, President; Brian Fettig, Vice President; Keith Mantz, Treasurer; Timothy Meyer, Secretary; Phil Pfennig, Financial Secretary; and Mark Johnson, Trustee Coordinator.

Funeral Service – A service of thanksgiving to our God for the deliverance of Jody Blumhardt to his side in heaven is planned for Saturday, January 11th at 1:00 pm. Here at St Paul. A light lunch will be served after the service. The Women's Fellowship is asked to meet briefly during the fellowship hour this morning to plan the meal.