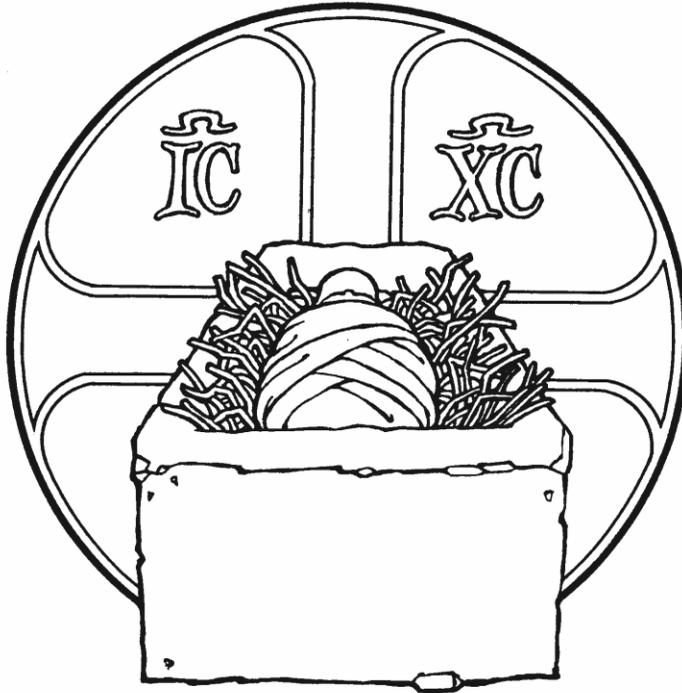


Christmas Eve (December 24th, 2022)
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Opening Hymn: 376 Once in Royal David's City

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit

When all was still, and it was | midnight,*
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.
**Why do the | nations rage*
and the peoples | plot in vain?**
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*
against the LORD and against his a- | noointed.
**He who sits in the | heavens laughs;*
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**
Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,
“As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.”
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
When all was still, and it was | midnight,*
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

Kyrie

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

- C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in
darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep
darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they
divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day
of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping
warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in
blood
will be burned as fuel for the
fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon
his shoulder,
and his name shall be called

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government
and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over
his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and
forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will
do this.

Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round

about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

sts. 1, ref, 2-4

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For true faith in Christ and His promise that by His conception, virgin birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are His, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the love of God, that abiding in us and we in Him, we would grow in love toward one another and His love would be perfected in us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For joy and delight in proclaiming the glad tidings of Christ to all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the families of our church and our country, that seeing how Christ took His place in the family of Mary and Joseph, we also would live faithfully as husbands and wives, loving and caring for our children and nurturing them in God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For good government, that God would move all those in authority to govern in service to the will of David's Son and Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For generosity, that the Father who loves us and sent His Son as the propitiation for our sins would perfect His love in us to show kindness to those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the lonely, sick, recovering or those near death, including:

Charlie Crosby

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Helene Hegerfeld (Mother of Brenda Scherer)

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Andy Buuck (Nephew of Suzann Rekeweg)

Shirley Buuck (sister-in-law- to Suzann Rekeweg) for strength and healing

Larry Hockemeyer (Father of Lori Conrad)

Cheryl Caffee

Paul Gunsett

Lori Sprunger who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer

Herb and Sharon Banning

Carl Hormann

Leanne Busick

that they would be comforted and persevere in hope until He visits them with healing, relief, deliverance and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who will receive Christ's body and blood this night, that they would have true faith in His Word and promises, be fed in body and soul, and be sustained in humble repentance and godly living, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P We thank You, dear Lord, for the saints who received Your blessing of righteousness in Christ and now stand in the most holy place before Your throne. Preserve us by Your grace in the holiness of Christ, that we, too, may dwell in Your light and life for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offertory

LSB 159

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

Hymn to Depart: 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

sts. 1–3, 11

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Bruce Scherer (Head), Joe Werling, Matt Braun, Fred M. Fuelling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Rod Busick, Jim Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Home Purpose- 2,370.00; Missions- \$300.00; Total Offerings- \$2,670.00; SPI- \$20.00.

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$6,500.00.

SPECIAL NOTE: St. Peter's Mission budget obligation for 2022 is \$11,000.00. We have met our Mission budget goal for 2022 with surplus going to SPI. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission & ministry of St. Peter.

DEAR PASTOR TANKSLEY & MEMBERS OF ST. PETER: Thank you all so much for the greeting cards, phone calls and visits for my birthday, Christmas and throughout the year. Your remembrances of me are very much appreciated and lift up my spirits. I am blessed to call St. Peter my church home. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. *-Charles Crosby*

ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE will be Friday, January 13th. PLEASE have all reports in to Jen Fuelling ASAP with Friday, January 13th as the absolute deadline. The reports will be formatted, printed, and ready to hand out by the January 29th Voters' Assembly.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will meet on Sunday, January 29th.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Friday, January 20th.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP for JANUARY & FEBRUARY: During the months of January and February we will be collecting "Laundry" items for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to are: liquid laundry detergent, laundry pods, dryer sheets, bleach, stain pre-treater, laundry softener, spray starch. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

RESULTS FROM THE DECEMBER 4th VOTERS ASSEMBLY ELECTION:

- President (1): Dave Bischoff
- Elder (2): Andy Wolf, John Fuelling
- Deacon (2): Louie Fuelling, Matt Rogusz
- Trustee (2): Sam Braun, Barry Scherer
- Recording Secretary (1): Lori Conrad
- Treasurer (1): Marjeana Lemler
- School Board (1): Kyle Bischoff

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25TH, 2022

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| SUNDAY | 9:00 am | Divine Service with Holy Communion for Christmas Day |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| SATURDAY | 7:00 pm | New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 am | Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | ----- | Bible Study/Sunday School |

Additional Christmas Worship Opportunities, 2022

Sunday, December 25, 9:00 am

Divine Service of Holy Communion for Christmas Day,
Festival of Our Lord's Nativity

Saturday, December 31, 7:00 pm

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Epistle

Galatians 3:23–29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Introit

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the Lord!”

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.*

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*”

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*

your law is with- | in my heart.”

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the Lord!”

900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love



- 1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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