

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



# CHRIST + THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Heavenly Hosts Sing Alleluia

*Christmas Eve 2025*

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church | Wisconsin Rapids, WI

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December 24, 2025



## Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

## Service Notes For This Service



Families cherish their Christmas traditions. Year after year, they decorate the tree with the same ornaments, play the same music, bake the same Christmas cookies. Without asking, family members know when they will open presents. If you try to change your family's Christmas traditions, you might be in trouble! When it comes to family Christmases, people generally don't like things to change.

Because our celebration of Christmas has so many unchanging traditions, we might miss the fact that the birth of Christ the Savior meant radical change for the world. Would the change be an improvement or another step in decline? The angels answer the question. They don't sing "Watch out for impending doom!" They sing "glory" and "peace," praising God with alleluias!

## Those Serving in Worship

Pastor Peter Plagenz; Lectors: Levi Johansson, Elder Greg Paul, Staff Minister Randy Pahl, Congregational President Kent Schroeder, Walker Gear, Elder Todd Ferkey, and Mitch Kracht; Organist: Sue Kulhanek; Church Choir; Brass

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# Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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*Please use the hymnals for any tunes that are unfamiliar or to assist in singing harmony.*

## Welcome & Devotion

### Prayer

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

*338 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

- 1 **On Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring,  
on Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring,  
news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful King's birth.**
- 2 **When sin departs before his grace,  
then life and health come in its place,  
when sin departs before his grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
angels and saints with joy may sing,  
all for to see the newborn King.**
- 3 **All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night,  
all out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night:  
“Glory to God and peace to men  
now and forevermore. Amen.”**



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## First Lesson

Genesis 3:8–15

*The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.*

<sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup>God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup>The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.” (EHV®)

## Hymn

*362 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising sts. 1, 3–4*

- 1** Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
loudly sing his love amazing,  
worthy folk of Christendom.
- 3** Jacob's Star in all its splendor  
beams with comfort sweet and tender,  
forcing Satan to surrender,  
breaking all the pow'rs of hell.
- 4** From the bondage that oppressed us,  
from sin's fetters that possessed us,  
from the grief that sore distressed us,  
we, the captives, now are free.



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## Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born.  
To us a son is given.  
The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders.  
He will be named:

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

<sup>7</sup>There will be no limit to his authority  
and no end to the peace he brings.  
He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
from now on, into eternity.  
The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this. (EHV®)



## Hymn

345 *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* sts. 1–3

- 1** Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,  
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
but there is room and welcome there for me,  
but there is room and welcome there for me.
- 2** In that unlikely place I find him as they said:  
sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.
- 3** How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

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## Third Lesson

Isaiah 11:1–9

*A Branch from the stump of Jesse will bear fruit.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse,  
and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the poor,  
and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his hips.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf will dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat,  
the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together,  
and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear will graze together,  
and their young ones will lie down together.  
The lion will eat straw like the cattle.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole,  
and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD,  
as the waters cover the sea. (EHV®)



## Hymn

*360 Behold, a Branch Is Growing sts. 1–3*

**1 Behold, a branch is growing  
of loveliest form and grace!  
As prophets sang, foreknowing,  
it springs from Jesse's race  
and now begins to flow'r  
in midst of coldest winter,  
at deepest midnight hour.**

2 **Isaiah had foretold it  
in words of promise sure,  
and Mary's arms enfold it,  
a virgin meek and pure.  
Through God's eternal will  
this child to her is given  
at midnight calm and still.**



3 **This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor  
the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, and yet true God,  
from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens ev'ry load.**

Text: tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; German, 16th cent. Text: Public domain

## Fourth Lesson

*Micah 5:2–4*

*The king will shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord.*

<sup>2</sup>But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel.  
His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore the LORD will give them up,  
until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child.  
Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth. (EHV®)

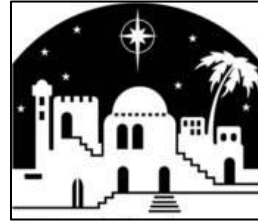
## Hymn

*333 O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1 **O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.

3 How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.



4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

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## Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26–35, 38

*The angel Gabriel announces to Mary the birth of a son.*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

<sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, “See, I am the Lord’s servant. May it happen to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her. (EHV®)

## Hymn

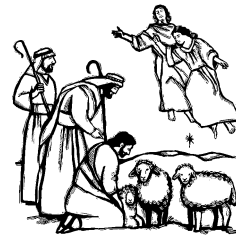
*350 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’\_angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” (Refrain)**

**Ref Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

**2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
hail th’\_incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! (Refrain)**

**3 Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth. (Refrain)**



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## Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1–7

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to register, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

<sup>6</sup>And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (EHV®)

## Hymn

*340 Away in a Manger*

- 1** Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2** The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3** Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and take us to heaven to live with you there.



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## Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8–20

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

<sup>8</sup>There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Now let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (EHV®)

## Hymn

*346 Angels We Have Heard on High*

**1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains. (Refrain)**

**Ref Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav’nly song? (Refrain)**

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)**



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## Eighth Lesson

*Matthew 2:1–12*

*The Magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, <sup>2</sup>“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. <sup>11</sup>After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route. (EHV®)

## Hymn

354 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels: (Refrain)**

**Ref O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**2 God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,  
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!  
Only-begotten Son of God the Father: (Refrain)**

**3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: (Refrain)**

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)**



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## Ninth Lesson

John 1:1–14

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made.

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup>They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (EHV®)

## Hymn

353 Joy to the World

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
  
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
  
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
  
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.



## Connect Card and Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



## Musical Offering

*Celebrate with Singing*

*Stand*

### Prayer

Gracious Father, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to carry out your plan to save the world from the tyranny of sin, the threat of death, and the power of Satan. On this holy night, strengthen our faith as we ponder the depth of your divine love.

**Lead us to quiet awe as we remember your gracious compassion.**

Impress on us the poverty and pain your Son endured in our place, how he willingly set aside his power and place and assumed the weakness of an infant and the starkness of a stable. Lead us to acknowledge the sins which compelled his humiliation and the love which accepted his lowliness.

**Forgive us and move us to trust in his mission to save us.**

Take away our fears and fright and fill us with joy as we hear the message that Jesus was born for us and that he came to restore peace with you and mend the bond broken by sin. Move us to sing our carols and hymns not with passing pleasure but with the depth of praise for his extraordinary love.

**Let our songs and hymns reflect our faith in the redemption gained by Christ.**

Lead us to kneel at his manger with hearts of faith and to see there the God-man who takes away the sins of the world. Guide and guard us so that the happiness shared with family and friends does not delay or discourage our journey to his holy crib.

**Make the birth of Christ our highest priority and deepest pleasure.**

During this hectic holiday, provide us with quiet times to remember what the birth of Jesus really means for us and all people, that he came to free us from the evil forces that separated us from your love, that he lived and died to forgive our sins, and that he rose in triumph to prepare a place where we will live with you forever.

**Move us to sing with hearts of faith, "Glory to God in the highest!" Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as 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.

## Blessing

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with such joy that comes from the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the T Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lighting of Candles

*The ushers will come to your pew and light the candle nearest the center aisle. Please then light the candle next to you until all the candles are lit in the pew. Remember to tip the unlit candle and leave the lit candle vertical. When all the candles are lit, the lights will be dimmed and we will join to sing the hymn.*

## Hymn

*337 Silent Night, Holy Night*

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| <p><b>1</b>    <b>Silent night, holy night!</b><br/><b>All is calm, all is bright</b><br/><b>round yon virgin mother and child.</b><br/><b>Holy Infant, so tender and mild,</b><br/>      <b>sleep in heavenly peace,</b><br/>      <b>sleep in heavenly peace.</b></p>       | <p><b>2</b>    <b>Silent night, holy night!</b><br/><b>Shepherds quake at the sight.</b><br/><b>Glories stream from heaven afar,</b><br/><b>heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!</b><br/>      <b>Christ, the Savior, is born!</b><br/>      <b>Christ, the Savior, is born!</b></p> |
| <p><b>3</b>    <b>Silent night, holy night!</b><br/><b>Son of God, love's pure light</b><br/><b>radiant beams from thy holy face</b><br/><b>with the dawn of redeeming grace,</b><br/>      <b>Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,</b><br/>      <b>Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.</b></p> |  |

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# News & Announcements

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**HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service at 9:00 am**  
**Dec. 28 - Sunday Worship at 9:00 am**  
**Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Service at 6:30 pm**



## Membership Classes Starting Soon

If you have been worshipping with us for a while or just new here, we invite you to learn more about what the Bible, and we here at St. Paul's, teach about God and your relationship to him. Please contact Pastor Plagenz for more information.

## Pick Up Your Offering Envelopes

Members, your 2026 contribution envelopes are in your mail slots. Please do not start to use these envelopes until Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 5 School Resumes
- Jan. 11 Winter Congregational Meeting
- Jan. 12 Panther HOME Basketball Game
- Jan. 12 Pastoral Call Meeting
- Jan. 14 Compline Service

MERRY  
Christmas

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