

What's Happening This Week?

- *December 31st - New Year's Eve
- *January 1st - Happy New Year!
- *January 2nd - Happy Birthday Jan Preble
- *January 4th - Happy Birthday Shirley Krause

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December 29, 2024

+ First Sunday After Christmas +

Merry Christmas — yes, still! As the church continues to celebrate Christ's birth, I invite you to bask in the goodness of God. Welcome!

As Mary "treasured ... in her heart" all that had happened around Jesus' birth and childhood (Luke 2:19, 51), help me, God, to treasure your gifts and teachings in my heart always.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to all our guests and visitors! Please share your contact information with us by signing our guest book, fellowship pad or a connection card. We don't share your information with anyone outside the church. Pastor Mike looks forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Sunday 12/22/24 Attendance: 68

Sunday 12/22/24 Offerings \$7,409

Sunday 12/29/24 Counters: Terry Podratz & Jan Preble

Altar Duty for December: Darryl & Shelley Frederickson

The craving of wealth is dangerous to one's faith.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith
and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Tim. 6:10).

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Gathering for Worship

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Hymn 386

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Worshipping Together

Sharing the Scriptures

Arlee Mueller

Let All Together Praise Our God

Hymn 389 sts. 1-4

Sermon

Pastor Michael Michalk

Proclaiming The Word

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord / Communion

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Hymn 384

Angels From The Realms of Glory

Hymn 367

Benediction

Let All Together Praise Our God

Hymn 389 sts. 5-7

Sharing The Scriptures

Arlee Mueller

Old Testament

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. . . . ¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Epistle

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.