

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CALIFORNIA, MO.
First Sunday after Christmas-December 31, 2017

BROADCAST: The broadcast of today's service is underwritten by Mark and Susie Crawford for their many blessings over the past year.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are given by a member of the congregation praying for many blessings to all in the New Year!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Evandro Kopper
Head Elders	Dennis Woods/Mark Crawford
Head Usher	Jack Lake
Cross Bearer	Steven Gentry
Acolyte	Ryan Bleich
Organist	Don Jungmeyer
Radio Announcer	Caleb Bleich

This Week

Tues.	Jan	1	New Year's Day – Office Closed
Wed.	Jan	3	9:00 a.m. Ministerial Alliance (First Christian Church)
			No Weekday School Today
Fri.	Jan	5	10:00 a.m. Child Care Chapel
Sun.	Jan	7	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours : Monday – Friday
8 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 5 pm
Attendance Last Week: 243
Cantata Service: 119
Christmas Day: 83

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTERS MEETING: Will be next Sunday, January 7th at 11:30 in the Martin Luther Room. We encourage everyone to be present.

RADIO BROADCAST: Available date of January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. If you would like to sponsor this broadcast, please let Sara in the office know.

CHURCH SECURITY MEASURES: New security measures have been implemented during the services to ensure the safety of those attending. All doors, except for the front entrance, will be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. The only way to enter the church will be through the front entrance after that time.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Have been placed in your mailboxes. If you did not receive a box and wish to, please see Sara in the office or Carol Jungmeyer and they will get you a box.

CHURCH TEXT ALERTS: St. Paul's now has the capability of sending out notifications by text message to alert the congregation of church cancellations due to weather and events taking place. If you would like to sign up for these alerts, please sign the list on the table in the Narthex. These messages are only successful if we know your cell phone carrier, please be sure to fill this in.

ACH OFFERINGS: Reminder the church has the capability of automatically withdrawing your offerings from your account on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis, let Sara in the office know if you would prefer this method over the offering envelopes and she can get you set up.

CHURCH WEBSITE: Reminder the Church website has been revamped and updated with lots of new and informative information. The site now features Usher/Elder Schedules, current and past newsletters, important announcements, upcoming events, weekly service bulletins and features our live Facebook feed. We invite you to navigate to the website (stpaulslutheran1860.com) and give us feedback.

Project Promise—Personal Care Kits

During this season of giving and in conjunction with the Children's Christmas Program, the church is holding a drive for Project Promise to collect and put together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We hope to directly involve the children of our congregation in giving to people in need all over the world during the Christmas season. However, everyone in the congregation is encouraged to donate as well! Some of the items needed are as follows:

- “ **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20” x 40” and 52” x 27”), dark color recommended.
- “ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.
- “ **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- “ **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- “ **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

Bring your items into the church and place them in the box in the Narthex. If you have questions regarding this project see the flyer on the table in the Narthex or speak with Debra Lake.

2018 CALENDARS: The Youth Group is selling calendars again this year for \$7.00 each. If you would like to purchase a calendar they are on the table in the Narthex. Please make checks out to St. Paul's LYO and leave your check in the office.



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December 31, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL: Please rise and face the center aisle as the processional cross passes by.

OPENING HYMN: 367 – *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: Praise the Lord. I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart.

C: He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

P: He provided redemption for His people. Holy and awesome is His name.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In Psalm 111 the psalmist says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and that all who follow His precepts have good understanding. The truth is, however, that we have not faithfully followed the Lord's direction, His laws, and His will. We confess our sins and failures to live a wise life, for the Lord Himself has invited us to turn to Him and be saved.

C: O Lord, I am in need of Your salvation. You deserve to be feared, held in awe, and respected. Yet I have ignored Your will and Your wisdom and have chosen for myself what path I should follow. Forgive my many sins. Save me, for You are God and there is no other.

P: Isaiah declares that in the Lord alone are righteousness and strength. Jesus, the Christ Child is the one who lived a completely right and holy life. That qualified Him to be your Savior. By His death on the cross He has bought you back from sin.

In Christ you are found to be right with God. Yes, in Jesus Christ, the Lord is gracious and compassionate to you. In Him you are forgiven. In Him you have peace. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

LET US PRAY..

GOD'S WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY: [Psalm 111:1-10](#)

P: ¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C: ²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

P: ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**C: ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P: ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**C: ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

P: ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**C: ⁸They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

P: ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

C: ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: [Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING: [Galatians 4:4-7](#)

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: [Luke 2:22–40](#)

Response before Gospel: “Glory be to Thee, O Lord!”

Response after Gospel: “Praise be to Thee, O Christ!”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed - Page 192

HYMN: 537 - “Beautiful Savior”

SERMON: “Let your Servant depart in Peace”

TEXT: [Luke 2:22-40](#)

OFFERTORY: Pages 159-160

IN OUR PRAYERS

[Anna Bleich, Fred Bleich, Pam Buda, Natalie Diemler, Nikki Dodds, Betty Edwards, Karen Hagemeyer, Sharon Hall, Iris Heck, Caitlin Howell, Steven Lee, Brian McCarty, Brad O’Neal, Aiden Reichel, J.C. Stock, Harold Strobel and Joe Wagner \(Sustained Health Concerns\)](#)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: Pages 160-162

COMMUNION HYMNS:

360 - “All My Heart Again Rejoices”

412 - “The People That in Darkness Sat”

CLOSING LITURGY: Pages 163-165

“The Nunc Dimittis” - Pages 165

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be Gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you His peace in life and in death. [Numbers 6:24-26](#)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 379 - “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord