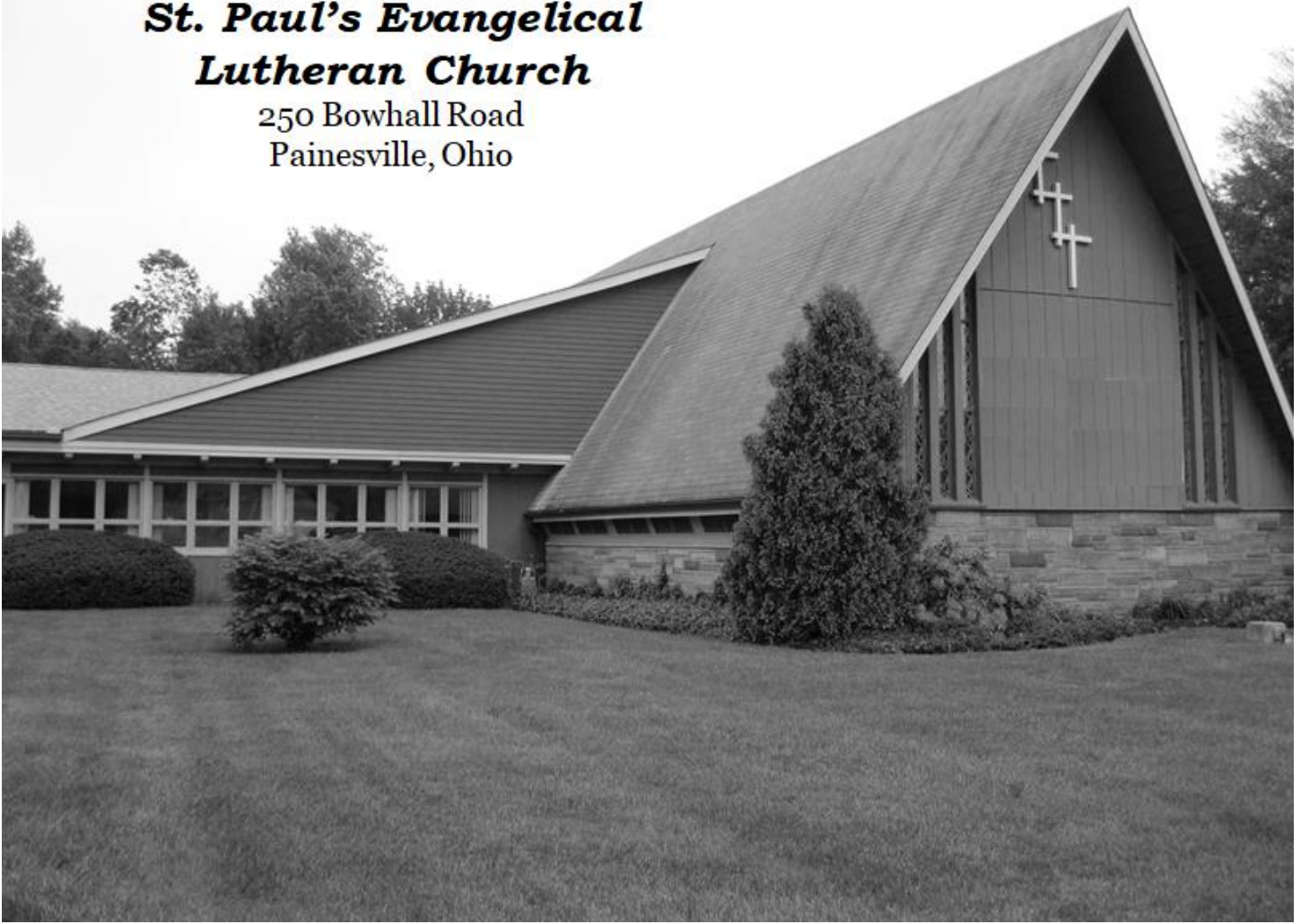


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***“I was glad when they said to me
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” Psalm 122:1***

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The First Weekend after Christmas

December 26 & 27, 2020

A Service of Carols, Scripture, & Communion

OPENING HYMN

367 *LSB* "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Vv. 1-2, 5



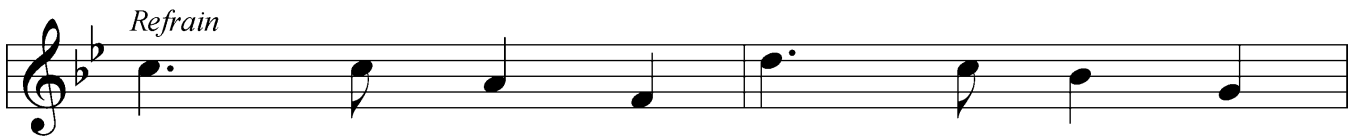
1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



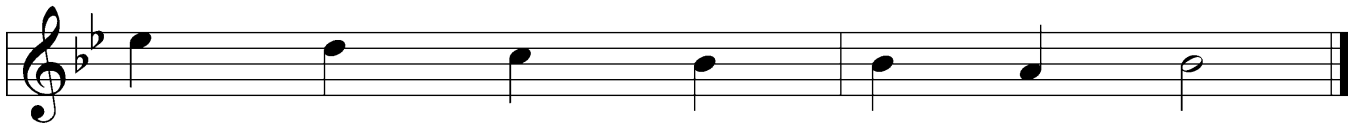
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



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Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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INVOCATION & PSALMODY [Psalm 111]

P We gather this day in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who makes us holy

C Amen.

P Praise the LORD.

C I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

P Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

C Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

P He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

C He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

P He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

C The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

P They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

C He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

C To him belongs eternal praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray together

C O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit ↓

HYMN: 370 *LSB* "What Child Is This" Vv. 1, 3



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC “First Noel/Pachelbel Canon”

Erin Cardina, Dominick Madda, Rachel Sekki & Patrick Snowhill

EPISTLE READING *Galatians 4:4-7*

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our

hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand ↑

GOSPEL READING *Luke 2:22-40*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit↓

SERMON HYMN

389 *LSB* “Let All Together Praise Our God” Vv. 1-4



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

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THE MESSAGE “Recognizing the Sign” Luke 2:22-40

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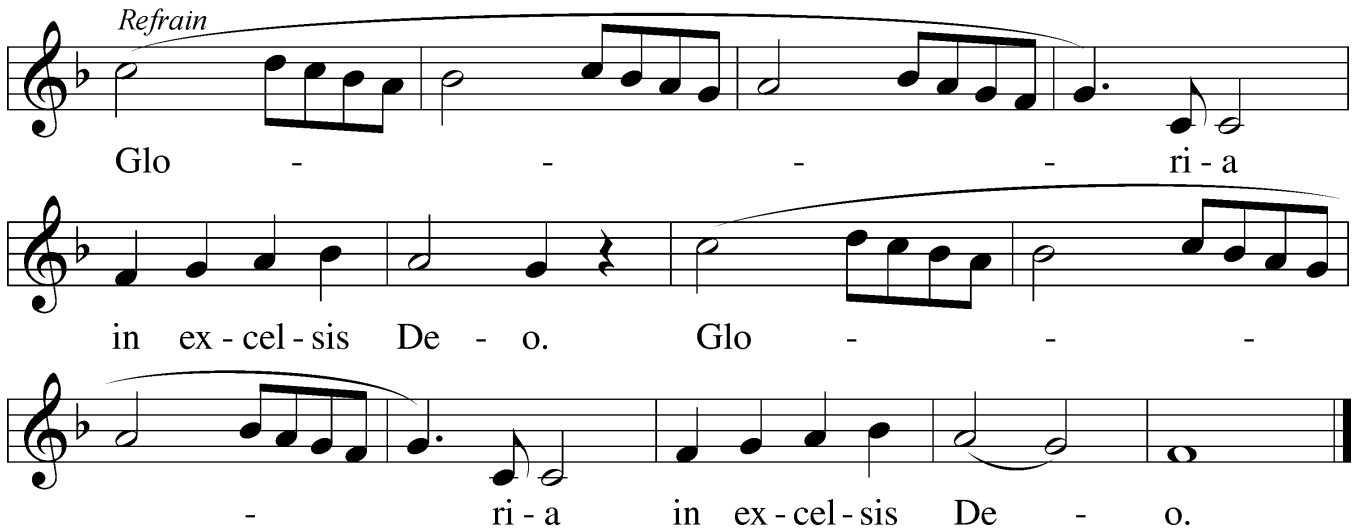
HYMN 383 LSB “Angels We Have Heard on High” Vv. 1, 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(each petition concludes)

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us

take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☩ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

☩ Amen.

P The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☩ Amen. God's peace be with us.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith

throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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.

CLOSING HYMN: 388 *LSB* "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Vv. 1, 3

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through - out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.

And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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SILENT PRAYER

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Special Music: *Erin Cardina, Dominic Madda, Rachael Sekki & Patrick Snowhill*

Counters: *Jenn Drake, Debbi Davis & Laurie Srebernak*

In Our Prayers This Week:

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Worship Attendance (Dec 19 & 20, 2020): 46

Weekly Financial Update:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Last Week (Dec 20)	3,500	7,780	4,280
Year-to-date (25 Weeks)	87,500	84,081	(3,419)

Calendar for the Week of Dec 28th, 2020 – Jan 3rd, 2021

Monday, Dec 28 – Pastor out of town through Jan 3, 2021

Thursday, Dec 31 – New Year's Eve

Friday, Jan 1 – New Year's Day

Saturday, Jan 2 – Worship Service 6:00pm

Sunday, Jan 3 – Worship Service w/Communion 9:30am

Announcements

Women's Bible Study Resumes

Women's Bible Study will resumes on January 13, 2021 (6:30-8:00). All women are invited to join as we study God's Word. All materials are provided. Masks are to be worn and we do practice social distancing.

Are you saving your mites?

If you have been unable to bring your mites to church, you can choose to use the donate button at <http://lwmlohio.org>. Just follow the directions on the page remembering to list St. Paul's, Painesville as your church and Northeast as your zone.

2021 Offering Envelopes Are In!

The envelopes are on the table by the mailboxes. If we accidentally missed you or if you have never received envelopes before and would like to start, please let Pastor or Dennis Concoby know and we will prepare a box for you.

2021 LWML Convention

The LWML Convention will be held in Lexington, KY on June 24-27. The host committee shares the following: **Renewed Strength** as we begin a new year. We pray that our strength will be renewed to continue the race to Lexington, Kentucky, and the 2021 LWML Convention. A marathon can dehydrate us and make us thirsty and hungry. We grow weary. The Living Water, the Bread of Life, the Sacraments, prayer, hearing and studying God's Word, all give us that renewed strength to continue the race toward the goal of bringing all plans to completion. We pray for God's blessings on this convention; that the Lord supplies volunteers from the Host Convention Districts, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio, to serve in one of the 500 plus positions available. Go to the LWML Indiana District website, www.lwmlindiana.org to find the Call for

Workers! Volunteer Application Form and share the form with others. Workers are needed in all positions. Check the positions where you want to serve by marking them first choice, second choice, etc. Download the form and send or email to Penny Letterman at the address on the form as soon as possible. By volunteering at least eight hours, you will receive a generous discount on your registration fee. You will receive a special registration form along with the discount coupon in a Worker's Packet. Have you ordered your LWML Convention Logo Polo Shirt? Download the order form at www.lwmlindiana.org and order before the March 1, 2021, deadline. See the winter issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly for convention information. DO select a hotel from the options in the Quarterly. **PLEASE NOTE – all of the above convention information and forms are also found at <http://lwmlohio.org>** .IF you are considering attending the convention, please contact Billie Lelle (bllelle@roadrunner.com)

St. Paul's Giving Tree

As the weather turns colder and the snow begins to fly, St. Paul's is collecting hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for adults and children! Please consider bringing in your donations for the Giving Tree! We will be collecting these items through January 3, 2021. Donations will be sent to Christ Child Clothing Cottage, The Hope Chest, Salvation Army and Sub Zero Mission! Drop off items in the large box next to the tree in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for helping!

Prayer Quilts

Don't forget to let JoEllen Graziadei or Kristi McConnell know when you have a friend, neighbor or family member that is in need of encouragement and prayers. We can send a prayer quilt to them with a card and an invitation to church. In these troubled times, it's more important than ever to tell people God loves them and we are here for them.

Become a Greeter

Being a greeter is a great way to get to know your fellow disciples and there are many different ways to greet someone while practicing social distancing. The sign-up sheet is located on the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

Is there someone special, a special date, or a special event you would like to honor? A great way to do that is with Altar Flowers. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the wall next to the double doors leading out of the sanctuary. All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend. Be sure to print clearly what occasion is being honored and who the flowers are given by. Altar flowers are \$30.00. This can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" and the date of the weekend, then place in the collection plate.