



## **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point** **2nd Sunday after Christmas January 5, 2019**

**Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!**

**Prayer before the Service-**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

**Opening Hymn .....376**  
**Order of Service-Divine Service IV.....pg 203**  
**Psalm 119:97-104 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

## **Old Testament Lesson-1 Kings 3:4-15**

Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

## **Epistle Lesson-Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound

toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Gospel Lesson-Luke 2:40-52**

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day’s journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”

And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Hymn.....410**

**Sermon**

**Text: Luke 2:40-52; 1 Kings 3**

**Theme: I must be about the business of my Father**

**I. Was Jesus ignoring the struggle of Mary and Joseph**

**II. We too, are challenged to find in Christ and His work, our Salvation**

**Prayers**

**Communion Liturgy.....pg 208**  
**Communion Hymns.....389, 402, 594**  
**Benediction**  
**Closing Hymn.....401**

**Church Council Meeting** will take place on Monday, January 6th at 7:30 PM.

**January Voter’s Meeting** will take place on Monday, January 13th at 7:30 PM

**Those who have donated poinsettias** to the church, are welcome to take their poinsettias home.

**Ladies Aid** has new cards available at the cabinet in the hallway. Stop by and see them.

**Ladies Aid** will be taking down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 11th at 10 AM.

**Prayers**-Shirley Wachtel, as she recovers from surgery; Ralph Stuckemeyer, as he undergoes treatment and testing; Cheri Hammer, as she has surgery this coming week; For Rev Timothy Landskroener, as he considers the call to Immanuel, Augsburg; For wise political leadership;

**This Week at St Paul**

Sunday: Adult Instruction 1 PM	
Adult Instruction 6 PM	Jeremiah 1-2
Monday: Church Council Meeting 7:30 PM	Jeremiah 3-5
Tuesday: Men’s Club 7:30 PM	Jeremiah 6-8
Wednesday: Bible Class 10 AM	
Catechism 5:30 PM	
LYF 7 PM	Jeremiah 9-10
Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM	Jer. 11-13
Friday: Men’s Club/Ladies Aid Christmas Party	Jer. 14-16
Saturday: Catechism 9:00 AM	
Ladies Aid Decoration take down 10 AM	Jer. 17-19

**Those participating-**

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