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The Nativity of Our Lord

In the beginning God created all things through His Word, His Son. But man fell into sin, and with man all creation was cursed. Therefore, God spoke His Word again, this time into the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle of our human nature, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us". The Son of God took on our flesh and blood in order that we might receive the right to become the children of God through faith. Baptized into Christ's body, we are made partakers of a new Genesis, "the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit". Truly in Christ the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man has appeared.

*(As a prayer of preparation use one of today's hymns
or the prayers inside the front cover of the hymnal.)*

WELCOME GUESTS The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His True Body and Blood into our mouths. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with Pastor Juhl in the weeks before communing for the first time. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS there will be no Monday evening service on Monday, December 26th or Monday, January 2, 2023.

ELDER TODAY:

(9:00 am) Bill Manthey

The week ahead

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service (livestream also)
Monday	Church Office & Child Care Closed No Divine Service	
Tuesday	No Ladies Bible Study	
Friday	Church Office & Child Care Closed	
Saturday	No Men's Bible Class	
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Festive Divine Service
New Year's Day	(livestream also)	

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR have been sponsored by Charles & Mary Taylor in memory of their parents: Nolan & Adelina Taylor and Clarence & Frances Kocerha. **The sponsorship chart for 2023 has been posted.**

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets in the upstairs classrooms at St. Peter's at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday. All women of the congregation are invited to attend to hear and discuss the Word of Our Lord. They are taking a two week break for the Christmas holidays. See you on Tuesday, January 10th.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets here at St. Peter's on Saturday morning at 8:00am. All men of the congregation are welcome to join. They are also taking a two week break for the Christmas holidays. See you on Saturday, January 7th.

THANK YOU from the church staff for your generosity and support with your congregational Christmas gift presented Sunday, Dec. 18th. Your prayers, generosity, and support are always appreciated.

VICAR FUND - We hope to receive a vicar in the summer of 2023. The vicar receives a home to live in, yet there are a number of expenses associated with the program. Please help us build up the vicar fund with a contribution. You may donate with an offering envelope by filling in the blank space with "Vicar Fund", or you may donate online with the tile titled "Vicar Fund".

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...

You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

END OF THE YEAR. If you are considering an end of year gift, please keep the Special Purpose fund in mind. For example, the building fund, heat fund, roof fund, and music funds are all ongoing.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table in the narthex. As we continue to renumber, if you do not see your name on a box of envelopes please see Lynnette in the Church Office.

ALTAR GUILD is making assignments for the new year 2023. If you would like to be included or have a desire to help during certain seasons, please contact Pastor Juhl or Lynnette in the church office.

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (Sun., 9:00 a.m.) Benjamin Robinson.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *(Hospitalized/Recovering)* Beth Steinhauer, Jill Mendoza, Linda Manthey, Lisa Priske, Bob Kronberg, John Pickle, Sharry Rittmeyer, Adele Walker, Max Helton, Douglas France, Stacey (Fait) Karn, Darlene Schmidt, Herb Schultz, Krista Garchow; *(Birthdays)* Bill Hutchinson; *(Anniversaries)* Buck & Lisa Woodward, Bill & Beth Hutchinson; *(Military)* Matt Hustad, Max Konetzki, Jonathan Laatsch, Nathan Moll, Ryan Moll, Caleb Reddeman, Wesley Sandstrom, Christian Schweitzer, Andrew Yamriska. *Present requests or ask for prayers in the Church Office, call 635-4825(mornings), email <stpeterluth@gmail.com> or online at StPetersArlington.org under "Mercy".*



OFFERINGS

December General Offerings <i>(to date)</i>	\$9,827.41
December Mission Fund <i>(to date)</i>	\$1,795.52
Altar Guild (Poinsettia & Wreaths).....	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$245.00
Sunday School	\$80.00
Memorials (Robert Rittmeyer).....	\$55.00
Vicar.....	\$80.00

Attendance: (Sun) 62 + 34 + (Mon) 12 = 108
Children's Program = 87



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