

# St. Paul Lutheran Church



## *A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* December 26, 2021

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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday's at 10:15 A.M.

Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

# ***Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church***

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.**



**Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family??**

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish

Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you

through the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

***SILENT MEDITATION.*** . . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

***Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.***

## **Our Church Staff**

**Pastor:** Pastor Rashion Santiago (Beginning December 8, 2021)

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. Robert Jones

## **2021 Council Members**

Grant Allen  
Bill Below  
Terry Fouts  
Chris Kinsley Sr.  
Nicole Kresge  
Carl Reindl  
Deb Storman  
Beth Werkheiser  
Leanna Wickline

# Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

## Sunday, December 26, 2021

### 9:00 am Service

#### **Prelude**

#### **Announcements**

#### **\*Confession**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

#### **\*Absolution**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**Amen.**

**Carol #288** – *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”*

**First Lesson:** *Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19*

**Hymn #276:** *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

**Second Lesson:** *Genesis 22: 15-18*

**Carol: #282** – *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

**Third Lesson:** *Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7*

**Carol: #292** – *“Love Has Come”*

**Fourth Lesson:** *Isaiah 11: 1-9*

**Carol:** #279 – *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

**Fifth Lesson:** *Luke 1: 26-35, 38*

**Carol:** #296 – *“What Child Is This?”*

**Sixth Lesson:** *Luke 2: 1, 3-7*

**Carol:** #277 – *“Away in a Manger”*

**Seventh Lesson:** *Luke 2: 8-16*

**Carol:** #289 – *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

**Eighth Lesson:** *Matthew 2: 1-12*

**Carol:** #300 – *“The First Noel”* verse 1-4

**Ninth Lesson:** *John 1: 1-14*

**Carol:** #267– *“Joy to the World”*

**Prayers of Intercession**

(respond “Receive our prayer” after Pastor says “Merciful God”)

**\*Blessing**

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**Carol:** #270 – *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmastime. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with singing of Christmas carols, hymns and music. The format was drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. The best-known version is broadcast from King's College in Cambridge, MA, which has held the service annually on Christmas Eve since 1918.*



**Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...**

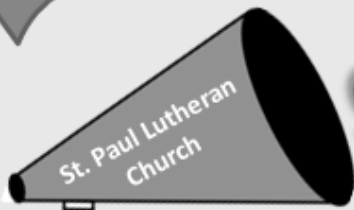
Sharen Ace; Msgt. William F. Allen; Private William "Blake" Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Wynne Below; Diane Berner; Dillon Berenti; Cptn. Matthew Blessing; David Brong; Linda Carrasquillo & family at the passing of her mother Carman Olan; Judi Carman; the family of Rich Catalano at his passing; Elaine Cornelus; Todd Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Paul Fancher; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; the family of Chris Haley at his passing; Barry Hartshorn; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Tiffany Johnson; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Ed Kenderdine and family, at the passing of Mary Ann; Richard Kernan; Robbie Kinsley; Margaret Kinsley & family at the passing of her brother; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Dawne Ladeas; Joeann Lance; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Tom Miller; Steven Moore; Sue Neumann; Steve Oberman; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Shirley Pensyl; Sandy Richards; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gloria Russell; Jack Russell; Claudette Segear; Vaughn Sensinger; Phyllis Sensinger; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Kamia Taylor; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Alice Weaver; Harry Weaver; Dan Wickline; Leanna Wickline; Kelly Wickline; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; Charles Zuccarelli; Fran Zuccarelli; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.



Events

Things To Do

News



**CALLING ALL SERVANTS.....**

Volunteer Opportunities

*Don't just be HEARERS of the Word, be DOERS of the Word...*

**Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Food Pantry!** Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. **To keep the shelves stocked, we need canned fruit, boxed cereal, canned potatoes, canned soups, canned pasta (i.e. Chef Boyardee, Campbell's, or your store's brand), plain rice, and peanut butter.** All donations are very much appreciated and welcome.

## Visitation

Pastor will start visiting the parishioners in January!

## Learning Ministries Day January 22

Living Well from the Waters of Baptism Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. R Jane Williams  
Trusting God: Doing a New Thing Reflections on Isa. 43 Our keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Jane Williams a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and a psychologist/spiritual director. Williams is professor emerita of clinical counseling at Moravian Theological Seminary. She will focus on faith and spiritual practices as tools for maintaining hope, courage, and community in times of great change. Live or Zoom! Live 8:30am to 3:00pm at Atonement Church, Wyomissing, PA \$37 for entire workshop. Zoom \$10 Keynote speaker only. Register at [nepasynod.org/events/learningministries2022](https://nepasynod.org/events/learningministries2022)

## 2022 Vital Congregation Re-Boot Camp

Help wanted: A group of Pastor and 3-5 members for a four-session training, held twice a day (1:30-3:00pm & 7:30-9:00pm) Choose from January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> or February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a time of inspiration, learning, planning, sharing, experimenting, visioning & implementing to continue to vitalize our congregation. See Pastor Woody or [nepasynod.org/events/ELCAVital-Congregations2022](https://nepasynod.org/events/ELCAVital-Congregations2022) for more information. This is a virtual event.