



**Jesus' Love is for All Ages**

**The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 30, 2018**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL**

**Order of Service:** Service of the Word (CW page 38)

**Prayer Upon Entering Church:** Jesus, save us and make us his children and heirs, our Father in heaven has given His most precious treasure, his Son, to be born of the Blessed Virgin. Let us cast aside all fear, then, and come boldly to our loving Father's throne, praying in the Spirit for all mankind, for the holy Church and for our needs of body and soul. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** Once in Royal David's City (CW 50)

**Invocation and Confession**

**First Lesson:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

**Psalm:** Psalm 111 (CW page 106)

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 2:10-18

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 2:41-52

**Hymn of the Day:** Let All Together Praise Our God (CW 41)

**Sermon:** Jesus' Love is for All Ages (Luke 2:41-52)

**Apostles' Creed** (CW page 41)

**Offering with Hymn:** O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is (CW 40 vs. 1,5)

**Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising (CW 42)

**Prayer and Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** Let Us All with Gladsome Voice (CW 64)



## **Announcements**

**Welcome** in Jesus' name to any and all guests and visitors here with us today. It is a joy to be able to worship with you. Help us to remember your visit by signing our guest book. Ask an usher if you need help finding the book. If you would like more information about our church please speak with pastor after church. If you need a hearing device, please speak to a greeter. Please come again!

**Weekly Preview** next Sunday we will celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord. Our readings are from 1 Kings 10:1-9, Acts 13:46-49 and Matthew 2:1-12. We will have a series of devotions based on each of these readings in place of a normal sermon.

**Hospitalized/Homebound members/members to keep in your prayers:** Rebecca Cryan, Carol Luft, Marcia Graf (home), Becky Herz, Bob Jacobs, Colleen Johnson, Gloria Martens, Rev. John Zickuhr, Patty Rosenbrock (Heritage Village) and Janet Lawrence.

**Bible class goodies** have a sheet out. Please continue signing up.

**Thank you** to all who helped with the Christmas service this past week. Also, the Micheel family thanks you for your generosity that you have shown to us this Christmas season.

**Bible class and Sunday School** will meet next week after church.

**WELS connection** will be viewed today after service.

**Forward in Christ** for the month of January is available in the narthex area.

**150<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee** will be looking to have a planning meeting sometime during the week of January 13. If you signed up for the committee, please look at the calendar and pick the best night of Monday, Tuesday or Thursday which would work for you.

**New Bible Study opportunities** we will be starting a new Bible study on Thursday mornings at church. Our opening study will be on Bible Stories They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School. The time for this class is 9am. Pastor will also be doing the same Bible study at Trinity in Crete on Wednesday evenings until the Lenten season. Please feel free to come to either class!

**Pastor** and family will be visiting pastor's parents in Minnesota this week. They will leave immediately after service today and return home on Thursday (weather dependent of course!).

**2019 annual meeting** will be held on January 13 after church.

**This week at St. Paul**

**Today:** Worship 9am

**Sunday:** Worship with communion 9am

Bible Class 10:15am

Sunday School 10:15am

**Organist:** Thank you to Doreen Romadka

**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship 54

Christmas Eve 94

Christmas Day 45

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