A Festival of Readings and Carols

For Christmas St Paul Lutheran

**December 25, 2022**

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

**Hymn 283 Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1)**

### A Christmas Acclamation

P: O Lord, our God, how great and awesome you are. You made us in your image, and to save us you made yourself in our image, so that we became one with you.

**C: Shout, O universe! Sing, heaven and earth! The Lord of creation has taken flesh, so that we might never be parted from him. Sing all the songs of eternity, for he is Jesus the Christ!**

**\*The First Lesson:**  Isaiah 9:2,6-7 (*Isaiah foretells the birth of a child of peace)*

**\*The Second Lesson:** Micah 5:2-5a (*Micah tells of a promised ruler from Bethlehem)*

 **Hymn 279 O little town of Bethlehem (vs. 1)**

**\*The Third Lesson:**  Luke 2:1-14 *(The Birth of Jesus)*

**Hymn 277 Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 3**)

**\*The Fourth Lesson:** Luke 2:25-32 *(Jesus presented in the Temple)*

**\*The Fifth Lesson:** John 1:1-4 *(The Word Became Flesh)*

### \*Hymn 267 Joy to The World (vs. 1 & 4)

**Offering:**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

**Station Communion by Intinction:**

**Hymn 288 Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

**Hymn 300 The First Noel**

**\*P** Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

**\*P.**May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen**

 **Hymn 270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1 & 4)**

 **Merry Christmas to All****and God’s Blessings for The New Year**

***\* Indicates to stand***