



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm traditional • Sunday: 8:00 am traditional

Sunday: 10:30 am contemporary

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 | 262-567-5001 | www.splco.org

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus

Jill George, Principal

Volume 24

Amanda Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director

Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director

Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director

Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 52

Please fill out an attendance card
and place it in the offering plate.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! If you are a guest, the following information may help you:

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, an usher will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

If you have small children, there are activity bags located behind the back pews that might be helpful for your child.

HOLY COMMUNION

Please read our confession found on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.

Those who share in our confession of faith of the Lord's Supper are welcome to receive.

If you hold a confession differing from this congregation, please speak with a pastor or elder.

Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

If you are physically unable to come to the table, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion.

Communion Wine

The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are rose in color.

As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.

December 30, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Guest Pastor: David Dukovan

Theme: *The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death*

Traditional Worship

LSB, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship
Special Order

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 95 **Total: 327**
 8:00 am – 134 **Members: 305**
 10:30 am – 98 **Visitors: 22**

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THIS WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Music Leaders	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Look2Him
Special Music	Kathy Mueller	Kathy Mueller	
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Adam Boldt
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwiig
Elders	Dave Meyer	Bryan Polinske	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Don Meyer	
PowerPoint	N/A	N/A	Jacob Chang
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

SPONSORS

Radio Broadcast: Connie Evans in loving memory of her mom, Irene Behl

Our 8:00 am Worship Service is broadcast live on WTKM 104.9 and at wtkm.com

Families with small children:
 There are activity bags located in the back of the church that might be helpful for your child.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF HOLY BAPTISM

We publicly recognize the baptism of **Ethan Gordon** during the 8:00 am Worship Service. He is the son of Derek & Emily (Mueller) **Fraser**. His sponsors are Jonathan Scharnell & Ashley Rydquist. We will keep Ethan in our prayers.

Flash photography is not allowed during a public recognition of Holy Baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Office Hours

The church and school office will be closed from December 24th through January 2nd. If you have an emergency when the office is closed, you can call the main number at 262.567.5001, and you will be directed to extension 505 to receive an emergency contact number.

From the Church Leadership Team Desk

Fellowship Hall Renovation during Christmas Break at St. Paul's

This is to inform the congregation that during the scheduled period of the school Christmas break, December 21st through January 2nd, the Fellowship Hall, at St. Paul's, will be undergoing a Renovation Project. We are asking for your patience and PLEASE BE AWARE OF SAFETY ISSUES as you are passing through the Fellowship Hall during this construction renovation period.



Luke 2:21 *"And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb."* So how was your 2018? What are you looking forward to (with either joy or dread) in 2019? No matter our joys or our sorrows, this is certain: last year and next year belong to Jesus. And His very Name is a comfort to us for He is called Jesus because He will save His people from their sins, as the angel said. As you begin a new year, rest in that knowledge.

Family Promise Volunteer Sign-Up January 6th-13th, 2019

2019-A New Year and a new chance to serve

Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming families without shelter to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Savior's on January 6th-13th. There are currently 3 families in the program, 5 adults and 4 children (13, 11, 1 and 2 months).

Help us welcome guests and live out our faith in service to our neighbors in need.

Please review the service opportunities still available and sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family16>

This link is also on our website: <http://www.splco.org/>

Contact Mary Hickenbottom with questions. 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org Thank you!!

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2018 – January 6, 2019

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death (Pastor David Dukovan)

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “the redemption of Jerusalem” and “the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “giving thanks to God the Father through him,” “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Colossians 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-18 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	93	98	97	48	111	103	99	72
Evening	89:1-18, 19-52	45, 96	99, 8	45, 29	107:15	93, 97	96, 110	100. 67

The Catechism: The Creed – Third Article

<p><i>The Third Article</i></p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i></p> <p>I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.</p>	2 nd Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i></p> <p>In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i></p> <p>That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</p>	3 rd Grade +

The First Sunday after Christmas

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus' Presentation in the Temple—Luke 2:22-40	Is. 58:1-59:3, 14-21	Luke 1:26-38
Mon.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 60:1-22	Luke 1:39-56
Tue.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80
Wed.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
Thur.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
Fri.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Is. 63:15-65:7	Luke 2:41-52

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's

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**

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Elsie Rupnow–Linden Grove; Harriet Groose–Oconomowoc Memorial; Bob Hackbarth (broken ribs); Sheila Rams; Wilbur Pieper; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow (Shorehaven); Don Gauerke; Pastor Paul Borgman–Melanoma; Peggy Lauber–liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble–cancer; Laura Gruen–brain tumor; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment; Mary Buss–cancer; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke–Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak–breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz–cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Rick Ware; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: John Henke (Skye's dad) – stage IV Melanoma; Fran Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)–Multiple Myeloma; Jennifer Lemke (Judy Mueller's niece/Wendy Sallam's sister); friend of Marilyn Roecker–pancreatic cancer; Tanya Schoenberger (Richie & Lucy Fredrick's daughter)–breast cancer; Betty (Heather Scheuer's aunt); Erin (Mileager) Rayborn–Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson–pancreatic cancer; Peg–breast cancer; Mary Sprague–breast cancer; John Whitmar (friend of Pastor & Angie Scharnell)–prostate cancer; Daina Boppre–bone cancer; Sandy–kidney cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)–breast cancer; Beth–Lymphoma; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); Tom–stage 3 bladder cancer; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)–colon cancer; Dylan Coughlin–3 year-old with brain tumor; Mike–bone cancer; Roy Hyatt–cancer returned; Quinn–breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)–brain cancer; Jack

Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner’s sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: pregnant friend of a member with heart complications; Audrey (Sheila Rams sister)—Alzheimer’s; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)—stroke; Erick (Linda Hertneky’s cousin)—kidney surgery; Michael George (Jill & Jamie’s nephew)—recovering from injuries; Gracie Brehm; friend of Virginia Meintz recovering from open heart surgery; John Meisenheimer; Bob Back (friend of Scharnell’s)—Lou Gehrig’s disease; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson’s sister); Anna Mae (George Urban’s mother)—hospice; Jeffery Barney; Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble’s niece); Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble’s sister)—hospice; Shawn—vascular problems; Kristal—lung surgery; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Clem—high calcium heart; Bob—prostate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Barb (Dave Schlomer’s mom)—severe headaches; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—afib; Fred Sturm (Lynda Rades’s brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke’s nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Justin Michener; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

Those serving God as missionaries: Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; peace on earth; a member struggling with anxiety and depression; Teddy; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

Birthdays: Ryan Albright – 26th – December 28th
Jake Albright – 17th – January 2nd

Public Reception of Holy Baptism: Ethan Gordon Fraser – December 30th

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

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Looking forward to The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2019

Hymns: 397, 395 (400, 399, 409) 411

When the Time had Fully Come... (Pastor Emeritus John Kelling)

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Principal's Report

How wonderful it is to be able to share with you some of the great things that are happening at St. Paul's Lutheran school from the perspective of the principal's desk. It is a busy time of the year as our children from 6 weeks old to 8th grade are preparing to share the message of the Christ Child. Our Early Childhood Center shared their program on Thursday, December 13th. I hope some of you were able to enjoy our littlest angels in their Christmas finest welcome the Baby Jesus.

On Wednesday, December 19, our Day School students will be leading the Advent services at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please join as our students tell "What Child is This". Pre-service music will be offered by our band and guitar students. Additionally you will hear our handbell choirs, both of our school praise teams, and choirs from Kindergarten through the middle school. This is a chance for our students to witness their faith in Jesus Christ who is the center of each day in their classrooms.

We are blessed to have 161 students in K4-8th grade this year. In fact, we have welcomed seven new students in our middle school since August. New parents have told us that they are looking for something different for their children. Thanks be to God that St. Paul's is that something different! It seems that our mission for the last 141 years never grows old as families are always seeking what is best for their children and family. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

Learning in a school that supports the Christian values found in one's home grows children who are servant-minded. That servant attitude was demonstrated this week by our second and third graders who took up shovels and began clearing the snow from the sidewalks in front of the school. Many hands make light work! Here is Gary Flanagan, co-chair of the Operation's Committee, getting a helping hand. Also, the 12 members of our L.E.A.D. Team visited our shut-ins and brought the joy of Christmas Carols to them. These students are part of a church leadership development program here in the South Wisconsin District whose mission is "Lifting, Equipping, Affirming & Developing young Christian leaders for service to the Church and the world today and tomorrow!"



I pray that you will all enjoy a blessed, Merry Christmas. I look forward to greeting you in church.

Jill M. George

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY December 31	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
TUESDAY January 1	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
WEDNESDAY January 2	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
THURSDAY January 3	Boys' Warrior Classic Tournament Praise Team Practice	Gym Church	TBD 7:00 pm
FRIDAY January 4	Boys' Warrior Classic Tournament	Gym	TBD
SATURDAY January 5	Boys' Warrior Classic Tournament Women of Joy Bible Study Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Gym Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	TBD 8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY January 6	Traditional Worship Service Blood Pressure Screening Public School Confirmation Time to Grow (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Boys' Warrior Classic Tournament	Church Church Office Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am TBD

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall
262-567-5001

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Journeyman

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
Acolytes	TBD	Mason Paar	Braden Ratzow
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Dorothy Duchow	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Dave Meyer	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John Melvin	Roger & Pat Gartzke (church) Chuck & Jenny Laabs (school)	Darlene Adams
Lectors	Erik Benes	Dave Meyer	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Mike Papa	Scott Kalien

January 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Pastor Emeritus: John Kelling

Theme: *When the Time had Fully Come...*

Traditional Worship
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READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. “When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Colossians 3:12–17

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:22–40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.”