December 24 & 25, 2017
The Nativity of Our Lord
Music: Barb Ehlke-Herrmann

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Dear Father in Heaven,
The presence of Your Son at His birth made a strong impact on those who were involved. Help us to sense Your presence in our lives as we celebrate that event. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The order of Worship is on page 151 in the front of your hymnal. Holy Communion will be celebrated today, so the Hymn of Praise is "This is the Feast". After the offertory and prayer, we begin the communion liturgy with the Prayer of Thanksgiving on page 161.
* White grape juice is available for those who prefer and non-alcoholic communion wine.

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Hymns: (solo), 376, 370
Text: Matthew 1, selected verses
Sermon: "God With Us"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, December 17, 2017	213
Sunday School	58

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: Romans 12:1 – In view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Ladies: It's that time of the year again to sign up for Altar Guild and the Kitchen Committee. The signup sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

You are cordially invited to "Celebrate Christmas in the Barn." Join in a special service with God's Creatures. This service takes place at the David Kahle Farm, 31074 431st Ave, Gaylord, MN. Service are today at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin board for more details, as well as other services offered by St Paul's and Trinity churches of Gaylord.

Prayer Partner Ponderings – "If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself." 2 Timothy 2:11-13 *(Reminder- Look for our part and God's promise.)*

Your contribution envelopes for 2018 are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up. If you did not get envelopes, please let Carl Dykhoff know.

The Usher/Acolyte schedule for January is complete. Please check your distribution box for a copy.

The new Portals of Prayer for January – March are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Service
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	New Year's Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship

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Jesus came and made God's love real. There is something about a physical presence which makes a larger imprint than words. This might be a time to make our response to God real as well. There is something about a financial gift which reminds us that we are truly committed to a cause. It can make us feel that we are really part of God's work here. It would also be good management to give before the end of the year to take advantage of the tax deduction – who knows what will happen next year?

Participation in THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT is simple. You just write down some things about various areas of life, consciously live for God for a period of time, then write about those same areas and compare the lists. See how an intentional effort to live for God affects your life. A sheet to use for this project is on the table in the Narthex.