

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

- Midweek Advent 3:** 174 (164, 51)
- Worship last Sunday:** 313
- Children’s Christmas Program:** 735 (235, 500)
- Candlelight Worship:** 46
- Christmas Festival Worship:** 234 **Communed:** 130

- Monday 7:30 p.m. New Year’s Eve Worship with Communion
- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. New Year’s Day Worship with Communion
- Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship
- 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, Church
- 1:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice *close communion*. Guests and visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing.

New Year’s Eve worship will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. Communion will be a part of worship. Please join us!

New Year’s Day worship will be Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship. Please join us!

Adult Christ Light Class will study *The Tabernacle* next week. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Please join us!

Ladies Aid will meet next Sunday after worship.

Adult Men You're invited to a bible study/fellowship on January 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons and gym. We will continue the bible study “Men as Leaders” for a half hour or so. After the study there will be an opportunity to play basketball, cards, or watch football. Get a group together or come alone and join the fun!

His Word—My Life will conclude our study of Ecclesiastes, *No-where Man*, next week. Join us as we compare life with God to life under the sun. We will meet next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at church and Monday, January 7 at 7:00 a.m. at the Café.

Installation of the Church Council will be a part of worship on Sunday, January 20.

Open Forum will be after worship on Sunday, January 20. Everyone is invited to come and ask questions or share their thoughts on the ministry of the congregation.

Voters’ Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January 27.

Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center needs baby clothes, infant to size 6. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them to church so they can be given to needy families. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Schultz.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

- Pastor Randy Ott 864-2348
- Principal Brian Humann 864-2349
- President Dennis Griepentrog 864-2539
- Board of Elders: Melvin Zeamer 864-2536
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Custodian: Beverly Leiterman 864-2355

Church and School Secretary: Nancy Pantzlaff 864-7334

Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service
(WELS counseling)

Kathleen Jasman, Administrator, Appleton 731-9798

Living Hope Counseling Ministries (WELS counseling)

Dr. John Johnson, Director, De Pere 338-8699

**1st Sunday after Christmas
Series A
December 30, 2007**



Prayer before worship

Lord, you came in time to save me. Bless me as you come to me today in Word and Sacrament. Amen.

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Common Service (p. 15)

**Personal Preparation
for Holy Communion:**

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Hymns

42, 41, 35, 56, 63, 64

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2 (p. 65)

Sermon: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Protected by a Father’s Love

From a sinner’s rage
For all sinners’ comfort

1st Sunday after Christmas: Series A
God's grace accomplishes his will despite opposition.

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things he has done
for the house of Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.
He said, "Surely they are my people,
sons who will not be false to me";
and so he became their Savior.
In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 2 (page 65)

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, God sent his
Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem
those under law, that we might receive the full rights
of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of
his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out,
"Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a
son; and since you are a son, God has made you also
an heir.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord ap-
peared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take
the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay
there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for
the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and
his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where

he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was ful-
filled what the Lord had said through the prophet:
"Out of Egypt I called my son."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared
in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take
the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who were trying to take the child's life are
dead."

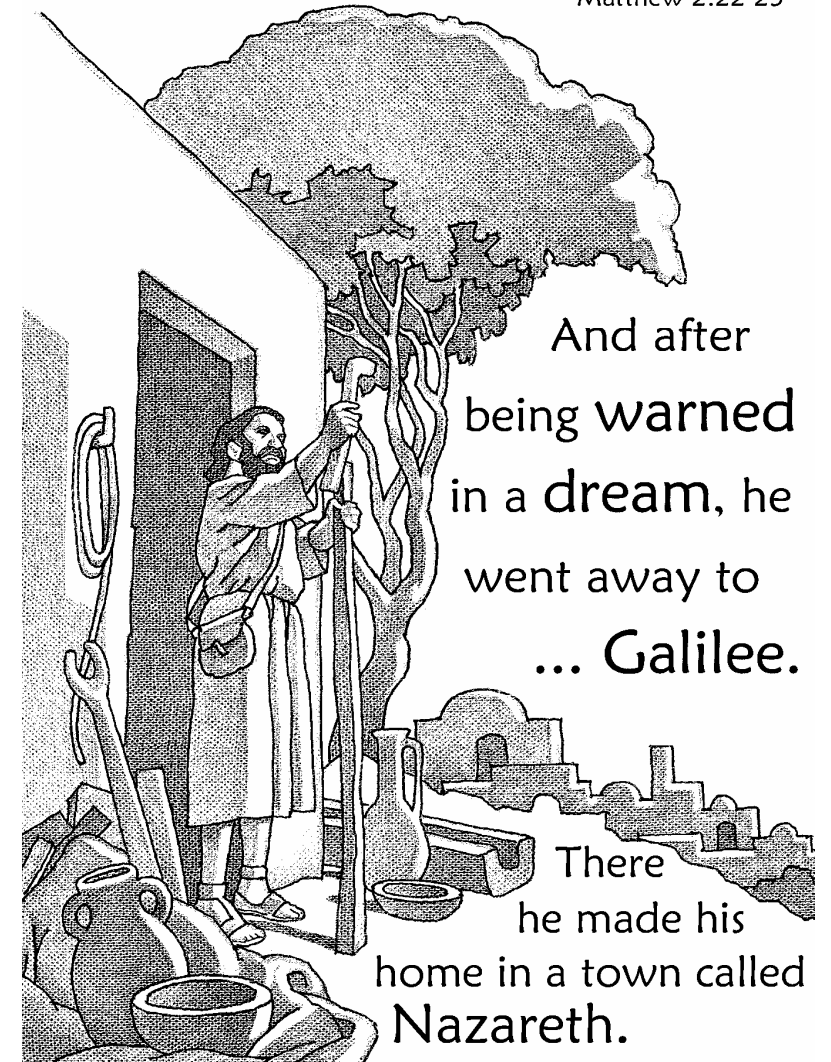
So he got up, took the child and his mother and
went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Ar-
chelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father
Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been
warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of
Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Naz-
areth. So was fulfilled what was said through the
prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

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Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel

Matthew 2:22-23



And after
being warned
in a dream, he
went away to
... Galilee.

There
he made his
home in a town called
Nazareth.

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.