ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday after Christmas — December 28, 2008
A Service of Lessons and Carols — 9:30 A.M.

The Prelude	Enter quietly to worship
Greetings and Announcements	
†*Processional "O, Come, All Ye Faithful"	# 45
*Invocation and Prayer	
First Lesson: The Birth Is Foretold	Isaiah 9:2–7
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"	(Sts. 3&4) # 41
Second Lesson: A Child Shall Lead	Isaiah 11:1–9
Carol "Lo, How a Rose"	(Sts. 1&2) # 58
Third Lesson: The Birth Is Told	Matthew 1:18–23
Carol "Upon a Midnight Clear"	(Sts. 1&4) # 54
Fourth Lesson: A Savior Is Born	Luke 2:1–7
Carol "Away in a Manger"	# 67
Fifth Lesson: Good News of Great Joy	Luke 2:8–12
Carol "The First Noël"	(Sts. 1&2) # 56
Sixth Lesson: Wise Men of the East	Matthew 2:1–11
Carol "The First Noël"	(Sts. 3,4,5) # 56
Seventh Lesson: Word Becomes Flesh	John 1:1–18
Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	# 60
The Sermon	Mr. Gemma
*Carol "What Child Is This?"	# 40
*The Apostles' Creed	
The Offering	p. 96
The Anthem	Chancel Choir
*The Offertory	p. 96
*The Pastoral Prayer	p. 97
*The Lord's Prayer (either version)	p. 97
*The Benediction	p. 97
*Recessional "Joy to the World"	# 39
*A Moment of Reflection	
*Postlude	Depart joyfully to serve

**Congregation standing* — †*Latecomers may be seated*

Lectors: Fred Faust, Lisa Winsor, Steve Gemma
Nursery: Heather and Kristin
Ushers: Chip and Shannon Bott

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by the Sousa-Todd family to the glory of God, in honor of this holy season, and with best wishes to all.

With the joy and warmth of the Christmas season, we welcome all visitors who may be worshipping with us this morning. Please sign our Guest Book before you leave, and please join us for coffee and light refreshments following the service. Our Sunday church school will not meet this morning. Classes will resume as usual next Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

The worship service this morning, while different from our usual liturgy, is a tradition at St. John. With the alternation of lessons from Scripture and familiar Christmas carols, we hope you will enjoy this expression of our ongoing celebration of our Lord's birth.

We welcome Steve Gemma to the pulpit once again this morning. Steve has served the congregation in a number of ways, including bringing the message on occasion. He brings a thoughful and insightful message, and we are grateful for his willingness to serve in this ministry of the Word.

We are most grateful to Margaret Knowlton, the Chancel Choir, and all our lay assistants, lectors, and acolytes for their ministry of the leadership of our worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Calendars and offering envelopes for 2009 are available downstairs. Please take yours home today if you have not yet done so. Our thanks go to the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home of Peabody for presenting the calendars. Also, the Flower Chart for 2009 is posted downstairs. Please reserve the Sunday(s) that you wish. The cost is $30.00 per Sunday, from Evans Florists of Peabody.

Annual reports for 2008 are due Sunday, January 11, 2009. Please make every effort to be prompt if you are to submit a report.

To all our members and friends, we extend our sincere good wishes for a happy and blessed new year. As 2008 draws to a close, we express our deep appreciation to all who have contributed to the ministry of St. John through your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Once again, our Lord has been well served by your efforts. If you have not yet made a pledge of support to St. John's ministry for 2009, please give your prayerful consideration for doing so. We shall dedicate our pledges of commitment at our communion service next Sunday.

We ask your prayer and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout this week.

Ellen Hepburn	Sylvia Moynihan	David Fredricksen
Dorothy Fender	Gary Garaputo	George Winsor
Bill Henderson	Anna Snow	

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We join with those who mourn in remembering before God and one another those who have departed this life in the sign of the faith.

Helmi Sioman - 12/28/77 Elma Maria Hallinen - 12/31/98