



I planted,
Apollos watered,
but God
gave the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:6, NRSV

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in both the Old and New Testaments; furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms •

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 4

*+Indicates to rise as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's reading from Deuteronomy, we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

WELCOME

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

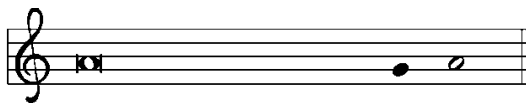
+GATHERING SONG

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW #836

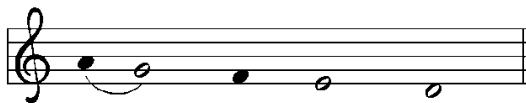
+GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



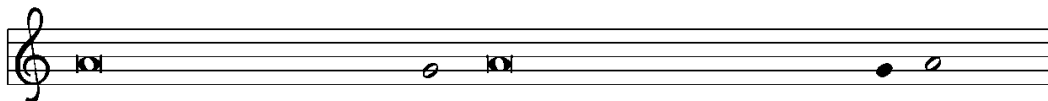
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



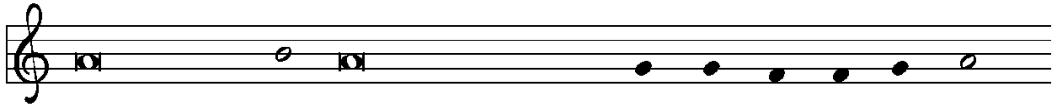
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals, we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

PSALM 119:1-8 *Please read responsively by whole verse.*

1Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,

3who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

4You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

5O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

6Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

7I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

8I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

1Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, 3for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? 4For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? 5What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. 9For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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[Jesus said to the disciples:] 21“‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ 22But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. 23So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. 25Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. 26Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27“‘You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

31“‘It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33“‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ 34But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” ELW #359

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW page 227

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Parents, Sponsors and Family, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized into Christ?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

As you bring this child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Jordan Andrew may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Lucas Richard and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **People: We do.**

+The congregation stands and faces the baptismal font.

As parents, sponsors, family and members of this congregation, the family of God, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We do.**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God the father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Lucas Richard, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Lucas Richard with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven!

Pastor: Let us welcome this child into God's family by singing one verse of "Jesus Loves Me"

**All: Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak but he is strong.
Yes! Jesus loves me.
Yes! Jesus loves me.
Yes! Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so. (twice)**

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another. Share the peace today with your neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

+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.**

+OUR MISSION

What is the mission we share together?

**Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service;
and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.**

+BLESSING

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

+SENDING SONG

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW #596

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon all Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays during February and March.
- **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd.** Each night we will have free-will supper. It will be provided by Lenore’s Catering. We need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. A signup sheet is on the volunteer tables.
- **Breeze Messages:** *Are you not receiving emails from the church office? The bulletin on Friday’s?* Please be in contact with Pastor Sloka and let him know.
- **Devotionals:** *“New” Christ in our Home and The Word in Season* are now available in the entry way. If you haven’t tried them, they are an excellent simple daily way of having devotions.
- **St. Paul Annual Spring Supper:** is on March 5th. Many will be asked to bake, serve, or work in many different areas. Sign up sheets are out and available at the volunteer tables. We need a lot of help! Please sign up for the job you feel most comfortable with and /or contribute the food items needed. We need dishwashers, dish scrapers, potato peelers, roasting turkey, potatoes and making dessert. The apple crisp recipe is at the volunteer table area. Most chairpersons are already working. Ticket prices are: adults \$18, students \$5, children 5 and under are free.
- **Raffle Tickets:** *the prices remain the same: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Or a book for \$10.*
- **Fellowship Hosts:** We still need hosts for February and March.
- **“Fresh Start Kits” for Heart River Brides of Hope:** still collecting during February. There is more information on the table at the volunteer area.

Please submit prayer requests to Loree, Holly, or Pastor Janis. Those for whom prayers have been requested will remain on our prayer lists and named in worship for four weeks, unless requested otherwise.

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Jenny Collings	12
Lorraine Seidler	13
Rhonda Iglehart	15
Darlene Ruud	15
Bella Wimer	15
Bernie Ellwein	16
Nick Thompson	16
Norlan Bayer	18

This week at St. Paul's:

<i>Today</i>	9:45 a.m.	Worship – Baptism
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School LOL (6 th -8 th)
	2:00 p.m.	GARC Variety Show
<i>Mon.</i>	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
<i>Tues.</i>	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<i>Wed.</i>	7:30 a.m.	9-12 Youth Breakfast Club
	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	3:00 p.m.	3-6 Sonshine Friends
	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
<i>Thurs.</i>	10:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study at The Meadows
<i>Fri</i>	4:00 p.m.	Crafting Group
<i>Sat</i>	9:00 a.m.	Crafting Group
	2:00 p.m.	Thompson Baby Shower
<i>Next Sunday</i>		
	9:45 a.m.	Worship- Holy Communion and Baptism
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Action Group #4 Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:45 a.m.	New Member information lunch

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church & Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Superintendent</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Organist</i>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Mike Youngs
<i>Acolyte</i>	Mason Hanson
<i>Greeters</i>	JoAnn Lagge and Wayne Sayler
<i>Ushers</i>	Pat and Mark Larson
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	Linda Heer and Joanne Zimmerman

MISSION STATEMENT

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