



“Here is the
Lamb of God who
takes away the
sin of the world!”

John 1:29, 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
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 4
Service of Holy Communion

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

WELCOME

GATHERING ✚ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

+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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG

“As We Gather at Your Table” ELW #522

+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.**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

PSALM 40:1-11 *Please read responsively by whole verses.*

1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**2 He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

**4 Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

**6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.**

7 Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**8 I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.

**10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

11 Do not, O LORD, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

On the next page

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.

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+GOSPEL John 1:29-42

Children's Bible page 246

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

29[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

35The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39He said to them, "Come and see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW #512 (sing twice)*

+APOSTLES' CREED

In holy baptism the triune God adopts us as children and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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.

**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.**

+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.**

MEAL + *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and financial resources. These offerings support the ministry of the church—bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your offerings may be placed in the plates located 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

SPECIAL MUSIC CHOIR

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION – SUNG WITH “BROKEN FOR ME”

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth

that man and woman might have food and drink.

You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family

on their journey, and wine to make them glad.

You called Moses and his people out of bondage and
refreshed them with food in the wilderness.
And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for
the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons.
Blessed is our brother Jesus,
Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: **Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.**

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying "This is my body, given for you."

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: **Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.**

Verse: **This is my body given for you;
Eat it, rememb'ring I died for you.**

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins."

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: **Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.**

Verse: **This is my blood I shed for you;
For your forgiveness, making you new.**

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.

Verse: Come to my table and with me dine;
Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you;
The body of Jesus broken for you.

+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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lord's table. Jesus himself is the host of this meal and welcomes everyone to come and eat, to be nourished in the faith—fed, forgiven, and loved back to life for the sake of a world in need. We will commune today in a continuous fashion with the ushers directing everyone forward up the main aisle. The bread is served from a common loaf by the pastor (there is also gluten free wafers available); please cup your hands to receive the bread so that the pastor may drop a piece into your hand. You are then invited to a station to receive the wine or white grape juice; the communion assistant will hand you an individual cup. If you wish to remain seated, we will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your pew; please simply inform the usher. If you wish not to receive Communion, you are still invited to receive a blessing and may indicate this preference by coming forward with your hands folded.

COMMUNION

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

SENDING ✚ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

+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

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod ✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW #798, vv. 1-4

+DISMISSAL

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

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Birthday Wishes This Week To:

16 - Colette Giffey

Holly Gislason

18 – Josh Pastir

21 - Tamara Engel

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fellowship:** all are invited to join us for coffee/juice and goodies after worship today.
- **Fellowship Servers:** There is a fellowship sign-up sheet located on the table in the narthex for January and February Sundays. If you are unable to bake, but would be willing to serve, please let Loree or Marian know. Thanks for serving!
- **Readers/Acolytes:** We are looking for readers & acolytes in worship for January & February. There are signups on a table in the narthex along with the readings.
- **Annual Reports:** were emailed to all members and copies are on a table in the church entry. Please read the information in the Report and bring it with you to the meeting.
- **Annual Meeting:** of St. Paul's will be on January 29th, 2023, following worship at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a Soup/sandwich/salad lunch.
- **Soup/Sandwich/Salad Lunch:** January 29th after worship to raise money for Senior Scholarships. Free will offering for the lunch.
- **Women's Raffle:** we will have a raffle along with the Church Supper. We are asking people if they would be willing to put a money donation towards a Cenex and Krause's gift card? We will also have a quilt, table runner and jewelry on the raffle. We'll accept all donations. Loree is looking for a person willing to be in charge of the raffle. This entails handing out tickets and collecting tickets and money. Also, drawing the winners at the Spring Supper at 7 p.m.
- **Coffee/Chocolate:** is for sale on a cart in the fellowship hall.
- **Sonshine Friends:** 3-6 graders will meet this Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 3:00. A new sign-up sheet is out to supply treats for 25 youth each week. Thank you!
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars-** Your 2022 Choice Dollars can still be allocated to St. Paul before March. Please consider donating to St. Paul's ministry!
- **Bridges of Hope:** We are collecting items for Heart River's Bridges of Hope program that helps youth and adults get started in life, once they are released from the correctional facility in Mandan. Their program is called "Fresh Start Kit Ministry". There is more information and items that are needed on a table in the narthex. We can collect in January and February for a drop off date in March.

In Our Prayers: Robert Ziemann, Steve Seidler, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Wayne Klemisch, Travis Kolden, Barb Ferguson, Heidi Smith, Gladys Vanderwerff, Pastor Erin Gullickson, Betty Iglehart, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz, Keith Bjornson. The families of Ida Engel, Jim Iverson, Bill Fure, Susan Johnson.

In Thanksgiving: for family.

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.

This week at St. Paul's:

Sun. 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Worship-Communion-Choir

10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. 6-9 gr. Youth

Mon. February/March Epistle items due for newsletter

Mon. & Tues. 9:00 a.m. Quilting

Tues. 10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wed. 7:30 a.m. 9-12 Breakfast Club

1:00 p.m. Hospital Third Floor

3:00 p.m. 3-6 Sonshine Friends

6:00 p.m. 7th gr. Confirmation

7:00 p.m. 8-9 gr. Confirmation

Thurs. 10:00 p.m. Community Bible
Study at The Meadows

Fri. 6p.m.-12mid. 6-9 gr. Mock Lock-In

Sun. 9:45 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Fellowship

Feb. Action Group

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

9-12 youth/parent meeting

11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

3:00 p.m. BLC/Meadows Worship

6:00 p.m. 6-9 gr. Youth

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

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<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Andrew Haugen
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<i>Organist</i>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Andrew Haugen
<i>Acolytes</i>	Finley Hudgen & Chandler Hanson
<i>Greeters</i>	Doris Taylor & Marlyn Zimmerman
<i>Ushers</i>	Todd & Tonya Graeber
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Ann Reinholt & Loree Jeffers

MISSION STATEMENT

As we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, 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.