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puts it under the bushel basket,
but on the lampstand, and it
gives light to all in the house.

Matthew 5:15, 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 the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. 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
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 4

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.

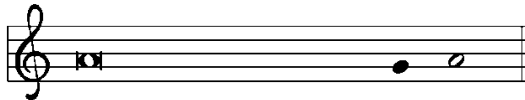
Amen.

+GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

+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.**

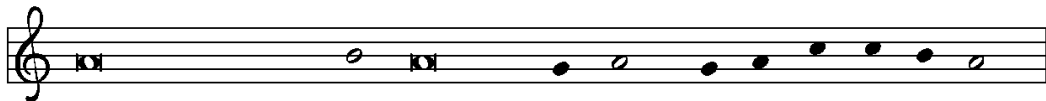
+KYRIE



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.



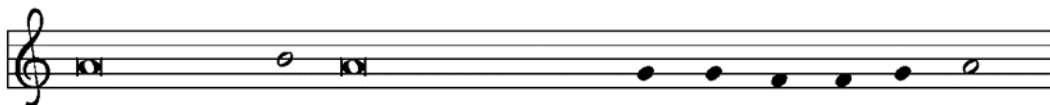
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

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.



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

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

PSALM 112:1-9 [10]

1 Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

+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

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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+ GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

Jesus said: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

COUNCIL INSTALLATION

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW 597)

+APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. 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: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

+PEACE

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

Share the peace and be seated.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

+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"

PASTOR:

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.

PASTOR:

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.

PASTOR:

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.

PASTOR:

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 "Come to the banquet, for all is now ready."

COMMUNION

+COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Go in peace. **Amen.**

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING SONG *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **“Scholarships for Seniors fundraiser”:** THANK YOU! Last week we raised \$800. There is also the opportunity for anyone to sponsor a full scholarship or any part of one. Questions can be directed to Deb Youngs or Holly Klemisch.
- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon all Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays of 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 sign-up sheet is on the volunteer tables.

- **Breeze Giving:** *Having trouble updating your account or modifying your giving or even opening an account. Good news! Mark Torno and Pastor Sloka will be available after worship today to help you! Meet in the church office.*
- **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.
- **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.
- **Readers:** are needed for March. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Paper Products Month:** February is the month we collect Copier Paper; 8 ½ X 11 & 8 ½ X 14; Toilet Paper and tissues. This collection helps to keep costs down.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring in a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul’s. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.

You 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!



In Our Prayers: Robert Ziemann, Steve Seidler, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Wayne Klemisch, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Gladys Vanderwerff, Pastor Erin Gullickson, Betty Iglehart, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz, Keith Bjornson. The family of Shelly Fuller at the death of her grandmother and the family of Vickie Fure at the death of Don Ficek.

In Thanksgiving: for our missions.

It is a privilege to join one another in turning to God in prayer. Please submit prayer requests to Loree or Pastor Sloka. 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:

Chase Baer	05	Vanessa Leidholm	08
Vicki Fure	05	Andrew Iglehart	09
Aisley Myers	06	Albert Klain	10
Kelly Syvertson	06		

This week at St. Paul's:

<i>Today</i>	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:45 a.m.	Communion Worship – Choir – Council Installation
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
		Rummage Sale Committee Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<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
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	7 th -9 th grade Confirmation combined
<i>Thurs.</i>	10:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study at The Meadows
<i>Fri</i>		Cub Scouts Lock-in
<i>Next Sunday</i>		
	9:45 a.m.	Worship – Baptism
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	GARC Variety Show

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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>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Katie, Mason, and Chandler Hanson
<i>Acolytes</i>	Aiden and Eli Ferguson
<i>Greeters</i>	Marsha Privatsky and Joan Zimmerman
<i>Ushers</i>	John Crawford and Larry Ellwein
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Leigh Wagner and Bernie Ellwein
<i>Communion Set-up, Clean-up</i>	Becky Schmitke
<i>Fellowship Host</i>	Marian Lehnerr

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