

“Follow me,
and I will
make you fish
for people.”

Matthew 4:19, 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
Epiphany 3
January 22, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
"Setting 10"

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

WELCOME

+GATHERING SONG *When Long before Time: The Singer and the Song* (ELW 861)

+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.**

+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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 *Please read responsively by whole verses.*

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

+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 begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* (ELW 817)

+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: Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer.

+PEACE

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 financial resources. 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. More information is provided at the end of this bulletin. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Our mission statement reminds us of our collective calling as St. Paul Lutheran Church in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 *Drawn to the Light* (ELW 593)

+DISMISSAL

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

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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 Marian or Pastor Janis 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 next Sunday, January 29th, 2023, following worship at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a Soup/sandwich/salad lunch. Sunday School will also be in session.
- **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 will have a quilt, Cenex & Krause's gift cards, 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. PLEASE! This entails handing out tickets and collecting tickets and money. Also, drawing the winners at the Spring Supper on March 5th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Coffee/Chocolate:** is for sale on a cart in the fellowship hall.
- **Sonshine Friends:** K-2 graders will meet this Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 3:00. A new signup 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.

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 Lutheran!



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 family of Shelly Fuller at the death of her grandmother.

In Thanksgiving: for the people of St. Paul.

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.

Birthdays:

Mark Larson	22	Linda Kolden	25
Madison Myers	22	Brees Chase	26
Evie Schwarz	23	Eunice Opozda	28
Glen Blanchard	25		

This week at St. Paul's

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
3:00 p.m. BLC/Meadows Worship
6:00 p.m. 6-9 gr. Youth

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

Wed. 7:30 a.m. 9-12 Breakfast Club
1:30 p.m. Hospital Third Floor
3:00 p.m. K-2 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

Sun. 9:45 a.m. Communion Worship – Sunday School Sings
10:45 a.m. Quick Choir Practice
Soup/Sandwich/Salad Lunch
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
11:00 a.m. Sunday School

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

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<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Andrew Haugen
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church & Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
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<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Organist</i>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Marian Lehnerr
<i>Acolytes</i>	Eli Ferguson
<i>Greeters</i>	Scott & Deb Foss
<i>Ushers</i>	Paul & Joe Kolden
<i>Fellowship Servers</i>	Youngs

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