

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY ~ JANUARY 15, 2023



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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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Opening Hymn

"O Day Full of Grace"

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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.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1 - 7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalms 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1 - 9

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.

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

Special Music

"This Little Light of Mine"

Kid's Choir

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

John 1:29 - 42

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

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).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult"

#696

Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

#302 vs. 1 & 3

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....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.**

The 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

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

by Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"Christ, Be Our Light"

#715

"Here I Am, Lord"

#574

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....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.**

Blessing

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

"CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT"

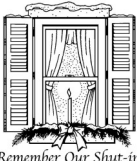


Welcome: We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns" Nathan Hear Our Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Dewey Jobe, Wayne Hall, Mary Haluptzok, Prayers.... Huth Schlesselman, Judy Smith, and Kyle Luetjen.

Doug Knox (brother-in-law of Donnie Brown), Kathy Regekr, Kayla Wasson (family of Diane Banks), Bill Talbot (friend of Connie Gerken), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Annie Bright, Family member of the Kreisels and Browns, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Remember Our Shut-ins

Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Huth Schlesselman, Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Wayne Hall: *Warsaw Health & Rehab*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Irene Viebrock: *Homebound*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Welcome!: Let us offer our thanksgiving over two new members! Tara Oelrichs was baptized here at St. Paul's on January 8th, and Ashlyn Richardson joined the membership of St. Paul's on January 8th.

welcome
to our church family



Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting: It is time to regroup and find out where we have been in 2022 and where we want to be 2023. Come and spend time with us **today**. After worship we will enjoy a soup and chili lunch together, stretch our legs and then gather at 12:15pm in the sanctuary for the annual meeting.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **January 17th** and Wednesday, **January 18th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Worship
& Music

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **January 18th** at 3:30pm.

Meeting: Evangelism will meet on Wednesday, **January 18th** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **January 19th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Ambrose: Pastor Stephen will be offering communion at Ambrose Park on Thursday, **January 19th** at 3:00pm in their small dining room. All are welcome.



Circle: The Esther Circle meeting originally scheduled for Monday, January 16th, has been moved to the following week, **January 23rd**, due to the funeral service. They will meet at Ellen Harms' house with Janice Gerken as hostess.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **January 25th** at 3:00pm.



Save-the-Date: Mark your calendar for a Women's Retreat, Saturday, **February 4th**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Heit's Point. Come join for a half day retreat with women of all ages and any friends. The event is free and includes lunch (thanks to the Communities of Calling grant). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Link, contact Pastor Kim, or call the church office. Any questions see Pr. Kim.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Souper Bowl: The Cole Camp Food Pantry has once again challenged local churches and organizations to compete in the annual Souper Bowl. Whoever collects the most food items by the day of the other "big game" (**February 12**) will be the winner of the annual traveling trophy. This year St. Paul's is returning to a collection of soup and crackers to fulfill the needs of the Food Pantry. However, we are encouraged to think beyond just canned, prepared soup. What about donations of soup ingredients: canned tomatoes, canned beans, canned meats, etc? What about including a recipe for a soup to accompany the ingredients? Please also know that the "Cream of..." soups (Cream of Celery, Cream of Mushroom, etc.) are not as useful to Pantry clients. Thank you for your support of our local Food Pantry!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 15th:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, January 16th:	AW	Chili & Soup Lunch
	12:15pm	Annual Meeting
	4:30pm	Visitation for Orlyn Brauer
	5:30pm	Memorial Service for Orlyn Brauer
Tuesday, January 17th:	6:00pm	Casual Reception for Orlyn Brauer
	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, January 18th:	8:00am	LBPS
	3:30pm	Worship & Music
	7:00pm	Evangelism
Thursday, January 19th:	8:00am	BCHD
	3:00pm	Ambrose Park / Communion
	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Saturday, January 21st:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
Sunday, January 22nd:	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

February 4th	Women's Retreat
February 12th	Cole Camp Pantry Souper Bowl Deadline
February 22nd	Ash Wednesday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Janice Gerken & Rhonda Schlesselman
Ushers Kelly Viebrock, Head Usher
..... Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Melinda Strathman & Steve Triplett



Second Sunday of Epiphany ~ January 15, 2023

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Susan Goosen
Children's Sermon Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes Leighton Tinney & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers Shirley Logan



Third Sunday of Epiphany ~ January 22, 2023

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Virgil & Diann Holsten
Reader Poe Family
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Mason Randall & Lane Smith
Flowers Sally Viebrock