

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY ~ JANUARY 29, 2023**



# The Sermon on the Mount

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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

*please stand in body or spirit*

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.**

Opening Hymn

“Let Justice Flow like Streams”

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*Let justice roll down  
like waters,  
and righteousness like  
an everflowing stream.*

-Amos 5:24

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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

First Reading

Micah 6:1 - 8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 31

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Matthew 5:1 - 12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Are They"

#728

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

*please stand in body or spirit*

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.

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

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"We Are Called"

#720

*please stand in body or spirit*

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

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 Up, O Saints of God!"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

# "CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT"

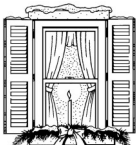


**Welcome:** Welcome to worship this winter morning! As brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather to praise his name, hear his Word and be strengthened to share his love with others.

*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, Mary Haluptzok, Judy Smith, Prayers... and Kyle Luetjen.

Doug Knox (brother-in-law of Donnie Brown), Kathy Regekr, Bill Talbot (friend of Connie Gerken), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Annie Bright, 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).



**With Sympathy:** We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Merlin Balke (father of Jerry Balke).



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



**For You:** There are Annual Reports available for anyone who would like to have one. There are still offering envelopes and giving statements ready to pick up as well. Please pick them up in the Link.

**LBPS:** Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **January 31st** and Wednesday, **February 1st** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **February 2nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

**Retreat:** The Women's Retreat is 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).



**Pancake Dinner:** Is it Mardi Gras? Shrove Tuesday? Pancake Day?? Yes!! Luther League is inviting you to a pancake dinner to celebrate all of the above occasions on Sunday, **February 19th**, just after worship.

We'll have pancakes and other breakfast foods, along with activities and other ways to celebrate and learn more about how we prepare to enter the Lenten season. We'll even have a parade!! (Families are invited to decorate a wagon to bring along and walk in the parade around the Fellowship Hall.) A free-will offering supports the Luther League activities. More details will be coming soon, but mark your calendar now for a fun time together!

**Ash Wednesday:** We begin the season of Lent with the remembrance of who we are: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins our 40 day season of Lent, where we will be invited into the discipline of Lent: self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Join us for an Ash Wednesday worship service on **February 22nd**, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. (There is no Simple Supper this evening.)



**Attention:** To all wishing to pursue higher level education. The Central States Women of the ELCA has an Educational Scholarship available for women who are members of an ELCA congregation. Applications for the scholarship can be found at both ushers' stands. The application provides the needed guidelines. For any questions, please contact Janice.



~ \* ~ **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 12th**) 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!

**Music Booster Dinner:** The Music Booster will host a dinner on Friday, **March 10th** in the high school gym. They will be serving salad, baked chicken, mashed potatoes and mushroom gravy, green beans rolls and cake. The band and choir kids will be performing through the night and serving guests at tables. Tickets are \$12 doors open at 5:30pm. Food will be served from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.



The Cole Camp music students in the HS Band and Encore will be travelling to Nashville in March for an unforgettable experience. These students will get to perform and get a workshop with professionals that work in Nashville. Students will get to experience different attractions such as The Grand Ole Opry, Jackson Showboat, and the Nashville Zoo. Students will experience and create memories with their ensembles that will last a lifetime.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, January 29:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Tuesday, January 31:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
<b>Wednesday, February 1:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
<b>Thursday, February 2:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, February 4:</b>	9:00am	Women's Retreat
	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, February 5:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	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



## Fourth Sunday of Epiphany ~ January 29, 2023

**Assisting Minister** ..... Darin Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Tara Anderson & Erin Oelrichs  
**Reader** ..... Bill Viebrock  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Joyce Schlesselmann  
**Acolytes** ..... Tristan Fox & Wyatt Gooch  
**Flowers** ..... Diann Holsten  
**Ushers** ..... Kelly Viebrock, Head Usher  
..... Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Melinda Strathman & Steve Triplett



## Fifth Sunday of Epiphany ~ February 5, 2023

**Assisting Minister** ..... Janice Gerken  
**Communion Assistants** ..... At the Altar  
**Reader** ..... Sara Jackson  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Logan Jackson & Khloe Viebrock  
**Flowers** ..... Lynn Schear  
**Ushers** ..... Justin Tinney, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Vickie Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman