

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**



**January 3, 2021**

## Divine Service – Setting Three

### Confession and Absolution

#### 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



**Kyrie***LSB 186*

**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*LSB 187***Gloria in Excelsis (Sing)**

- ☐** **Glory be to God on High,  
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great  
glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading *1 Kings 3:4–15*

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.

<sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to

govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

<sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual** *Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

L: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

L: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C: for he has done marvelous things!**

## Epistle *Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel *Luke 2:40–52*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

#### 410 Within the Father's House *sts. 1-4*



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,  
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.  
To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.  
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

**Sermon Text:** Luke 2:40-52

**Sermon Title:** *"Obedience: It's Not Just for the Dogs"*

Read by Elder Clint Fjelstad

☐ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

☑ **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn**

LSB 192

**358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come** *sts. 4–6*

4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by  
5 "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad - dling



God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,  
clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the



bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.  
in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!  
Then with the shepherds let us go  
To see what God for us has done  
In sending us His own dear Son.

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*Stand***Prayer of the Church**

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And with thy spir - it.

- A** Bless we the Lord.



- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- P** 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.



- C** A-men, a-men, a - men.



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)  
Aberdeen, South Dakota  
(605) 225-1847  
January 3, 2021**

The purpose of St. Paul's Congregation is to assist its members to share and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the confessional standards of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Michael Severson, Joyce Kenitzer, Joyce Dahme, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Leona McCalip, Steven Swanhorst, Barbara Dahme, Howard Dahme, Dan Lingor, Jason Herrick, Pastor Anderson, Gladys Felix, Ralph Stevens, Chad Ashford, John Cassens, Vivian Hoff, Tim Schwabe, Muriel Schamber, Kent Johnsen, Jeanie Quam, and Pastor Rawerts.

**Our condolences to the family of Margy Zacher** who passed away on December 22, 2020. Her funeral will be held on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at St. Paul's.

**Our condolences to the family of Howard Dahme** who passed away on December 26, 2020. His funeral will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 11:00 am.

**A Circuit Epiphany Worship Service** will be held here at St. Paul's on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Baptism of Wrenley Joy Giedt was held on Saturday, Dec. 26. Her parents are Heath and Katelyn Giedt.

**No Sunday School** today, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Jan. 10, 2021** 10:00 AM – This is the Life – “God of Love.” 10:30 AM - Rev. Ray Greenseth brings the message “The Baptism of Our Lord” based on Mark 4:4-11. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Jan. 10, 2021 – “The Backstory Behind a Bible ‘Contradiction’”** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**2021 Offering envelopes** are located in the South Narthex.

**Coffee/Donut** servers are needed for Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Offering: Dec. 24- 27, 2020** - \$16,225.50 Coffee - \$53.00

**Attendance:**

**December 24, 2020**

**3:00 pm** – 105 **4:30 pm** – 106 **6:30 pm** – 52

**December 25, 2020**

**9:30 am** – 73 Communed - 48 **10:45 am** – 14 Communed - 8

**December 27, 2020:**

**8:00am** – 58 Communed – 47 **10:45 am** – 69 Communed - 52

**Monday Night** – 17 Communed – 15

**Wednesday** - 10 Communed - 9

**Organists: Sunday** – Cyrece Kono **Monday** – Tierra Cassens

**Wednesday – 12:15pm** - Cindy Jung

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Jan. 3- Jan. 10)**

**Sun 8:00 am           Worship Service**  
9:30 am           Bible Study, Donuts and Coffee  
**10:45 am Worship Service**  
**5-7:00 pm** Circuit Youth @ Our Savior

**Mon 6:15 pmWorship Service**  
7:00 pm   Elder Meeting

**Wed 6:00 am           Men's Bible Study**  
12:15 pm **Worship Service – (Mask Required)**  
1:00 pm   Take decorations down  
5:00 pm   Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm   Confirmation

**Fri       6:30 pm           Circuit Epiphany Service**

**Sat 10:30 am           Music Meeting**

**Sun 8:00 amWorship Service**  
9:30 am           Bible Study, Coffee/Donuts  
9:30 am   Sunday School  
**10:45 am Worship Service**  
1:00 pm   Elder Bible Study