

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

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Alvin Hamilton, LaVonne Helmer, and Doug Frohling.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Our condolences to the family of James Lickfelt whose funeral was held at St. Paul's on January 28th.

Soup/Chili Cook-off: Today at 12:30 pm.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

Women's Bible Study - If any women would like to join the Esther Bible Study, which is meeting via Zoom during January and February at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays, here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102004155>

Guest Preacher Sunday, Feb. 5. At our last District Convention, the South Dakota District of the LCMS voted to partner with Lutheran Family Services of Iowa to provide Christ-centered, biblical support for our South Dakota churches and congregants. Their services include pregnancy support, adoption services, marriage counseling, mental health counseling, and life advocacy and outreach, just to name a few. Rev. Michael (Mick) C. Wolfram, director of congregational services, will be with us Sunday Feb. 5 to share God's Word during worship and then in Bible study to help better understand the many ways their organization can assist us in meeting the needs of God's people at St. Paul's. Lutheran Family Services is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the LCMS and has been in existence for over 125 years. To find out more, please go to <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org>.

Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm. Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week. s

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday – Cyrece Kono **Wednesday –** Judah Bobby

MAIN STREET LIVING – February 5, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM. 10:30 AM – Worship.** For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – February 5, 2023 “*Your Time to Shine*”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Church Office closed until noon on February 2.

Offering: January 22, 2023 - \$13,425.00

Sunday School - \$9.00 Missions - \$30.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – January 22, 2023:

8:00am – 100 Communed - 88 **10:45am –** 116 Communed –86

Wed. – 21 Communed - 19

Bible Study: Sunday - 53 Wed: 6am – 6 10am -7
5:15pm – 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (January 29 – Feb. 5)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study – Zoom

5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper

6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Romans Bible Study

Thur 9:00am Good Cheer Circle

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

12:00 pm Leadership Meeting & Lunch

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

Opening Hymn: #904 *"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"*

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father.

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit *Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

P: The wicked are not so,

C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **CAmen.**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading *Micah 6:1–8*

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For 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.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“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?

⁷Will 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?”

⁸He has told you, O man, 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?

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol him, all peoples!

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #415 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Catechetical Review

P: The Seventh Commandment

C: You shall not steal.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

P: The Eighth Commandment

C: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn: #526 *“You Are the Way; through You Alone”*

Sermon: *“The Beatitudes: God’s Grace to Us”*
 Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Jacob Smith

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless

love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn #618 *"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us Pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #394 *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*