

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.

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Welcome to all – especially visitors!!!

It is no accident that you are here today!

You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life. We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord!

Please remember to write any prayer requests for today
in the prayer book in the Narthex.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Piano Solo by Robbie Ashby

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 creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10 (read responsively)

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice**

like the great deep;

you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;**

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life,

and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,**

and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Cynthia Baxter

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Christ, Your Footsteps Through the Desert”
Mary Jane McMillan, Soloist

APOSTLES’ CREED

A: Let us join our voices together as we confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C: 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially... .., and those whom we name in our hearts. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

Pastor and Assisting Minister receive the offering and elements for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Please join me in prayer:

C: Blessed are you, O God,

Sovereign of the universe.

**You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.**

Lead us to your table,

nourish us with this heavenly food,

**and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.**

Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life,

at the birth of time

your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,

you sent your Word, born of Mary,

to shine in our darkness

and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was handed over,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Brought together by the Holy Spirit from all the spaces we are right now, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

“Come, Let Us Eat”

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY TIME

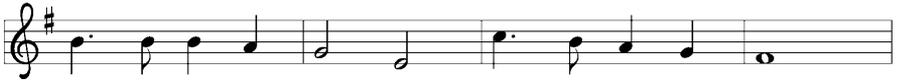
BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #537 “On Our Way Rejoicing”

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

A: Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Large print and children's activity bulletins are available in the Narthex or from an usher.

Bulletins are presented to the glory of God.

Today we welcome and thank The Reverend Cynthia Baxter as our guest pastor.

Immediate Prayer Requests should be written in the prayer notebook in the Narthex prior to the service. These will be included in the prayers during worship. Long-term prayer requests are listed at the end of the bulletin.

GIVING STATEMENTS: Please pick up your end-of-year giving statement in the upper Sunday school room.

CAN YOU MAKE COFFEE?? If so, will you make it once or twice a month for your St. Paul’s friends to enjoy after worship? Ken Getz will show you all you need to know. Kudos to Ken for tackling this task solo thus far! Please let Ken or Pastor Pam know that you will help.

Thank you to those assisting with worship

Assisting Minister: Keith Gilbert

Lector: Steve Hoffmaster

Altar: Deb Stoner (set-up); Judy Cryder (clean-up)

Counters: Trudy Getz & Jan Adams

Monthly Ushers: Mike Stoner, Steve Hoffmaster

Monthly Building Lock-up: Vicki Barnhart

Media: Gabe Stitzel

	Asst. Min.	Lector	Ushers	Altar
01/23	MJ McMillan	Ann Gilbert	Mike Stoner Steve Hoffmaster	MJ McMillan (c/u)
01/30	Nick Cekovich	McKenna Stitzel		Deb Stoner (s/u) Judy Cryder (c/u)
02/06	Mason Miller	Vicki Barnhart	Drew Kugler Tim Morgan	Vicki Barnhart (c/u)

Mark your calendar!

01/30, 4-8 pm: West Shore Ministerium/Panera Bread Fundraiser to benefit local charities – flyers in the Narthex and in St. Paul’s Epistle

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