



**Sunday, January 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. In-person worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Children's Offering

The January children's offering will be going to the PADS Homeless Shelter's roof fundraiser.

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Prelude

"Grace Alone"

Brown, Nelson, Hayes

"Seek Ye First"

Lafferty, Tornquist

When the prelude music begins, we invite you into a time of silent reflection to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome/Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

All: Amen.

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

All: God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

All: Amen.

Gathering Son
“Rise, Shine, You People!”
ELW #665

Musical notation for the hymn "Rise, Shine, You People!". The lyrics are: 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us. our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed. wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en. world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry. Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

All: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy:
[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life,
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW #310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

Prayers of Intercession

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with these words:

P: God of grace,
All: receive our prayer.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you!

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

MEAL

Offering

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Krug, Cruger

Offering Response

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"



Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one, by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion

Communion Music

“Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“Overcome”

Egan, Schinske

Prayer after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

All: Amen.

P: Let us pray

Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

All: Amen

Blessing

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Sending Song

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW #597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,
Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -
own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!
Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick, Tornquist

Teachers and students are dismissed to their classrooms. We ask all others to grab a cup of coffee and snack and return to the sanctuary for the annual meeting. Thank you.

******ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS** – There will be a meeting to elect officers immediately after the Annual Business Meeting today. Please meet in the lounge.

Coffee Fellowship will be available following worship for you to grab something prior to the Annual Meeting. Thank you to Bill & Carolyn Duncan for providing the treats.

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Michelle, Klinger, Barb & Don Lenn, Dottie Julien, Julie Woessner, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Hanson, Bob Cornelsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Worship Assistants:

Presider – Rev. Kathy Burkheimer

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Chrissy Zollinger

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Janie Billings, Karen Wright

Ushers – Tim Zollinger, Dan Dir

Reader – Tim Zollinger

Sound – Jim Gorman

Musicians:

Lori Attig

Linda VonHolten

Next week – February 4

Presider – Rev. Brant Clements

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Dan Bartel

Acolytes – Bartel family

Greeters – Bartel family

Ushers – John Renner, Greg Zeigler

Reader – Greg Zeigler

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*