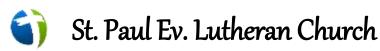


The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, A+D 2023



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#### God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross

"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Stand

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

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

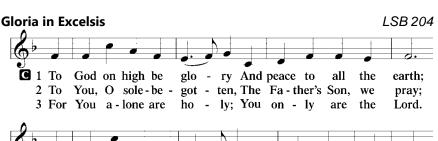
#### Introit

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  $\mathbf{P}$ acceptable in your sight,
- O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  $\mathbf{C}$
- The heavens declare the glory of God, P
- and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  $\mathbf{C}$
- Day to day pours out speech,  $\mathbf{P}$
- C and night to night reveals knowledge.
- There is no speech, nor are there words, P
- whose voice is not heard. C
- P Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
- In them he has set a tent for the sun.  $\mathbf{C}$
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as C it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
- O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  $\mathbf{C}$



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 49:1-7

A The Old Testament Reading for The Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from the forty-ninth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes.

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

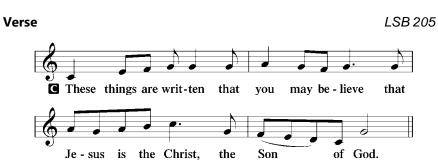
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse





Alleluia LSB 205



### **Holy Gospel**

John 1:29-42a

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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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.

Sit

#### 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

#### Sermon

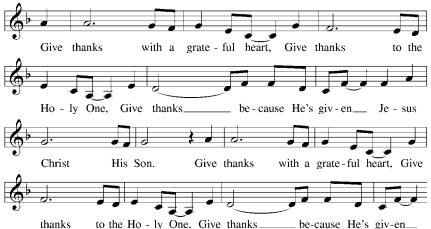
#### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

## **Musical Offering**

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## 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart





## **Prayer of the Church**

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- ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.  $\mathbf{C}$

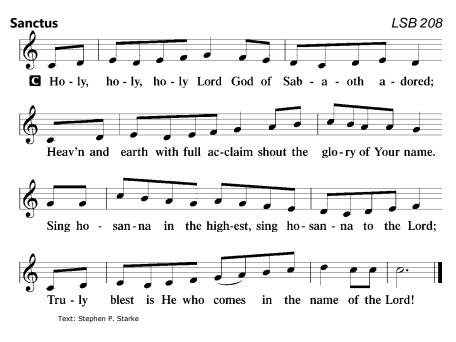
# Service of the Sacrament

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**Preface** LSB 208

- The Lord be with you. P
- And also with you.  $\mathbf{C}$
- $\mathbf{P}$ Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.  $\mathbf{C}$

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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.

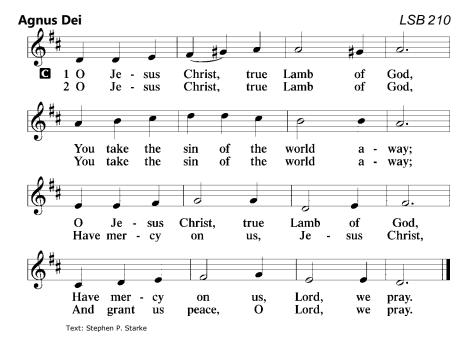
#### The Words of Our Lord

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 · H· blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Sit

## **Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### 550 Lamb of God

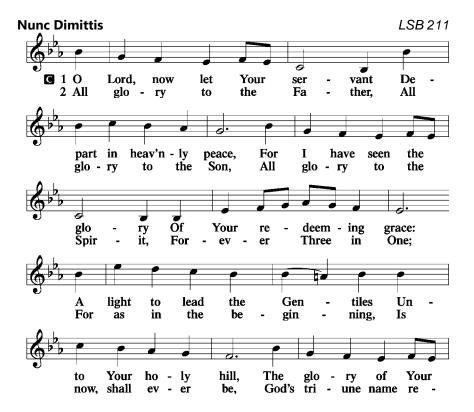
## 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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#### The Communion Dismissal

#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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 LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- 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 Amen.

## 835 On Galilee's High Mountain

Silent Prayer

**Announcements** 

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# **Christmas & Epiphany Season Why have the Altar Colors Changed**

- Color. Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son.
- 2. Paraments were changed to White and Gold for Christmas, Why? White is the color of purity and completeness, it is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Last Sunday after The Epiphany of Our Lord, also known as Transfiguration Sunday.
  - **Gold** represents value and worth. Jesus is worthy of our praise as we adorn his altar with the color of splendor. (More on Gold at Easter)
- 3. Paraments will be changed to Green as the Season of The Epiphany of Our Lord continues until Ash Wednesday. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of Green-the color symbolic of growth. (More on Green during Pentecost)



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Social Ministry is very grateful for your support during the Christmas Holidays. Through your generosity our church was able to provide Aldi Foods gift cards to 4 families! We also we able to assist with an emergent need for help to a family in the community. This has been a blessing for these families.

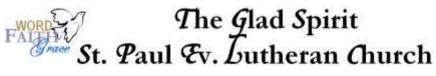
The need for food and the basic necessities of life continue throughout the year, and with your continued support, St. Paul's will continue to try and provide help to all whose needs have come to our attention.

We continue to ask for your help and support in this New Year,

please include your donations in with you offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry. Thank you for the continued support of this important ministry!







January 15, 2023

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

## ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Karen Baker , Brandi Edwin & Gail Baumgart, Family Sarah Joshua Baumgart Joan Behrens David Bloom

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jennifer Lovett, 1/18 Henry Sella, 1/18 Cassandra Michels, 1/19

#### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Jennifer Olson, 1/17 William Sommer, 1/17 Judith Swazes, 1/20 Margaret Loitz, 1/21 Janice Reichert, 1/21

## **CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Jessica Ovalle, 1/20 Nora Wulf-Burklow, 1/20

## **SPECIAL CONCERNS**

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Sandy Ovalle, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer and the Farris Family.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

# **NEWS UPDATE**



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday February 15, to review *The Things We Do for Love* by Kristin Hannah. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Study John 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the 7th petition and conclusion of the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (1/21 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 8:45 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at https://www.splcms.org/worship.

"Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials." Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

# The Lamb of God

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## GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

January 8th Attendance 28, 23 Communed, 10 Online

Basket	\$5.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	2,027.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
•		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	100.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	2,032.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$140.00
Offering Needed	1,640.00	3	

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	8:45 am	Worship Service
3		Coffee &
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Bible Discussion

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

8:45 am Worship Service 9:45 am Coffee &... 10:00 am Sunday School

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Pastor Pastor Dobberstein Pastor Fluechtling Dave Bloom

Lay Reader Tracy Middleton Dana Krieger

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