

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday’s at 10:15 A.M.

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# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



**Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family??**

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish

Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**SILENT MEDITATION.** . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

*Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.*

**Pastor:** Reverend Rashion “Woody” Santiago

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. Robert Jones

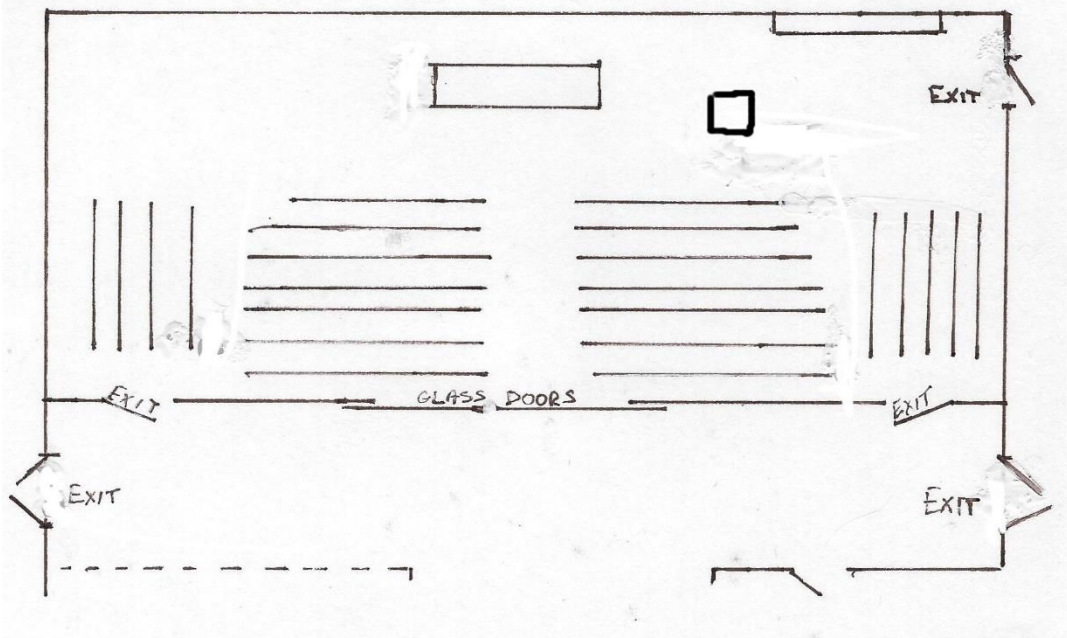
## 2023 Council Members

Grant Allen, Dawn Bartron, Bill Below, Chris Kinsley Sr., Nicole Kresge, Carl Reindl, Deb Storman, Beth Werkheiser, Leanna Wickline

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# Worship Service

## Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

### Sunday, February 12, 2023

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

*\*Please stand, if able.*

*Words in bold print denote congregational response.*

**Chimes (Call to Worship)**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*Confession**

Gracious God,

**Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**\*Absolution**

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

\*+ Opening Hymn

# Come, All You People

## *Uyaimose*

*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

*u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
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 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

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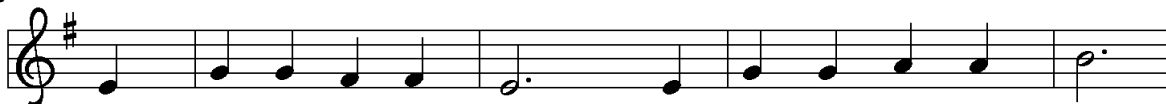
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### \*Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

### \*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### \*Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share a word or sign of peace with one another, while remaining in your pew area.*

### **Prayer of the Day (Lector)**

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

<sup>15</sup> See, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> For I am commanding you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, statutes, and ordinances, so that you may live and multiply, and the Lord your God may bless you in the land you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not listen and you are led astray to bow in worship to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I tell you today that you will certainly perish and will not prolong your days in the land you are entering to possess across the Jordan. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> love the Lord your God, obey him, and remain faithful to him. For he is your life, and he will prolong your days as you live in the land the Lord swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>How happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk according to the Lord's instruction!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are those who keep his decrees and seek him with all their heart.**

<sup>3</sup> They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways.

<sup>4</sup> **You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept.**

<sup>5</sup> If only my ways were committed to keeping your statutes!

<sup>6</sup> **Then I would not be ashamed when I think about all your commands.**

<sup>7</sup> I will praise you with an upright heart when I learn your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup> **I will keep your statutes; never abandon me.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## \*Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister will be subject to the court. Whoever says, 'You fool!' will be subject to hellfire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has

something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you're on the way with him to the court, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery. <sup>28</sup> But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce. <sup>32</sup> But I tell you, everyone who divorces his wife, except in a case of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to our ancestors, You must not break your oath, but you must keep your oaths to the Lord. <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, don't take an oath at all: either by heaven, because it is God's throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, because it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> Do not swear by your head, because you cannot make a single hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything more than this is from the evil one.

The Word of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### \*Hymn of the Day

### Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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### \*The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, 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.**

### \* Prayers of the People (*Lector*)

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

At this time, you are welcome to share your joys and concerns, either silently or aloud. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

Liberating God,

**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **\*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.

**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

# I Shall Not Be Moved

*Refrain*

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,  
2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the  
3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,  
4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved;  
church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved;  
Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved;  
fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved;

*Refrain*

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

**\*Choral Benediction**      *"Go Now and Pass It On"*

May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ walk be - side us \_\_\_\_\_ as we

6  
leave \_\_\_\_\_ this qui - et place, \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will al - ways

12  
guide us \_\_\_\_\_ if we walk in the light of His grace. \_\_\_\_\_

17  
\_\_\_\_\_ May we feel God's love a - round us \_\_\_\_\_ as it

22  
keeps us faith - ful and strong, \_\_\_\_\_ for the peace \_\_\_\_\_

27  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God sur rounds us, \_\_\_\_\_ and now we must pass it

32  
on. \_\_\_\_\_ Go now and pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**"The worship ends. . .the service begins."**

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## Prayer Requests

Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Diane Berner; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Linda Bushkofsky & family at Dennis' passing; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; Tim Grover; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; the family of Matt Herzberg; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Claudette Segear; Vaughn Sensinger; Phyllis Sensinger; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Steve Widgett; Alice Weaver; Harry Weaver; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; Carolyn Zacharias; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

**Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.**



**Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry!** Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong

### Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us for soup to celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring. Feel free to bring your soup to the Adult Christian Education class and join us in our study of Leviticus.

## Grocery Tapes

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

## Inside Out Church

Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

## Synod Assembly June 1-3, 2023

The Bishop requires two voting members from each congregation as well as the Pastor attend the Synod Assembly. It is local, so there is no need for overnight stays. This is the first in-person assembly since COVID struck in 2020. Small group information sessions and the wonderful worship opportunities make it worth attending!

February Worship Assistant Schedule						
	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
<b>2/5/2023</b>	Emily	Charlie Hempel	Bill Below	Linda Below	Deb Storman	Beth Reindl
	Kresge	Donna Warner		Deb Storman	Beth Werkheiser	Leanna Wickline
<b>2/12/2023</b>	Deb	Carl Reindl	Linda Below		Dawne Ladeas	
	Storman	Beth Reindl			Barbara Allen	
					Judy Michael	
<b>2/19/2023</b>	Eli	Linda Below	Kris Kent	Dawn Weiss	Deb Storman	Beth Reindl
	Kresge	Deb Storman		Dawn Bartron	Barbara Allen	Leanna Wickline
<b>2/26/2023</b>	Dawn	Charlie Hempel	Joan Rinker		Beth Werkheiser	
	Weiss	Donna Warner			Barbara Allen	

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please contact the office.

## Next Week's Readings:

**Exodus 24:12-18**

**Psalm 2**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

**Matthew 17:1-9**