Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Divine Service 4

February 3 & 4, 2024

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Stand

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

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Psalm Psalm 147:1–11

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Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:21–31

21Do you not know? Do you not hear?
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
22It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
 and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
 and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
23who brings princes to nothing,
 and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
24Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
 scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
 and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
25To whom then will you compare me,
 that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
26Lift up your eyes on high and see:
 who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
 calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
 and because he is strong in power
 not one is missing.
27Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
 and my right is disregarded by my God”?
28Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
29He gives power to the faint,
 and to him who has no might he increases strength.
30Even youths shall faint and be weary,
 and young men shall fall exhausted;
31but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

 16If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

 19For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

 24Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

♪Alleluia LSB 205

Holy Gospel Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

 29Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

 35And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 38And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” 39And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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PRAY FOR:

 FAMILIES (each week we pray for families in the congregations)

Elaine Schroeder, Fay Smith, Paul, Sarah, Payton, Jordon, Cailynn Smith & Dixie Dean, Donna Sohn and Steve & Sandra Sonnicksen, Jim Reinke, Rodger, Jody, Jennifer & Kevin Renkly

~for our Armed Services personnel and their families

~for Seminarian Nicholas Totenhagen

~for the family and friends of Esther Voges

HOSPITALIZED / SICK:

Margie Elmore, Ruth Hanke, Donnis Volk, Dan Duden, Gary & Ardis Adams, Irma Franke, Damian Prescher, Ruth Maland, Lloyd Koestler, Rhonda Gustafson, Samantha Andrews, Mildred Thompson, Joanne Sukalski, Bea Wolf, Keren & Leslie Burkhow, Sheri Anderson, and Clare Prechel

~for all shut in and nursing home residents

Happy Birthday to…

4th - Amy Clay, Dianne Gieser, Royce Valvick & Jason

 Mertens

5th - Duane Ehrich & Dorothy Ristau

6th - Neal Mensing & Roberta Rippentrop

7th - Margie Elmore

8th - Lillian Hartwick, Andrea Schewe & Robin Mathews

9th - Daniel Mensing

10th - Jane Bell

**Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church.**

Grace and peace to you from God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We welcome you as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God’s love for His people. Let us find our strength in His and our joy in serving Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The broadcast today is sponsored in loving memory of Bryon Hendrickson by LeAnn Hendrickson and family.

**Those who served**:

Saturday: Pastor David Schultz

Sunday: Pastor David Fretham

Elder: Duane Ehrich

Organists: Saturday: Jane Halvorson

 Sunday: Darlene Fretham

Acolytes: Saturday: Nolan Hagedorn & Toby Vereide

 Sunday: Noah Burgett & Brantley Jagerson

**This Week…**

**Saturday, February 3**

5:30 p.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

9:30 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion

 Installation of officers

10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation class

**Tuesday, February 6**

7:00 a.m. Bible Study, Cabin Coffee

1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Wednesday, February 7**

10:00 a.m. St. Luke’s Chapel

2:15 p.m. Release Time

7:00 p.m. Confirmation class

**Saturday, February 10**

5:30 p.m. Worship

**Sunday, February 11 The Transfiguation of Our Lord**

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation class

**Attendance:**

Jan. 27: 26; Jan. 28: 60

Offerings received: $2504.86

Total offerings received in 2024 to date: $9967.00

Average weekly offerings: $2492.00

Weekly amount needed for budget: $4759.00

Organ Fund: $$38,602.00

**Newly elected/re-elected at the January 21st voters’ meeting include:**

**President –** Ryan Gustafson

**Vice President –** Jeff Bell

**Secretary –** Mary Gustafson

**Treasurer –** Gary Winkelman

**Financial Secretary –** Jane Bell

**Elders –** Steve Lawrence

 Orlin Palm

**Trustee –** Greg Mastin

**Youth/Education –** Mary Gustafson

 Angela Lawrence

 Andrew & Nicole Bell

**Head Ushers –** Brad Zierke

 Todd Sukalski

**St. Luke’s Representative –** Janet Zabel

***Ash Wednesday* Communion Worship**

**February 14, 2024**

Services at Noon & 6:00pm

The Elders will serve a Lenten Supper at 5pm

The Lenten Midweek Series: Truly, This Is the Son of God

Nicodemus; Doubted Then Believed, John 3:1-21; 19:39

The 2023 contribution statements are on the table in the narthex.

**KBEW Broadcast** sponsors are needed for the following dates: Sundays: February 11 & 25, and

Ash Wednesday, February 14. The cost is $42.

Please phone (526.7318) or email the office at stpauloffice@bevcomm.net

**Women of St. Paul**: Please help yourself to a LWML 2024 book, they can be found in the narthex on the table.

2024 Offering envelopes can be found in the narthex. The NEW offering envelopes numbers have been activated. Please dispose of any old envelopes!

If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the office or you may also use a regular envelope with your name on the front.

● Announcements are due in the office every Wednesday at noon for the weekly bulletin.

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3. Donate to the Fund of your choice!

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