



**January 17, AD 2021**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8:15am/10:30am**

Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
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(P=Pastor, AM=Assisting Minister, C=Congregation, \*=please stand) (The order of service and several hymns are found in the green book –LBW, purple-W&P or in the blue book-WOV. Please silence all electronic devices as we give our attention to God's presence in this holy place.)

## Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns

Installation of Church Council

P: You have been elected to positions of leadership in this congregation. We give thanks for your willingness to serve. On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties to which you have been elected to the glory of God?

**Council Members: Yes, with the help of God.**

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

Prelude: Prelude in G Major –Bach

(During the prelude you may use the following prayer. Thank you, dear Lord for the call to follow you, it has made all the difference in our lives. Especially we thank you for bringing us to this place of worship today where we can hear your word and be strengthened for the challenges of daily life. Open our eyes to presence and comfort us with your promises. Help us to dedicate this day and everyday to glorifying and praising your for the gift of life and salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

\*Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*(Please kneel or stand and observe a moment of silence for reflection.)*

P: Heavenly Father,

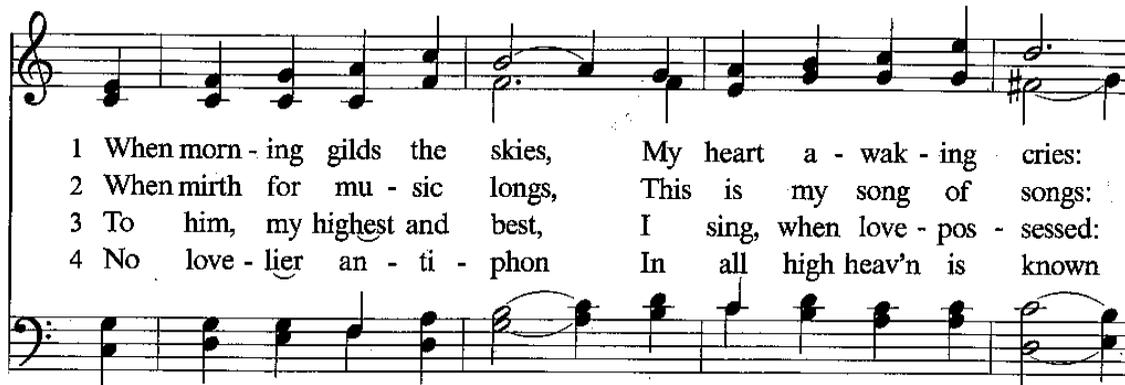
**C: we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. 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.**

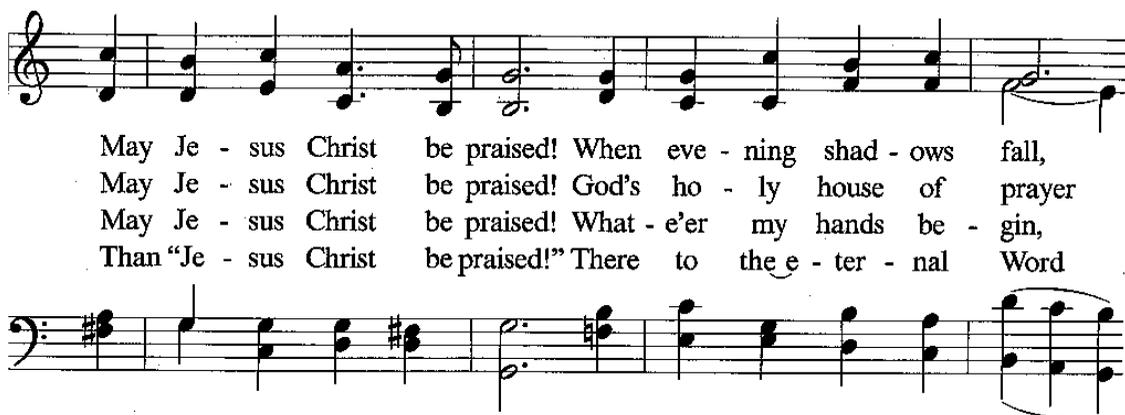
\*Opening Hymn:

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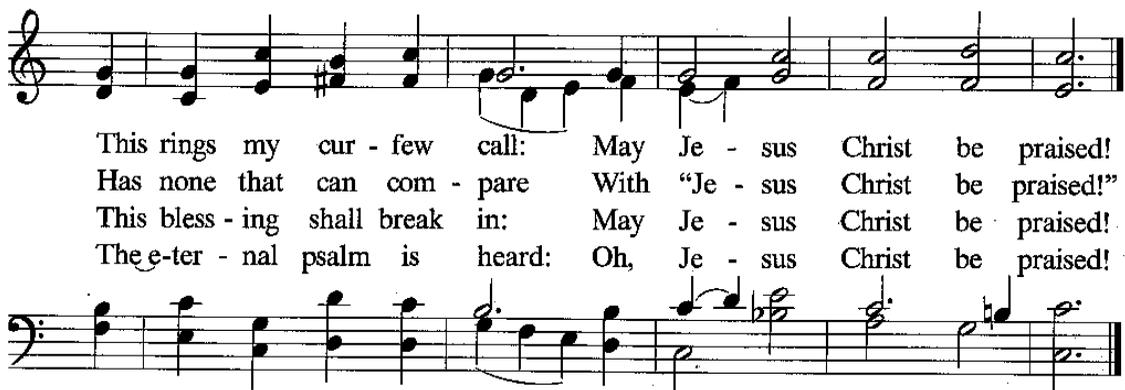
# When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love - pos - sessed:  
4 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known



May Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,  
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



This rings my cur - few call: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
Has none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
This bless - ing shall break in: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: Oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

\*Apostolic 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.**

Opening Dialogue+

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Lesson: **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

(Though the Word was rare, and visions were few, the Lord sought Samuel by speaking repeatedly to him in the night. Samuel did not yet know the voice of the Lord. Even though at first Samuel had trouble recognizing who was speaking to him, Eli eventually discerned that God was calling out for his young servant.)

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 139:1-10 (read responsively)

(In a beautiful hymn, the psalmist proclaimed the omniscience of the Lord who knew him before he was in his mother's womb. Everywhere the psalmist went, the Lord knew and went before him. Every thought he thought, the Lord knew before it popped into the psalmist's mind. Such knowledge is too wonderful to comprehend!)

L:<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

C:<sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

L:<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

C:<sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

L:<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C:<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

L:<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

C:<sup>8</sup> **If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

L:<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C:<sup>10</sup> **even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(Paul maintained that all things were lawful for him because he was freed from the law by faith in Christ. But the fact that something is lawful does not make it helpful. His point was that we are to protect and care for our bodies, minds, and lives because we were bought with a price — one that cannot be squandered in vain.)

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Sermon:** Pastor Paul

\*Alleluia Verse (spoken)

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

\*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint **John, the 1st chapter.**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. Gospel: John 1:43-51**

(The day after Jesus told Andrew and his brother Simon to “come and see,” he called Philip to follow him. Philip then reported to Nathanael that they had found the one the prophets wrote about. Philip told him to “come and see.” Jesus told them all that they would see heaven open and the angels coming to the Son of Man.)

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Sally

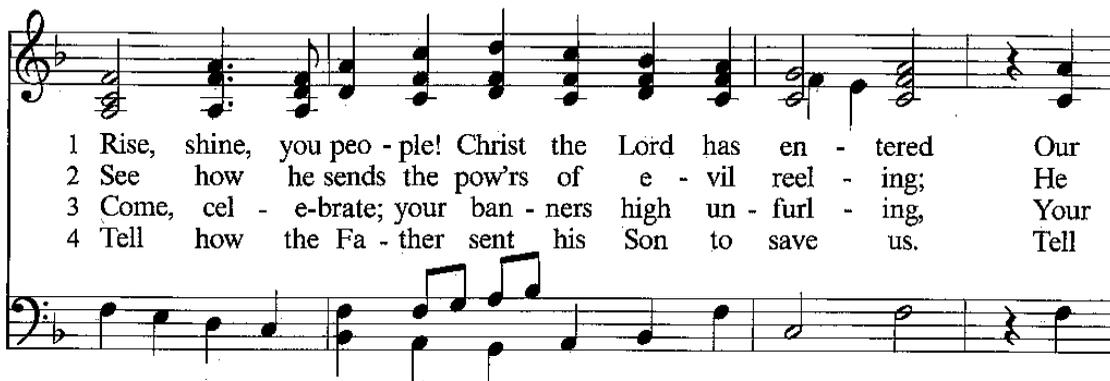
\*The Votum

Hymn of the day for 8:15am, # 393 Rise, Shine, You People!

Hymn of the day for 10:30am, #22 Bring Forth the Kingdom, on next page

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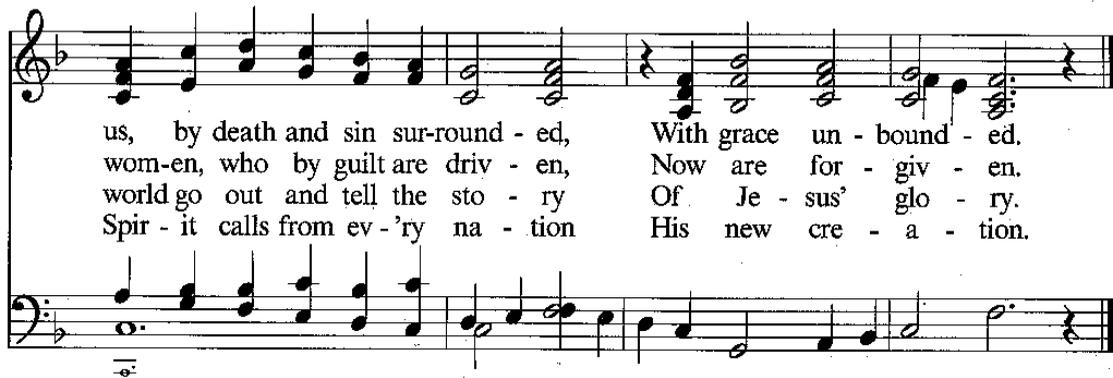
# Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered Our  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; He  
3 Come, cel - e-brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, Your  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us. Tell



hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
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 His new cre - a - tion.

\*Hymn of the Day: (10:30am)

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## Bring forth the kingdom

Leader  
D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
- 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
- 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
- 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader All  
G D/F# G A D G D/F# A D

- Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain  
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

\*The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the Church

**C: Amen**

\*Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.** (We share the peace with one another from our spots.)

Offertory: (8:15) We Are Marching in the Light of God – South African, arr. Behnke  
(10:30) The Summons –arr. Hayes

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise**

\*The Proper Preface §

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has redeemed and bought us with the price of His blood so that we might live under Him in His kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

\*The Sanctus (spoken):

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer §**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

\*The Words of Institution

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*P: Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

**Agnus Dei (sung)**



**☩ 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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion (Carol plays special music)

\*Blessing

**\*Post Communion Canticle: (sung)**



**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**\*Post Communion Prayer: §**

**P:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You purchased and won us by the blood of Christ. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us to live as worthy witnesses of Your grace and wisdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\*Benediction:**

**P:** 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. In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*Recessional Hymn:

# 501 He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!



1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!  
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,  
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur-mur nor re - pine;  
4 And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead - eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead - eth me.



Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata on “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” – Hobby

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**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining us for worship!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul Lutheran Church is committed to praising, praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.** All baptized Christians who have received their first communion are invited to join us for Holy Communion believing as we do that Christ is truly present in this holy meal. Please follow the usher’s instruction for when to leave your pew. Receive the wafer with open hands and then take a communion glass from the tray. If you have trouble coming forward, **please inform the usher and communion will be brought to your pew.** Please join us again

**SPONSORSHIPS to the Glory of God: ALTAR FLOWERS** in memory of Harry & Betty McCurdy by their daughter, Faye Nace **BULLETIN** in memory of our departed loved ones by the William Becker Family **BREAD & WINE** in honor of Savannah Albright’s birthday by Mom, Dad, Martin, Alyssa, Will, Charlotte, Lucy, & Noah **MAILING:** in memory of Minnie & Sterling Hoffman by Ira & Gloria Keech & family **PARISH MESSENGER:** to the glory of God. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11 and in honor of Joshua, Erica, Noah, Caleb, Benjamin, Ethan, Ashley, Skylar, Charlie, Linda, Devin, Rebecca, Barry, Sylvia, Corby, Candace, Chase, and Colton by Ed & Connie Dunkleberger **SANCTUARY LAMP:** in memory of Delores, by Carl Smyser

**Thought of the day:** The author of Samuel pointed out a sad reality: “The Word of the Lord was rare in those days.” Perhaps we feel the same today, that God is quiet and uncommunicative. But are we really listening? Are we seeking his voice in our lives? Sometimes it is necessary for us to settle down and just listen, and sometimes we need the help of a trusted friend or mentor to help us hear. Either way, God calls us to follow Jesus.

**We are in need of additional Saint Paul volunteers** at the food bank next Wednesday, 1/20. Time is 11:15-3PM. Please contact Deb Shue at -717-887-8650 if you are able to help. Thank you!

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**Lord's Helpers: 8:15**

**Head Usher:** Joe Jones

**Lay Reader:** Deb Smyser

**Sound:** Matt Conn

**Acolyte:** Colton Masemer

**Greeter:** Al Dickensheets

**Altar Guild:** Dave & Deb Smyser

**Lord's Helpers: 10:30**

**Head Usher:** Marty Albright

**Lay Reader:** Sandy Albright

**Sound:** Caitlin Hostetler

**Greeters:** Brenda Shorts & Zana Krout

**Altar Guild:** Sandy Albright

**Third Thursday –**

**Bible Study, bag lunch, Bingo and book club!**

**Friends in Christ (our group for widows, widowers and friends)** is doing Bingo instead of an outing while Covid wraps up. On January 21. we will meet at 11:15 (right after Bible study). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and have plenty of room for social distancing. We will use paper bingo papers and stamps. Small prizes will be given out. Bring a bag lunch and if you want you can even stay for book club which meets at 1:30. Hopefully, Covid will end soon and we can go back to some of our fun outings, but in the meantime, we can have fun together in our nice big building! Pass the word around.

## SPECIAL APPEAL FOR January MIVO Foundation

MIVO'S mission, which is: *"to serve the people of Haiti by offering treatment options for Orthopedic problems. Consistent with a Christian faith, we believe these problems are physical, emotional, and spiritual illnesses. Through Christ-centered care, we integrate these aspects of life to enhance a path to recovery, offering hope from a biblical perspective."* This service is best exemplified through real life fact and example. With each passing year, the MIVO Foundation expands our reach as God expands our impact. We have been able to perform critically needed surgeries such as re-alignment & fixation of broken bones as well as removal of infected hardware in patients' limbs, thus offering hope of returning to independent, productive lifestyles. By partnering with MIVO, you are truly helping to open the doors of possibility for future patients. Your gift is a tangible investment, which will enable us to maintain the clinic's operation year-round as well as help us to prepare for the expansions which God has sent before us. Thank you, too, for your prayers as MIVO strives to reach more and more people for Christ here in the United States and in Haiti. **Funds to date for MIVO: \$351.00**

### Activities for the week of January 17, 2021

Sun.	1/17	Second Sunday after the Epiphany 8:15am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30am Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Mon.	1/18	6:00pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting via Zoom
Tues.	1/19	9:00am Social Ministry Committee Meeting 7:00pm Hilltop AA
Wed.	1/20	11:15am -2:00pm Harvest of Hope Volunteers 7:00pm Facebook Live Devotions
Thurs.	1/21	10:00am Bible Study at Church and via Zoom 11:15am Bingo and Bag Lunch 1:30pm Book Club 7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom
Fri.	1/22	7:00pm Hilltop AA
Sun.	1/24	Third Sunday after the Epiphany 8:15am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

**Book Club** is meeting on Thursday. We Will discuss [Dearly Beloved](#) by Kara Wall. Please join us Thursday, January 21, at 1:30 in the library area of Saint Paul for an interesting discussion of this book about two pastors, their wives, ministry, and friendship.

## **Women of the Word**

Women of the Word will not be meeting in January due to the rise in Covid 19. We invite all ladies to join us in our time of study and fellowship once we start meeting again.

**The Men's group is not meeting in January.** We will resume meetings when the community spread of COVID 19 starts to decline.

## **Bible Study for January**

One of the enriching features of church life is our common desire to delve further into the Holy Scriptures. This spring we will be looking at the books of First and Second Peter. God's word has great inspiration for our times of suffering and reminds us always to be compassionate to others in their times of need. There is great encouragement in these books to maintain faithfulness in the face of temptations and to look for Christ's coming again. So join us in person or by Zoom on Thursdays, the morning session is held here at the church in the Parlor at 10AM (Zoom is also available), the evening Zoom session is held at 7PM, the invitation to which will be included in the Wednesday and Thursday daily devotion e-mail for that week. The Bible Sessions will be held on **January 21 and 28.**

**Saint Paul will hold its annual meeting** at approximately 9:30am in the Sanctuary **TODAY** with a Zoom Option for both attending and voting. **Remember, our constitution requires us to hold an annual meeting and we need your attendance to make quorum without which no business can be conducted, so please plan to attend. We will also be voting on the church budget at this meeting. Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.**

**We are not having our regular Sunday School classes at this time.**

We will hopefully start back up in February. We will be monitoring the Covid situation and will respond as advised.

**We would like to do a Card Shower for Treva Albright who will be turning 100 on February 14.** You can mail them to her at  
1802 Folkemer Cr. Room 201  
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## ***Listening for the Promise*** Weekly Devotional

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany - January 17, 2021**

*“Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathaniel said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’” - John 1:44-46*

Philip gives us a wonderful example of how to talk about Jesus in a world that doesn't know him. How can you and I be the kind of person Philip was? Eager to share the good news with any and all who would listen? Jesus himself models this for us in the passage that's just before this one. Jesus noticed a couple of men sort of tagging along behind him. Verse 38 says, “Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, ‘What are you seeking?’”

These are the first words Jesus speaks in John's Gospel, and they come in the form of a question. What are you looking for? What do you really want? It's an open-ended question that Jesus is modeling for us; the kind of question that gives people an opportunity to share what's important to them. Everyone has a story, and Jesus wants to be part of it.

If we're going to be effective witnesses for Christ, it's not just about knowing His story and knowing our own story... It's also about knowing the story of the person that you're trying to reach... their joys and sorrows, their successes and failures, their hopes and dreams. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

Notice that Philip doesn't have all the answers before he invites his friend Nathanael to meet Jesus. Now, Nathanael is a skeptic, but notice that Philip doesn't try to argue him into believing. Then Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” To which Philip responded, “Come and see.” No pressure or guilt here. Actually, meeting Jesus was what changed Nathanael's mind. Philip's role was simply to pray for him and invite him. That's something all of us can do. We can pray daily for the one person that we will reach out to and lead to Jesus. That's how it works.

So, who is your one? Who is that one person you are dying to have meet and know Jesus? What are you waiting for? Tell them to “Come and See!”

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## Sermon Notes

### Sermon Notes for January 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Lord you search me out and know me. Psalm 139:1

What would you say, is it a good thing or a bad thing that God knows everything about you – is that a comfort or a threat? Does it make you feel special, important, embarrassed or harassed?

Verse 5 mentions being hemmed in – is that a comfort or a threat?

- When we understand God's protective, forgiving nature it is a comfort. He is guarding us from our enemies.
- On the other hand it would be a threat if you were trying to escape God's authority.

Likewise, hearing from St. Paul that our bodies are not our own, might sound like an imposition if what we want out of life is to “do our own thing.” But when we experience the goodness of God and his desire for our well-being it is a great blessing to know that we are not our own (or on our own.)

Casting Crowns sings a song that expresses the wonder and awe of knowing God's care for our lives: **Who am I**

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to feel my hurt  
Would choose to light the way  
Not because of who I am  
Not because of what I've done

Would care to know my name  
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star  
For my ever wandering heart  
But because of what You've done  
But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading  
A wave tossed in the ocean (ocean)  
Still You hear me when I'm calling  
And You've told me who I am...

Here today and gone tomorrow  
A vapor in the wind  
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling  
I am Yours, I am Yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again  
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain                      And calm the storm in me

Not because of who I am                      But because of what You've done  
Not because of what I've done                      But because of who You are

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It's not because of who we are or what we have done, but because of what Jesus has done and of who God is. He is our loving Father who created us out of nothing and who has set such a value on us that he would die for us. This is the God who puts a claim on our lives, this one who created us, saves us and protects us from day to day.



## **TAKING FAITH HOME – January 17, 2021 AD**

**These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.  
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.**

Sunday John 1:43-51 Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael  
Monday Genesis 28:10-17 Jacob dreams of a ladder  
Tuesday John 1:29-34 John's confession of Christ  
Wednesday Luke 9:18-22 Peter's confession of Christ  
Thursday John 12:20-26 A request to Philip  
Friday John 14:5-14 Philip questions Jesus  
Saturday Psalm 86 Walking in God's way  
Sunday Mark 1:14-20 Jesus calls disciples at the sea

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father." **John 14:6 (CEV)**

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Jesus, Son of God, give us faith to follow you. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God bless this food, God bless this day, God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God give you faith in his Son Jesus and help you to follow him. Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATION:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Philip looked for Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. Who has brought you to Jesus?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- In what ways is your life different because you follow Jesus?

### **DEVOTIONS:**

Psalm 139:13-16 tells how each of us was specially and uniquely created by God and of his intimate love and concern for each of us. Read these verses in your home devotional time this week:

You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body. How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. None of my bones was hidden from you when you made me inside my mother's body. That place was as dark as the deepest parts of the earth. When you were putting me together there, your eyes saw my body even before it was formed. You planned how many days I would live. You wrote down the number of them in your book before I had lived through even one of them.

Share stories of where and when you were born. If possible, look at baby pictures of household members. Say prayers of thanks for each other.

### **SERVICE:**

The weeks following Christmas are a good time to review the material possessions we have. Have each household member choose at least one item (of good working order!) they no longer use or could do without. Take these to a local charity or community resource center. Say a prayer of thanks for the many ways God provides for us.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:**

Make up a "Fun Box" that can help your household become more intentional about spending quality time together. The Fun Box will contain slips of paper listing activity ideas for the household. It can be plain or decorated, but with a lid of some sort. Working together as a household, make up a list of fun, inexpensive activities you can do together, and write each one down on a different slip of paper (e.g. going for a walk, playing a game, singing favorite songs, making biscuits, reading a favorite book together). When you feel the need for some "together time," have a household member draw out a slip of paper and then work on making the activity happen!

**People and issues to pray for in your devotions this week:** For this congregation as it holds its' annual meeting that its' discussions may be Spirit filled and well pleasing to God. For those experiencing illness that they may speedily recover, and for those mentioned today including \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_