

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

125 Years of Grace – 1894-2019

"The Mayberry of the Midwest"

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*St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation whose focus is
"Living and Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ"*

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

✠ Preparation ✠

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

♪Opening Praise Song "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

**Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus**

**3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. Chorus**

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

C **Amen.**

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

C **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. *Psalm 19:7–9*

C **Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. *Psalm 19:11***

Confession and Absolution

P Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

C **Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

All: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

P Merciful Father,

C **we confess to You the poverty of our lives and worship, the broken hearts and spirits of a people captive to sin, guilt, and death. Free us from our bondage through the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may show forth in our lives the glory of Your holy name and live to the praise of Your glory. Amen.**

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6, adapt.*
The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

✠ **Service of the Word** ✠

Introit *Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13*

You will arise and have pity on Zion;*

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,*

so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height;*

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,*

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,*

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,*

and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

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.

You will arise and have pity on Zion;*

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!*

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;*

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the

body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *Luke 4:18a*

C Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a

woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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. Amen.

Children's Message

♪Praise Song of the Day “Living Hope”

(Please stand for the last verse)

**1 How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore
through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**2 Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of Kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Your's forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

Chorus:

**Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me. Chorus**

Sermon Shocking Good, Luke 4:16-30

Offering and Rite of Friendship

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**☩ 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.**

Benediction

LSB 281

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
☩ Amen.

♪Closing Praise Song “Shout to the Lord”

**My Jesus my Savior,
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise**

The wonders of Your mighty love

**My comfort my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You**

**Shout to the Lord, All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You**

(Repeat)

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude



Welcome to St. Paul

***May you find God's amazing grace, mercy
and peace as you worship with us today.***

Members & Visitors, please add your name to the Friendship Register as it is passed along in each pew during the Rite of Friendship.

Visitors, please add your address and home church; if we can be of service to you, please speak with Pastor or a Deacon after the service.

Thank you for visiting!

The Radio Broadcast of our service may be heard Sundays at 12:30 pm over KIOW-FM 107.3, Forest City. Today's broadcast is sponsored by the Harvey Mitchell Radio Ministry Fund of St. Paul's Foundation. *If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (\$50), please sign the 2018 Sponsor Sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.*

PS: Today's service will not be broadcast on "Facebook Live". Please tune in next week for Pastor K's "Hour of Power" on the "Facebook Live" real time broadcast of our Sunday service.

~ We remember in our prayers ~

The Family of Melissa Mayland (daughter-in-law of Karen Mayland) in their time of loss.

The family of Alma J. Olson (sister of Martin Rogness) in their time of loss.

For Comfort, Strength & Healing:

Shawn Baker	Herluf Jaspersen	Brooke Waddingham
Wesley Baker	Marsha Johnson	Alice Walkusch
Bryce Cherryholmes	Rhys Nieman	Donna Weiland
Lois Eenhuis	Janice Peterson	Darlene Wood
Mary Graham	Gary Sandell	
Earl Jaspersen	Jerry Thompson	

For Members & Friends Serving in the Military & Law Enforcement:

Members: Corey Alden, Cory Graham, Danielle Graham, Brad Kozisek, Kevin Kozisek, Jarod Lemke, Adam Stenberg, Jim Thiele

Friends: Matt Barton, Kelly Vedane-Finn, Corey Grote, Eric Hythecker, Levi Loschen, Ron Smith, James J. Sperr, Jacob Sperr

For Comfort & Strength:

The families of military and law enforcement officers wounded or killed in service to our country, domestic and abroad

Those serving as Missionaries and Peace Corps Volunteers

Cima Family in Cambodia, Krista Jolivette in Ethiopia

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM: Biblical Christianity 101

A 12-session pre-requisite study for membership at St. Paul.

Please contact Pastor Kozisek if you are interested.

Today @ St. Paul

@ 10:15am *Dream India Presentation*

"Please join us for a presentation about our India Mission Trip this Sunday following Church"

Rob and Sheila Willms

@ 10:15am *"The Story of Stories", a 6-week bible study begins, led by Doug Hayes.*

Senior Choir Ladies will practice

Wednesday, January 30 @ 7:00pm in preparation to sing for February 3 and February 10 worship.

Open House Bridal Shower honoring Hillary Hayes, daughter of Doug & Jaci Hayes, Saturday, February 2 from 10:00am-12:00pm, Fellowship Hall. Bride Hillary and Groom Max Barron are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, Crate and Barrel and Target.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

QUASQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

St. Paul Lutheran Church – 125 Years of Grace – 1894-2019

Next committee meeting: Thursday, February 7 @ 6:30pm

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life ~ www.lutheransforlife.org

January 27 "The most fundamental fact of modern biology is that your body is in a continual state of change and development from cradle to grave. Yet, through all the changes, your identity remains the same." Rev. Jonathan Lange, District Life Coordinator for the Wyoming District LCMS

Lutheran Family Service ~ LFSiowa.org ~ (515) 573-3138

Building Healthy Families: Depression is associated with many things, but a weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea 500 years ago when he said, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Talk to an LFS counselor, or someone you trust.

Serving in the Lord's House this week of January 27, 2018

Acolyte: Trever Gardner, Kenedee Frayne

Deacons: Shawn Baker, Rob Willms

Ushers: Todd Brager, Jeremy Mills

Tom Schutter, Earl Webner

January Courtesy Driver: Elaine Olson 641-923-2683

February Ushers: Chad Duregger, Pete Svare,

Brad Upmeyer, Dale Wood

February Courtesy Driver: Tim Anderson 641-923 3939

Acolyte "On Deck" 2018-2019 schedule:

February 03 – Emma Goll, Gretta Gouge
February 10 – Trevor Graham, Kale Johnson
February 17 – Morgan Krein, Tori Johnson
February 24 – Dalton Mills, Trey Johnson

ACOLYTES, PLEASE REMEMBER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

for serving as an acolyte for the week to which you are assigned, from Sunday through the next Saturday. If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a substitute and notify the church office to advise who will take your place by Thursday prior to your scheduled date.

Opportunities at St. Paul

Sunday, January 27 **8:40am Praise Choir**
 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Fellowship
 10:15am Dream India Presentation
 10:15am Bible Study: *Genesis*
 10:15am Bible Study: *The Story of Stories*

Monday.....

Tuesday.....

Wednesday..... **4:00pm Junior Youth**
 5:15pm Christian Ed Meal: PIZZA
 5:45pm Christian Ed Classes
 5:45pm Mark Bible Study
 7:00pm Wednesday Worship

Thursday.....

Friday, February 01

Saturday..... 10:00am-12:00pm Open House Bridal Shower: Hillary Hayes & Max Barron

Sunday, February 03

8:15am Senior Choir Ladies practice

9:00am Worship / Communion

10:00am Fellowship

10:15am Bible Study: *Genesis*

10:15am Bible Study: *The Story of Stories*

5:00-7:00pm Chasing Away The Winter Blue @ Garner Rec Center