



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Paulding, Ohio
Sunday, January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

**please stand as able*

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

How have you been able to know Jesus more clearly? Love Jesus more dearly and follow Jesus more nearly?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

"We Are Called"

W&P 147

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!

**Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song!

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

Refrain

***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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

ELW pg. 148

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW pg. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Clyde Singh

(Verses 1-3)

**"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?**

**"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes: "let us pray.,"

The congregation responds: "Have mercy, O God."

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially Carol Flint, Elaine Sierer, Betty Blockberger, Mary & Steve Clark, Lynn Conrad, Bud Cotterman, Betty Smalley, Jared DeLong, Sam Clippinger, Burl Barnes, and Ivan Aldred. Our friends Nick Bostelman, Alice Hunt, George Hunt, Roberta, Tom Zuber, Scott St. John, Romaine Boundy, Bob and Gretchen Noneman, Joey DenHerder, Brianna Rupp and Nancy Kuns, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

The prayers conclude:

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

***OFFERING CANTICLE**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

W&P 123

(Verse 1)

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father’s glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our heart on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

“Holy, holy, holy...”

ELW pg. 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heav’n 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.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***THE 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.

***COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

***THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***CANTICLE**

"Great Is The Lord"

W&P 53

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

WOV 721

"Go My Children, with My Blessing"

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,

here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,

here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

"I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.

I the Lord will be your Father,

Savior, Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Allow the spirit to help you to know Jesus more clearly. To love Jesus more dearly and to follow Jesus more nearly day by day.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Birthdays:

Zachary Kauser.....January 28
 Mindy Bidlack.....January 29
 Luke Brewer.....January 29
 Lynn Conrad.....January 29
 Brian Ross.....January 29

WHEN YOU PRAY, REMEMBER.....

Carol Flint, Elaine Sierer, Betty Blockberger, Mary & Steve Clark, Lynn Conrad, Bud Cotterman, Betty Smalley, Jared DeLong, Sam Clippinger, Burl Barnes, and Ivan Aldred. Our friends Nick Bostelman, Alice Hunt, George Hunt, Roberta, Tom Zuber, Scott St. John, Romaine Boundy, Bob and Gretchen Noneman, Joey DenHerder, Brianna Rupp and Nancy Kuns.

Those Serving In The United States Military: Jordan Phlipot, Taylor Hatcher, Jared DeLong, Miah Coil, Brad Crawford, Adam Deatrick, Adriana Gonzales, Ian Munger, Brendon Lothamer, Suzanne Laney, Sarah Scott, Westen Phlipot and Macy Iler.

Child Fund Orphans: Andre & Ana

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2021:

OFFERING January 17: \$6289.00

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$3006

The flowers adorning our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Tim & Renee Boss.

Jon and Sue Rhodes will host a drive through lasagna dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, for the public. Free will offering.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 31, 2021 immediately after worship. Annual reports need to be turned in to Anne by January 29.

Please keep Sam Clippinger in your prayers. She is having surgery on Tuesday, January 26.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, January 24, 2021:

Pastor.....Pastor Clyde Singh
Pianist.....Bill Brune
Reader.....Doug Burtch
Money Counters.....CW & Sandra Harper, Cindy Kauser
A/V Tech.....Jon Rhodes

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, January 31, 2021:

Pastor.....Pastor Clyde Singh
Pianist.....Bill Brune
Reader.....Renee Boss
Money Counters.....Dennis & Cheryl Sanderson, and Sue Beck
A/V Tech.....Dan Wilder

2021 Year of Generosity memory verse:
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21

This week’s Bible readings:

- Jan. 25** 1 Corinthians 6
- Jan. 26** 1 Corinthians 7
- Jan. 27** 1 Corinthians 8
- Jan. 28** 1 Corinthians 9
- Jan. 29** 1 Corinthians 10
- Jan. 30** 1 Corinthians 11
- Jan. 31** 1 Corinthians 12