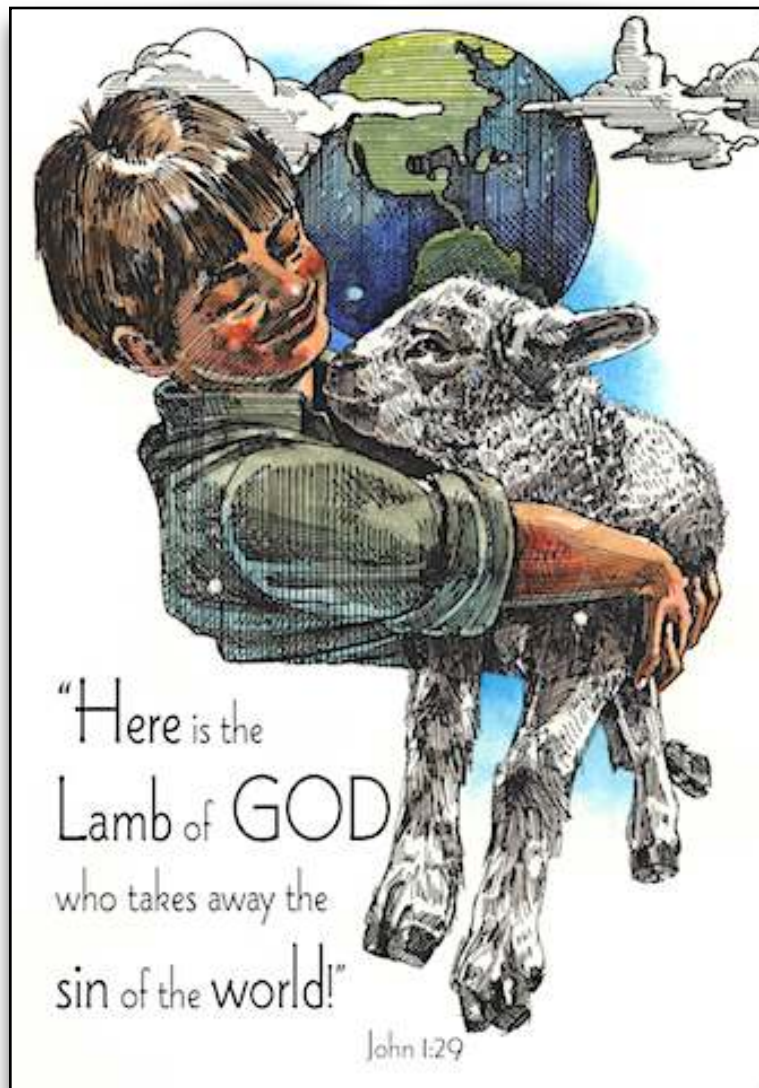


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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**2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 27 (pew bible, p.493)
- ◆ The Hymns: 525 (1-4), 528, 570, 525 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 49:1-6, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 27

Sermon Text – John 1:29-41

LOOK AT JESUS!

1. The Lamb so ready to die for us.
2. The Teacher so eager to instruct us.
3. The Messiah we are privileged to share.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (525, stanza 5)

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 49:1-6

1 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.” 4 But I said, “I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’S hand, and my reward is with my God.” 5 And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— 6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 27

P The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?:
C The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
P Hear my voice when I call, O LORD:
C Be merciful to me and answer me.
P Do not hide your face from me:
C Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.
P Do not reject me or forsake me:
C O God my Savior.
P Though my father and mother forsake me:
C The LORD will receive me.
P I am still confident of this:
C I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
P Wait for the LORD:
C Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— 6 because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Sermon Text – John 1:29-41

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked,

“What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. 40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (1/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (David Becomes King, OT 40)
	10:45 am	Annual Voters’ Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (1/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (David and Bathsheba, OT 41)
	10:45 am	Bible Class (Gospel of John, chapter 18)

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

- Organist: Suzannah Miller
- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Larry Reed

RESULTS OF LAST WEEK’S MARY/MARTHA MEETING ELECTIONS:

- President: Lisa Sprengeler
- Vice President: Ruth Claeys
- Secretary: Jo Blakey
- Treasurer: Crystal Ruegge

Also serving our congregation, among our ladies, in the new year:

- Altar Care/Flowers: Lisa Sprengeler
- Communion Ware Set-up: Sharlene Chiappetti
- “Sunshine” Cards Secretary: Willa Mae Janssen
- “Feeding His Lambs” Cradle Roll Secretary: Julie Whitmer-Wright

We pray the Lord to bless these labors of love carried out for Him and the welfare of His St. Paul flock during the new year.

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Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee,
That each departing day Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won, Something for Thee.

The Lutheran Hymnal #403, sts.1-2

ST. PAUL CHURCH COUNCIL – 2020 NOMINATIONS

<u>Position</u>	<u>Expired terms (end of 2019)</u>	<u>Nominated</u>
President	Ed Chiappetti	Ed Chiappetti
Vice President	Doug Tiefel	Doug Tiefel
Secretary	Mark Hartmeister	Mark Hartmeister
Treasurer	Wayne Ruegge	Wayne Ruegge
Board of Elders	Mike Sprengeler	Mike Sprengeler
Board of Trustees	Mike Sprengeler	Mike Sprengeler
Finance Committee	Mark Hartmeister	Mark Hartmeister
	Bob Rankin	Bob Rankin

If you are an eligible voting member and would like to serve the Lord in any of the capacities listed above, please inform President Ed Chiappetti. Elections will be held later today during the Annual Voters' Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Currently serving on the Council

Board of Elders:	Ed Chiappetti (2020) Larry Reed (2020)
Board of Trustees:	Darrick Peters (2020) Wayne Ruegge (2021)
Finance Committee:	Wayne Ruegge (2020) Doug Tiefel (2020)

Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower;
Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy;
Thee will I love with all my power,
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light Divine,
So long as life is mine.

Oh, teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly
With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may duly
Practice fore'er love's sacred art.
Grant that my every thought may be
Directed e'er to Thee.

The Lutheran Hymnal, #399, sts.1,5

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 17TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT BAND will be performing at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 14. Any CLC student in grades 5-8 that plays a band instrument is invited to play with us. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. REGISTER ONLINE and print music for six songs at <http://clclutheran.net/tourney> Click on "Band information." Exact rehearsal and performance times (both on March 14) will be announced by mid-February. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Lau, Eau Claire at music@thelaus.com.

TRIP TO ISRAEL - A group trip to Israel is being planned in January of 2021, and is less than a year away. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. We currently have 10 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip, and that many more who have expressed an interest. Join this group of like-minded believers as we see the places where God stepped into History to fulfill His plan of salvation for sinners! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or ndmayhew@att.net).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JANUARY 20-25

Mon Isaiah 49:1-6 Before the Son of God was born in Bethlehem, He and the Father discussed His assignment and decided that the target of His efforts included Gentiles (1-2)—and though His lack of success with Jews would be discouraging (4), true Israelites would be gathered to Him (5). Thank God for the tribes of Jacob, first-fruits of Gentile conversions across the globe (6).

Tues John 1:29-41 In Earth-time and space, God's Son became human and grew into manhood. John helped by announcing: "Look, here's the Lamb of God, designated and committed to take away the world's sin." The Holy Spirit got two men interested; a few hours later they got convinced, and Andrew reached out to his brother to share his discovery. Meeting Jesus face-to-face was convincing; may God grant this epiphany to more souls!

Wed 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 The word of the Lord grew, spread, and prospered in metro Corinth, for Trinity God wanted to save Greeks, too. With His drawing power, God introduced university grads to a new enlightenment (1-6) that superseded all others and would carry them through to the end (7-9). Who says so? Faithful God says so. Amen!

Thurs Psalm 89:19-32 David was a prefigure of Jesus—as King of Israel, the Lord's Anointed, the Covenant carrier—and Jesus went along with "Son of David" (Matt. 21:16). So, My servant David can mean Jesus, whose seed shall endure forever and whose throne shall be established forever. We expect that the Holy Spirit brought many of our ancient forefathers to understand that David was a preview version of Christ Jesus, our/their Lord and Savior.

Fri Mark 12:35-37 It's a good question, one that Old Testament Bible readers may have puzzled over now and then. Question: Since Christ is the Son of David, and since David calls Him Lord, how can it be that David's Lord and Master is also David's descendant? Since the Holy Spirit has given us the key to unlock the puzzle, we know the answer to Jesus' riddle—that David's descendant must be God incarnate. Simple. Unique. Divine.

Sat Acts 7:9-17 Stephen was less interested in exonerating himself, and more interested in glorifying God—which is the heart of true piety. Sad to say, this attitude was missing from the members of his jury. Here Stephen reminded them that God had proved Himself (over-and-over) by manipulating Mediterranean climatology and by maneuvering the Empire of Egypt so that our fathers were preserved to carry God's covenant promise another step forward in His great enterprise: to save humanity from a fate justly deserved. Would they become enlightened and honor Jesus? Stay tuned.