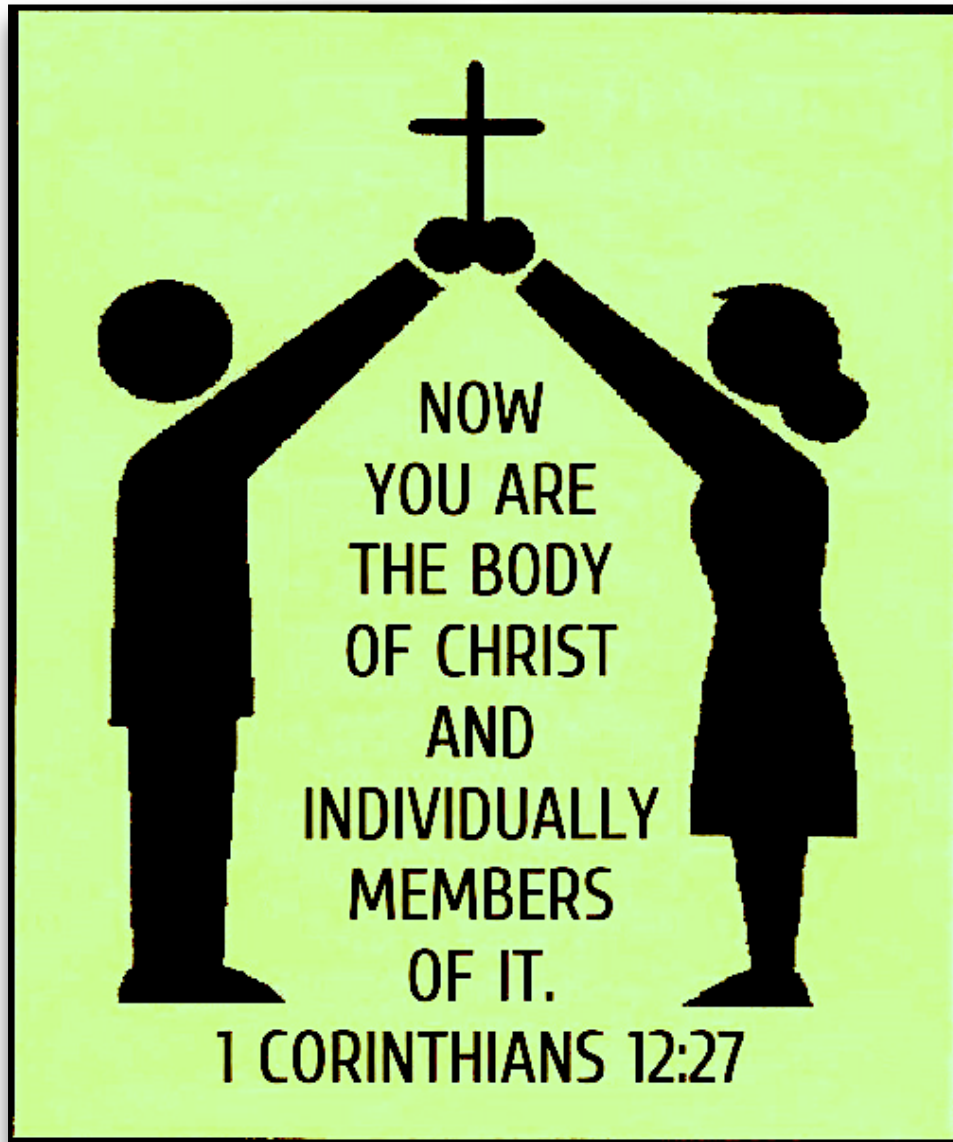


# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 23, 2022

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## **Order of Worship: Service of the Word**

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

Organist – Carly Meyer

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 19 (pew bible, p.489)
- ◆ The Hymns: 912, 649, 662 (1-3), 662 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 61:1-6, Luke 4:16-21
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 139

**Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 12:12-21,26-27**

### ***No Christian Is An Island***

1. We all need Jesus.
2. We all need the church.
3. We all need each other.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (645, stanza 4)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by  
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-6

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. 5 Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. 6 And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 139

P O LORD, you created my inmost being:  
C **You knit me together in my mother's womb.**  
P I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made:  
C **Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**  
P My frame was not hidden from you:  
C **Your eyes saw my unformed body.**  
P All the days ordained for me were written in your book:  
C **Before one of them came to be.**  
P How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!:  
C **How vast is the sum of them!**  
P Were I to count them:  
C **They would outnumber the grains of sand.**

### Second Lesson – Luke 4:14-21

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 12:12-21,26-27**

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” | 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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**A Cordial Greeting and Warm Welcome to our Guests. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.**

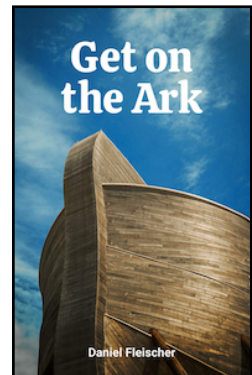
**This Week at St. Paul**

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| Sun (1/23) | 8:30 am  | Church Council Meeting                       |
|            | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                              |
|            | 10:45 am | Sunday School                                |
|            | 10:45 am | Mary/Martha Meeting (rescheduled from Jan.9) |
| Tues       | 9:00 am  | Pastor Study Conference at Loveland          |
| Sun (1/30) | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                              |
|            | 10:45 am | Sunday School                                |
|            | 10:45 am | Annual Voters’ Meeting                       |

**Church Council Installation:** Sunday, February 6

**Constitution Changes:** One item on the upcoming January 30th Annual Meeting Agenda is to consider several proposed revisions to the St. Paul Constitution. The proposed revisions are noted on the “Constitution Draft Copy” which was emailed recently to voting members. Hard copies of the Constitution with the proposed revisions are available to all St. Paul parishioners by request from the Pastor.

**New Book for Sale:** *Get on the Ark* by Daniel Fleischer. “The individual Christian and the Church today live in a world similar to Noah’s time that moved the Lord to send the cataclysmic flood from which only Noah and his family were saved. *Get on the Ark* is both a devotional and an alert to God's people to discern the times, and through faithful study of God’s Word to nourish their faith, confidence, and hope in the Lord Jesus as they anticipate His return. Christian readers are urged without delay to get into the Word—*Get on the Ark*—through which the Lord carries His children through the storms of life to the blessed peace of heaven.” Cost: \$12 plus postage. See Pastor Schuetze for ordering information, if you are interested. An examination copy has been placed on the shelf under the tract rack.



### **Synod News**

**Man Up! Retreat:** “The 2022 ManUp! Men’s Retreat is scheduled for September 22-25, 2022 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before September 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org)”

**Youth Camp:** “Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church is excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual summer camp, **Christ's Explorers Camp**. This camp is open to students entering grades 3-9! This year, we will be holding our camp in Pigeon Forge, TN, from July 14-17. (Transportation will be provided to/from our church campus in West Columbia, SC.) Pastors Chad Seybt and Glenn Oster will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme, “Christmas in July.” At this time we have 6 (4 male, 2 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, March 20. They can be downloaded from [www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com](http://www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com). The camp will cost approximately \$100 which includes all lodging, meals, and activities. The camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1 at [www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com](http://www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sara Kloke ([runsforfun@aol.com](mailto:runsforfun@aol.com)) or Karen Howell ([kdhowell32@gmail.com](mailto:kdhowell32@gmail.com)).”

## Online CLC Devotional Resources

### 1. Podcasts

(hit “subscribe” to follow)

- *Daily Rest* audio devotions – Search “BeneathTheTreesAtGethsemane” (all one word, provided by Gethsemane, Spokane Valley WA)
- Daily chapels at ILC, audio recordings – Search “*Morning Chapels from ILC*”
- “*Burden and Blessing*” – Discussing culture and current events in the light of God’s Word of Truth (produced by CLC pastors)

### 2. Videos

- Daily Chapels at ILC – Search “ilcvideos” on YouTube

### 3. Print, Online, and Email

- *The Lutheran Spokesman* (monthly magazine), with audio recordings available at [www.lutheranspokesman.org](http://www.lutheranspokesman.org)
- *Ministry by Mail* – Weekly sermons by CLC pastors by mail, email, and online ([www.lutheransermons.org](http://www.lutheransermons.org))
- *Daily Rest* – Daily devotions authored by CLC pastors, professors, and teachers
- *The Branches* – Quarterly magazine produced by CLC women
- “*Minute Meditations*” – Audio devotions authored by Walter Schaller at [www.minutemeditations.net/index.php](http://www.minutemeditations.net/index.php)

Please speak with the pastor if you have questions about accessing any of these items.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### January 24-29

**Mon Isaiah 61:1-3** The capitalized pronouns (in the NKJV) signal that Jesus is speaking of Himself, equipped by the Spirit to carry out His mission on Earth—to proclaim to the poor in spirit (repentant) that He has procured a vast inheritance for them, that God has His remedy to heal broken hearts and has unlocked Satan’s shackles—which adds up to The LORD’S Jubilee Year, as per Leviticus ch. 25. God, grant us all a good (Jubilee) new year!

**Tues Luke 4:16-30** When Jesus identified Himself as the speaker via the voice of Isaiah, the folks in the pews got irritated, for they couldn’t digest Jesus as God’s Chosen Servant (20-22). Jesus met their prejudice head-on, reminding them that over the centuries God had favored any number of low-level people (24-27). Their knee-jerk reaction was: “You have hurt our feelings, so we will hurt you worse” (28-29). Jesus: “Not today.” (30)

**Wed Acts 4:23-31** Peter and John didn’t cave in either, and the congregation rejoiced that God (in His creative genius) had validated Psalm 2 (23-26) and nullified the opposition (27-29). Let us note that they did not ask God to curse the opposition, but rather to bless His servants by fortifying them in their preaching and by producing physical evidence that He was supporting them (30). That pleased God to grant these blessings. Hallelujah!

**Thurs Psalm 2** transports us to God’ view of earthly affairs. Why, indeed, do humans fight against God—when it’s laughable and easily thwarted? Those who oppose God and attempt to derail His plans will be thwarted by His Son (4-9). What’s the solution? Surrender to the LORD, thrilled that He allows you to serve Him and not perish—the way you started out (10-13).

**Fri Luke 1:46-55** It’s clear that God does not disdain lowliness, for He chose Bethlehem as the lowly locale for Jesus’ birthplace and He chose lowly Mary for Jesus’ mother, and He elevated both to heights of blessedness. In stanza 1 Mary praises God for elevating her personally (47-49), in stanza 2 for thwarting the high and mighty (50-53), and in stanza 3 for blessing all who are humble children of Abraham by faith in their Redeemer (54-55).

**Sat 1 Corinthians 1:18-31** Lowliness seems foolish to egocentric humans, yet it is the hallmark of God’s salvation program. The disgrace of Christ crucified contains the power of God (18-19); though disdained by philosopher and pragmatist (20-22), the superior love of God empowers the Cross to supercede human thinking and earthly values (26-29). Bottom line: If bragging is suitable, give credit to whom credit is due – to the LORD, who has redeemed the whole wide world via Christ crucified, *who is our righteousness and sanctification and redemption* (31). Amen.