

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



You Shall Be
a Crown of Beauty
in the Hand of
the LORD

ISAIAH 62:3

**2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 20, 2019**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalms 133 & 134 (pew bible, p.552)
- ◆ The Hymns: 909, 394, 648 (1-3), 648 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 66

Sermon Text – Isaiah 62:1-5

BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD'S BRIDE!

1. Dazzling in her righteousness.
2. Royal in her standing.
3. Delightful in the Lord's eyes.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (648, stanza 4)

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We're 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 – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 66

P Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

C Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

P Praise our God, O peoples:

C Let the sound of his praise be heard;

P He has preserved our lives:

C And kept our feet from slipping.

P I will come to your temple and fulfill my vows to you:

C Vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

P Come and listen, all you who fear God:

C Let me tell you what he has done for me.

P If I had cherished sin in my heart:

C The LORD would not have listened.

P But God has surely listened:

C And heard my voice in prayer.

Second Lesson – John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did

so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Sermon Text – Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD'S hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (1/20)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Healing of the Paralytic, NT 13)
	10:45 am	Church Undecorating
Sunday (1/27)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Daughter of Jairus, NT 14)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING JANUARY

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Larry Reed
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

IN OUR PRAYERS: Shirley Franzen, whose earthly departure seems near at hand. We pray the Lord to bless her with the comfort of His peace. Shirley is at home receiving hospice care and loving support from her family members. ++ Julie Mueller, who received emergency medical care recently for a heart ailment. We thank God for His blessing that Julie was able to return home quickly and is coming along well.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: Sunday, Feb.3, 10:45 am.

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

- President: TBD
- Vice President: Ruth Greening
- Secretary: Jo Blakey
- Treasurer: Crystal Ruegge

We pray for the Lord's blessing on the labors of love His servants carry out for Him and the welfare of His flock at St. Paul in the coming year.

MAILBOXES: Parishioners of St. Paul, please note that our member mailboxes have been updated and that your particular mailbox may be located in a different spot than it was previously.

SYNOD NEWS: Retired CLC pastor Bob List of Spokane, WA, underwent double bypass heart surgery last Wednesday. The surgery was successful and he is now recovering in ICU. Bob is currently serving the pastoral vacancy of Trinity Lutheran Church, Spokane. Please include him in your prayers asking God to bless him with a full recovery.

ST. PAUL CHURCH COUNCIL – 2019 NOMINATIONS LIST

<u>Position</u>	<u>Expired terms (end of 2018)</u>	<u>Nominations</u>
President	Larry Reed	Ed Chiappetti
Vice President	Doug Tiefel	Doug Tiefel
Secretary	Mark Hartmeister	Mark Hartmeister
Treasurer	Wayne Ruegge	Wayne Ruegge
Board of Elders	(three positions vacant)	
Board of Trustees	Wayne Ruegge	Wayne Ruegge Doug Tiefel
Finance Committee	Wayne Ruegge Doug Tiefel	Wayne Ruegge Doug Tiefel

If you are an eligible voting member and would like to serve the Lord in any of the capacities listed above, please inform President Larry Reed or the pastor. Elections will be held at the February 3 Annual Voters' Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

	<u>Currently serving on the Church Council</u>
Board of Elders	Mike Sprengeler (2019) Ed Chiappetti (2020) Larry Reed (2020)
Board of Trustees	Mike Sprengeler (2019) Darrick Peters (2020)
Finance Committee	Mark Hartmeister (2019) Bob Rankin (2019)

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Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows, And waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
E'en though the world decay And all things pass away.
O, hear, O, hear us, Jesus!

Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;
The power of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
O make us faithful Christians.

And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, To find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness In joy and distress,
Lest we, Lord, You forsake. Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and gladness.

Text: *Lutheran Service Book* #647:1,3,4
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Bible references: Ephesians 2:19-21; Matthew 16:16-18; Ephesians 4:3-6,15-16

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JANUARY 21-26

Mon In the Book of Haggai God intended to set straight those Hebrews who had returned to their homeland and were establishing their national identity. They had the wrong priorities, for they were more concerned about rebuilding the economy than rebuilding their relationship with the LORD. If they were affluent enough to build expensive villas, they could well afford to build a new Temple, too (1:4). In point of fact, God had been holding back on their material prosperity (6) because their priorities were reversed (7).

Tues “So consider your ways! You should make Me and My house your first priority (8), but since you didn’t, I have decided to get stingy with you, too (9-11).” So they considered their ways, and when Haggai reassured them that the LORD was with them, they began clearing the site for God’s house (12-15) and were laying foundation stones. [Did that make everything Okay?]

Wed Ch. 2 Though their temple was puny in comparison with Solomon’s (3), that wasn’t the problem; their hearts were not strong for the LORD who had always been strong for them (4-5). He vowed, “Don’t be afraid of doing too much, for *in a little while* I will get things moving in a big way (6) to attract people to My house—for My dwelling-place on Earth will attract lost souls and wandering sheep to the *Desire of all nations*.” [Could that mean Jesus?]

Thurs Let’s connect the dots. From Judah would come Shiloh (Gen.49:10), founder of God’s great and eternal kingdom (Dan.2:35,44) that attracts Gentiles (Isa.60:5; 61:6) and was close (Malachi 3:1). Abraham knew Jesus (John 8:56) as its cornerstone (Matt. 21:42-44), and so do we (Heb.12:26-27).

Fri 2:15-19 “So watch out!” said God, “I sent you into financial depression and recession in order to teach you to rely on Me for everything, for I am your support conglomerate: I control germination of seed, growth of the seedling via photosynthesis—followed by blossom, fertilization, fruit, and harvest. So depend on Me! I am going to bless you! I promise!”

Sat 2:20-23 God then directed Haggai to inform and assure Zerubbabel (head of the secular government) that all who oppose the LORD God would be in big trouble with the Lord of the Universe. This echoes the message that God authorized Daniel to tell to the king of Babylon centuries earlier: “The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Dan.2:44). We close with the prayer: “Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home!” (TLH, 94:4). Amen.