

# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 27, 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: Psalm 19 (pew bible, p.489)
- ◆ The Hymns: 903, 611, 749, 505 (printed on back page)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21,26-27; Luke 4:14-21
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 133

### **Sermon Text – Isaiah 61:1-6**

#### ***GOD'S MAN IS ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT***

1. His preaching brings comfort to our souls.
2. His preaching builds and extends His Church.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (505, printed on p.7)

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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 12:12-21,26-27

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. 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. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 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. 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. 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? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 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!" If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 133

P How good and pleasant it is:

**C When brothers live together in unity!**

P It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard:

**C Running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.**

P It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion:

**C For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

### Second Lesson – Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 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. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 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, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

### Sermon Text – Isaiah 61:1-6

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, to proclaim the

year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 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. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. 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.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today (1/27)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Daughter of Jairus, NT 14)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Sat (2/2)	12:00 noon	Shirley Franzen Memorial Service
Sun (2/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Youth of Nain, NT 16)
	10:45 am	Annual Voters' Meeting

#### **SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING JANUARY**

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

#### **DURING FEBRUARY**

- Ushers: Mike Sprengeler, Larry Reed
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** The family and friends of Shirley Franzen who was called to her eternal rest on Thursday morning. A memorial service for Shirley will be held here at St. Paul this Saturday, February 2, at 12:00 noon. *"I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 16:1-2,7,15).*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:** Next Sunday, February 3, following the worship service.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .**

Amanda Maestas, Feb 1      Mike Sprengeler, Feb 5  
 Hayden Botchek, Feb 2      Don Claeys, Feb 20  
 Paul Eastridge, Feb 3      (Chuck & Joanne Seelye, Feb 16)

**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.

Currently serving on the Church Council

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.

*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 28 – FEBRUARY 2**

**Mon** **The Book of Zechariah** seems difficult, but the Spirit brings clarification that the BRANCH is Jesus, who would *remove the iniquity of that land in one day* (3:8-9), the Fountain for washing away *sin and all uncleanness* (13:1). Jesus fits the bill as nobody else can, for He has *water that springs up into everlasting life* (John 4:4), and He sends His Holy Spirit to keep that water welling up in the Christian heart (John 7:38). We understand.

**Tues** Zechariah was God's contact person for repatriated Jews building their version of the Temple. The word-pictures focus on that project (1:14-16; 4:9-10) and on securing the city wall (2:1-5, 12) as a solid refuge (8:2-8). God sprouted a BRANCH—which according to Isaiah 4:2, 11:1-10, and Jeremiah 23:5-6, 33:15-16 identifies Jesus, God's Sprout from the blasted stump of Judaism. [Ditto for "Root of David" in Rev. 5:5 and 22:16.]

**Wed** God used Zechariah to preview Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (9:9 and Matt. 21:5), His betrayal for thirty silver coins (11:2 and Matt. 27:9-10), His hands pierced (12:10/13:6 and John 19:37), and the smitten Shepherd (13:7 and Matt. 26:31/Mark 14:27). We're not making this up! Connect the dots!

**Thurs** In **Malachi's** day (400 years B.C.) God's mills were grinding down folks who had a snarky attitude about God's concerns; when they forfeited their birthright, God shifted His favor over to the hungry heathen world (1:11).

**Fri Malachi ch. 2:** How could God's favored people fall from Him? They let themselves be led astray by clergy who failed to *take to heart* what God had entrusted to them. *For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law [God's Word] from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.* Drivers fell asleep at the wheel, crashed, and burned.

**Sat Ch. 3** So here comes God's remedy. He would send His messenger to prepare the way before Jesus. In what way could that be accomplished? By promoting genuine, heart-scorching repentance (2-3), a change of heart that despises what God despises (5), wants to regain all the blessings that had been lost (6-7), and produces a sea-change in all religious endeavors (8-10). Any further complaining got stifled by God's law (13-15), and God's Holy Spirit reclaimed their hearts and minds (16-18). Hallelujah!

**Ch. 4** previews the day when God would terminate all opposition and refresh those who revere His name, for *the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.* Further, the second Elijah (John) would convert the hearts of tough adults into soft hearts, and the weak hearts of children into mature hearts. Jesus' neighbors were acquainted with this prophecy, but their dead batteries had corroded their souls (Matt. 11:7-14). Stay tuned.

# O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

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Rev. 14: 6  
William Williams, 1772. cento, alt.

8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 7.

Guide Me  
George W. Warren, 1884

1 O'er the gloom-y hills of dark-ness, Cheered by no ce-  
2 King-doms wide that sit in dark-ness, Grant them, Lord, the  
3 Fly a-broad, e-ter-nal Gos-pel; Win and con-quer,

les-tial ray, Sun of Right-eous-ness, a-ris-ing,  
glo-rious light; And from east-ern coast to west-ern  
nev-er cease. May Thy last-ing, wide do-min-ions

Bring the bright, the glo-rious day. Let the morn-ing  
May the morn-ing chase the night And re-demp-tion,  
Mul-ti-ply and still in-crease! May Thy scep-ter

Of Thy bless-ed Gos-pel dawn.  
Free-ly pur-chased, win the day!  
Sway th'en-light-ened world a-round! A-men.