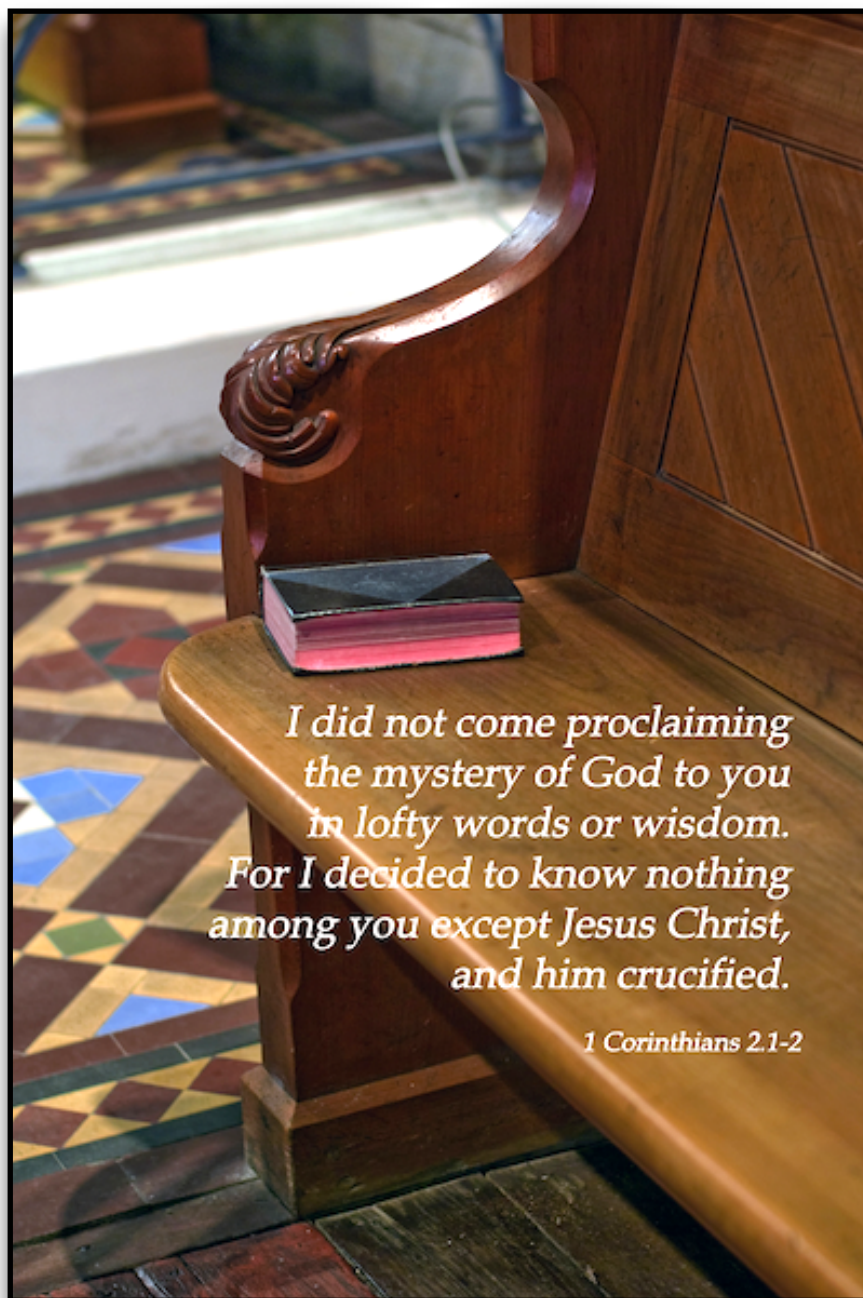


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



*I did not come proclaiming
the mystery of God to you
in lofty words or wisdom.
For I decided to know nothing
among you except Jesus Christ,
and him crucified.*

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

**5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023**

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Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God’s House Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller – Usher: Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 53 (pew bible, p.508)
- ◆ The Hymns: 528, 493*, 637, 632 (**bulletin, p.8*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Peter 2:9-12, Matthew 5:13-20
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 85
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

What You Can Expect When You Come to Church on Sunday Morning

1. Expect to find a mere man in the pulpit.
2. Expect to hear a mighty message: *Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*

- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (632)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Peter 2:9-12

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 85

P You showed favor to your land, O LORD:

C You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P You forgave the iniquity of your people:

C And covered all their sins.

P Show us your unfailing love, O LORD:

C And grant us your salvation.

P I will listen to what God the LORD will say:

C He promises peace to his people, his saints.

P Surely his salvation is near those who fear him:

C That his glory may dwell in our land.

P Love and faithfulness meet together:

C Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Second Lesson – Matthew 5:13-20

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good

deeds and praise your Father in heaven. 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.

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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 will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (2/12)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- February 19 – Installation of our newly elected church officers
- February 22 – Midweek Lenten Service Schedule begins with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm

In Our Prayers: Carrol Rankin, who is recovering from an ankle injury she sustained in a fall at home. ◇ Cory Drehle, pastor of Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls. He was hospitalized recently with a heart ailment. He is doing better and is expected to return home soon. ◇ Ethel Eastridge who continues her recovery from a stroke. ◇ Naomi Peters who is recovering from injuries sustained in an auto accident. ◇ The family of Dolores Dela, sister of Carrol Rankin, who was called home to heaven on January 29. She lived in Phoenix. ◇ Brianna Brethauer, grand-daughter of Fred and Bobbie, who was hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. She is receiving treatment for a chronic intestinal ailment. ◇ *"I know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me. May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant" Psalm 119:75-76.*

February Birthday Blessings To: Mike Sprengeler, Feb 5
Don Claeys, Feb 20

Last Sunday the St. Paul Voters resolved to set our Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) Estimate for 2023 at [REDACTED] To meet this pledge CBP offerings of [REDACTED] will be needed each week during calendar year 2023. To give an offering for the CBP write the amount of your gift in the "CBP" blank on your envelope. (St. Paul parishioners who prefer to give offerings for God's kingdom work without using an envelope are welcome to do so; however, you will want to be sure to designate your offering.) < Last year, under God's blessing, we more than exceeded our CBP Estimate [REDACTED] We praise Him for helping us do this, as well as for His goodness in enabling us meet our local budgetary needs at St. Paul.

Here is a summary of how offerings for the Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) will be used in the coming year:

- Subsidy to Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire (59¢ out of every dollar given).
- CLC mission program costs, domestic & overseas (34¢)
- CLC administrative costs (6¢)
- Costs related to "education" & synod publications (1¢)

If you have questions or if would like more info about the St. Paul or CLC Budgets, see Treasurer Wayne Ruegge. Copies of the full 2023 Treasurer's Report may be found in the entry by the tract rack. Help yourself.

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.

Election Results from the Annual Meeting

- President: Ed Chiappetti (1 yr term)
- Secretary: Mark Hartmeister (1)
- Vice President: Doug Tiefel (1)
- Treasurer: Wayne Ruegge (1)
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler (3)
- Trustees: Mike Sprengeler (3), Don Claeys (2)
- Finance Committee: Wayne Ruegge (2), Doug Tiefel (2)

Also serving as church officers (unexpired terms)

Board of Elders: Ed Chiappetti (till end of '23)
Finance Committee: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin (till end of '23)

January 22 Mary/Martha Meeting Elections

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

Also serving among the ladies

- 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

May the Holy Spirit bless the labors of love these servants carry out in Jesus’ name for His praise and the good of His saints at St. Paul.

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Additional Annual Voters’ Meeting Notes

- A copy of the Pastor’s Annual Report may be found in your mailbox today.
- The St. Paul 2023 Worship Calendar was approved with several edits (also in your mailbox).
- An alternate worship liturgy (pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran Hymnal* with updated English) will be used on the second Sunday of each month.

Synod News & Notes

- Del Maas (currently serving as pastor of Gift of God Lutheran, Fargo ND, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, Ponsford MN) has been appointed by CLC President Michael Wilke to be our synod's Vice-President. As announced previously, Pastor Michael Eichstadt, who had been serving faithfully as our president for many years, resigned from the presidency for health reasons.
- Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton WI, has accepted the call to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac WI.

Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend 493

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Luke 6: 12 ff.

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, cento, alt.

St. Petersburg

Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1822, ad.

1 Thou who the night in prayer didst spend And then didst
 2 Oh, may Thy pas - tors faith - ful be, Not la - b'ring
 3 Oh, may Thy peo - ple faith - ful be And in Thy
 4 So may we when our work is done To - geth - er

Thine a - pos - tles send And bidd'st us pray the har - vest's Lord
 for them - selves, but Thee! Give grace to feed with whole - some food
 pas - tors hon - or Thee And with them work and for them pray
 stand be - fore Thy throne And joy - ful hearts and voic - es raise

To send forth sow - ers of Thy Word, Hear and Thy cho - sen
 The sheep and lambs bought by Thy blood, To tend Thy flock, and
 And glad - ly Thee in them o - bey, Re - ceive the proph - et
 In one u - nit - ed song of praise, With all the bright ce -

ser - vants bless With sev'n-fold gifts of ho - li - ness.
 thus to prove How dear - ly they the Shep - herd love.
 of the Lord And gain the proph - et's own re - ward!
 les - tial host, To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 6-11, '23

Mon Luke 10:38-42 Martha was serving her Lord, to be sure, and working hard to do it. But more important than what we do for Jesus is what He came to do for us, and that is what His word conveys to us. Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to His word and that was the good portion, not to be taken from her.

Tues Philippians 1:27-30 To those suffering for Jesus' sake (v29) Paul sends encouragement urging them to support one another and to stand firm in the faith in the face of opposition, just as they had seen him do when he was with them. By this others might see what a treasure God's salvation was to them.

Wed Philippians 2:1-4 Two great enemies of striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (1:27) are human selfishness and pride. Thus Paul points the Philippians to Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. This love, which treasures others above oneself, is the opposite of selfish ambition and conceit (v3).

Thurs Jeremiah 9:23-24 The Lord speaks through His prophet to those suffering loss. The things that the world treasures – wisdom, power, wealth – if these all be gone, God's children still have the greatest treasure. They truly know the Lord God, who delights to show His love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.

Fri Romans 5:1-5 Being declared righteous (justified) because of Jesus' blood and righteousness brings such blessings as peace with God and joy even in our sufferings. We know that the loving God who saved us through the sufferings of Jesus will also bring blessings from the things that we may suffer in this life as well.

Sat Ephesians 1:3-10 Yet again we are reminded of the tremendous spiritual blessings that we have in Jesus Christ. We can be so thankful these blessings were all God's doing from before the foundation of the world, for if it depended on us sinners, we would be lost. But as it is, our forgiveness is not in proportion to our goodness, but according to the riches of His grace (v7).