

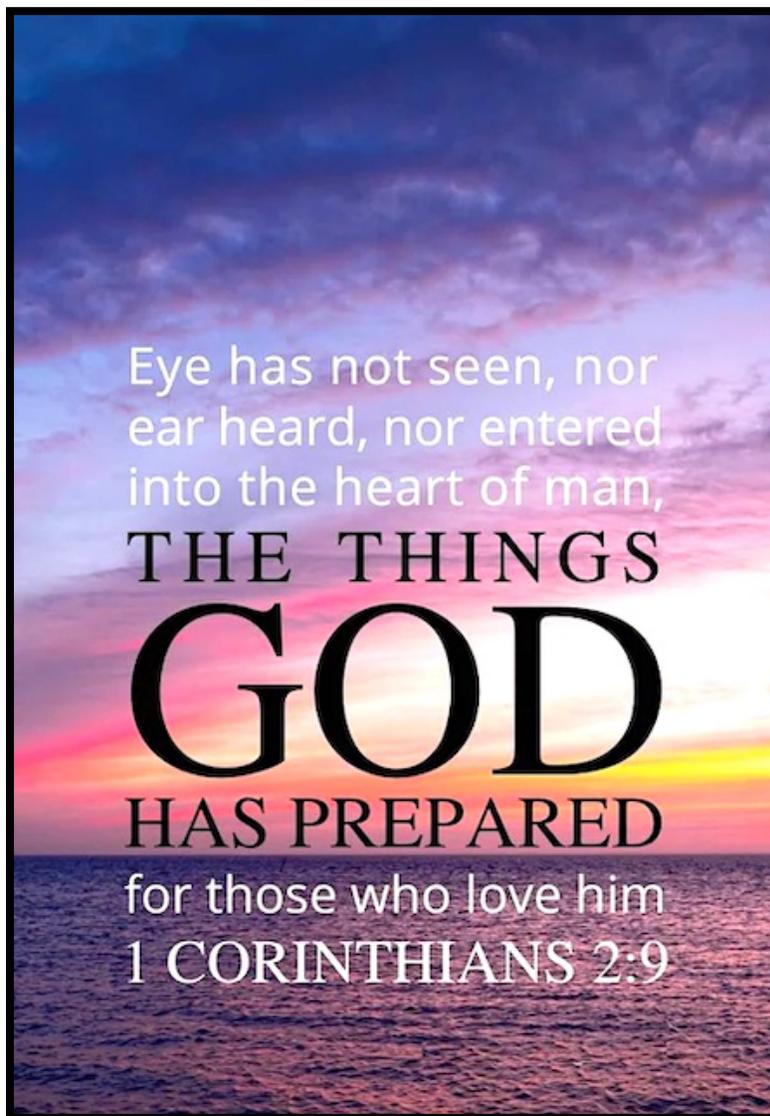
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+++ 6th Sunday after Epiphany – February 12, 2023 +++

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Jeana Kettner; Ushers: Mark Hartmeisters, Ed Chiappetti

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer
Psalm 119:1-8 (pew bible, page 545)

*To Your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are Sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord.
While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with holy awe
Till Your Gospel brings to me life and immortality.*

*While Your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear You speaking from the sky.
From Your house, when I return, may my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

527 – *O Savior, Precious Savior*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

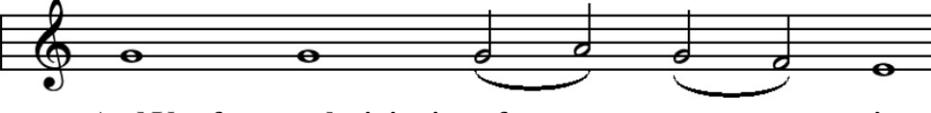
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Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 25

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul:
C **In you I trust, O my God.**
P Show me your ways, O LORD:
C **Teach me your paths**
P Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior:
C **And my hope is in you all day long.**
P Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love:
C **For they are from of old.**
P Good and upright is the LORD:
C **Therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**
P He guides the humble in what is right:
C **And teaches them his way.**
P Turn to me and be gracious to me:
C **For I am lonely and afflicted.**
P Look upon my affliction and my distress:
C **And take away all my sins.**
P Guard my life and rescue me:
C **For I take refuge in you.**

P Glory be to God!

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

**All glory, praise, and blessing, To God the Holy Trinity,
For planning and sustaining Our faith in Him who sets us free,
On whom our trust is founded, Our house built on a rock,
Our life by grace surrounded, Our Shepherd's precious flock,
Dear children to Him clinging, Who, welcomed once again,
Join saints and angels singing, "Amen, Amen, Amen!"**

[Melody: *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*, LSB #820]

P Let us pray:



+++ **Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word** +++

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 30:11-20

11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” 14 No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – Matthew 5:21-37



21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. 25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. 33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ 34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

704 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Sermon

Text – 1 Corinthians 2:6-14

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we speak of God’s secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

"God’s Greatest Secret"

1. It remains unknown to the world.
2. It lies hidden in the Gospel.
3. It is revealed by the Holy Spirit.

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho -ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up -
 hold me with Your free spir -



it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

703 (1-4) – *How Can I Thank You, Lord*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



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Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/12) 8:30 am Elders’ Meeting

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Sun (2/19) 9:30 am Worship Service, with installation of newly elected church officers

10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- February 22 – Lenten Service Schedule begins with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm
- Choir Practices: March 19, 26; April 2, 16

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year’s theme is *"Our Savior’s Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms."* We will observe the customary pulpit exchange with our sister CLC churches of the Front Range: Redeemer, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace, Loveland. Service times are 7:00 pm for each service. Here is an outline of the theme for each service with psalm references and speakers.

"Our Savior’s Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms"

Feb.22	Psalm 38:10-12	Deserted by His Friends (Pastor Libby)
Mar.1	Psalm 41:9	Betrayed by His Enemies (Pastor Wheaton)
Mar.8	Psalm 118:22-23	Rejected by Religious Leaders (Pastor Schuetze)
Mar.15	Psalm 22:13-16	Crucified by All Sinners (Pastor Libby)
Mar.22	Psalm 69:7-12	Shamed by His People (Pastor Wheaton)
Mar.29	Psalm 69-21	Unpitied by His Enemies (Pastor Schuetze)

*Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying Friend.*

In Our Prayers: Mark Sprengeler, brother of Mike, of Cheyenne who was diagnosed with liver cancer. He will beginning chemo treatments soon. <> Pastor Ted Barthels of our sister congregation in Austin MN, who underwent extensive shoulder surgery last Thursday. His recovery is expected to take about nine months. <> Continue to remember in your prayers our fellow members Carrol Rankin and Ethel Eastridge, as well as Pastors Cory Drehle, Mike Eichstadt, and John Hein, each of whom is being tested with a medical ailment. <> Also keep in your prayers Brianna Brethauer, granddaughter of Fred and Bobbie. She was recently hospitalized with a chronic medical ailment. <> *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).*

Synod News & Notes

- Retired Pastor Mark Bernthal has accepted the call to serve in a part-time vacancy capacity at Messiah, Eau Claire. <> Mrs. Eileen Tiefel has announced her retirement from teaching kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire.
- The Traveling Vacation Bible School Committee is looking for congregations willing to support the TVBS effort by sponsoring or adopting a program in a sister congregation. Several CLC churches have helped in these ways and have found that both the sponsor congregation and the congregation receiving help have benefited from this expression of fellowship. The TVBS Committee deeply appreciates the help it has received from CLC churches, ladies' groups, and individuals who have lent their support to the TVBS Program with prayers and donations.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 13-18 '23

Mon John 11:20-27 After the death of Martha's brother Lazarus, Jesus not only tells her about the resurrection, but that He IS the resurrection. In Him is life (Jn1:4) and His word will bring Lazarus from the tomb. Martha hears His word and trusts His word as that of the Christ, the Son of God.

Tues Philippians 1:12-14 Paul is writing from prison in Rome. Still he rejoices that it has become obvious to many that he is not a criminal, but imprisoned because he proclaims the saving word of Christ. Thus more and more people are hearing that life-giving word, and others are emboldened to speak it, too.

Wed Philippians 1:15-18 Since people do not look down on Paul in prison, others are much more bold to speak the word of Christ, too. Although some of them are motivated by a selfish spirit that looks for personal gain while Paul is "out of the way," the apostle still rejoices that the life-giving word is preached.

Thurs Philippians 1:19-21 Paul is appreciative of the Philippians prayers for him, and confident of God's blessing, whether he survives this imprisonment or not. If he lives, it will be to honor Christ and spread His word, and if he dies, it will be to see his Savior and rejoice.

Fri Amos 8:11-12 There is a worse famine than the lack of food or drink. The lack of God's word is a far greater tragedy, for that word can give life to people even after they have died (see Monday's reading). The prophet foretells a famine of this life-giving word for those who make themselves God's enemies.

Sat 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 To bring earthly food to people may be a matter of life and death, but to bring the life-giving word of Christ is a matter of eternal life and death. And the apostle's sufficiency for this work does not come from within himself, but from God, who has spoken to us by His Son, Jesus Christ (Hb1:2).

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