

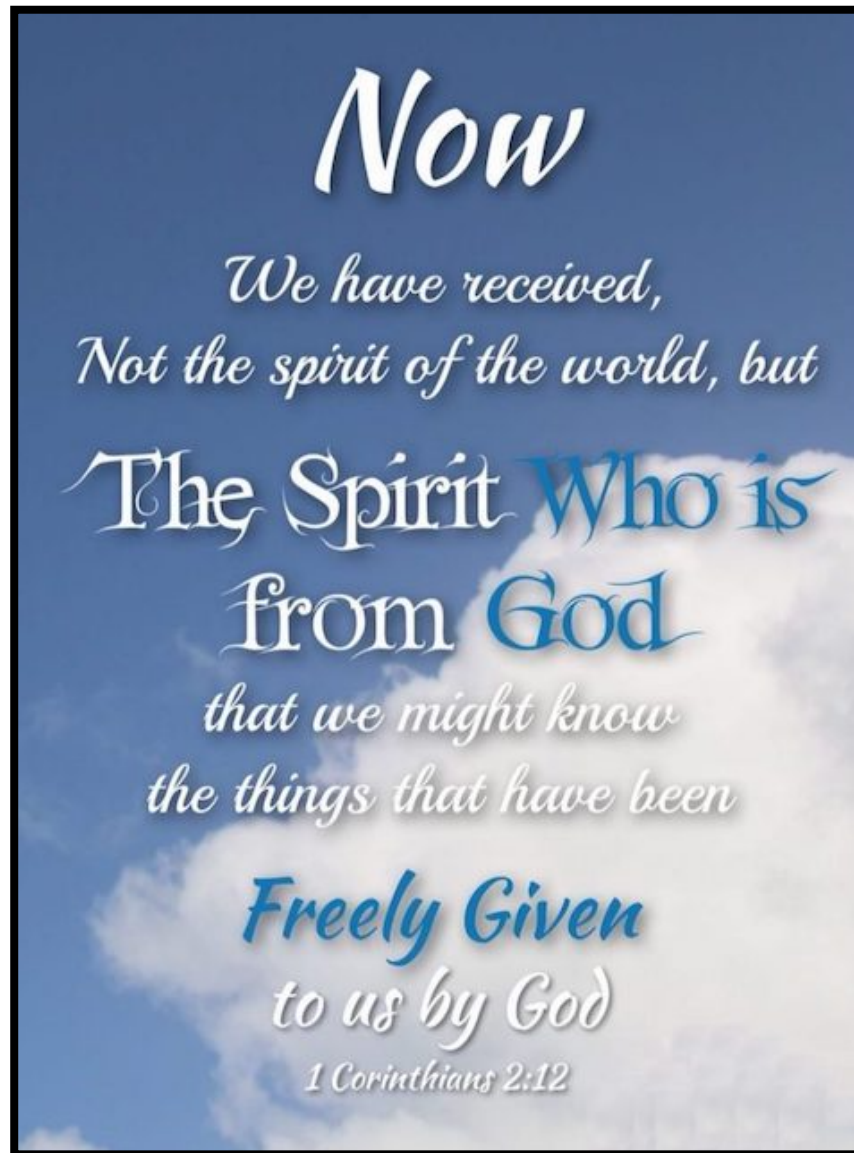
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2nd Sunday after Epiphany – January 14, 2024

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 in 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!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 2, below. Large print copies of the order of worship are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer
Psalm 43 (pew bible, page 502)

*As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!*

*As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!*

*As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!*

Serving Us Today
Organist Carly Mess; Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn

397 (1-4) – *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Invocation

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

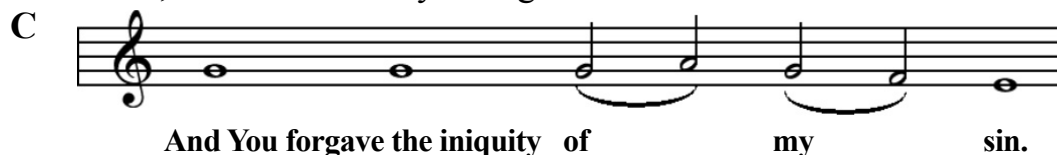


Our Confession of Sins

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.



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



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.



+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

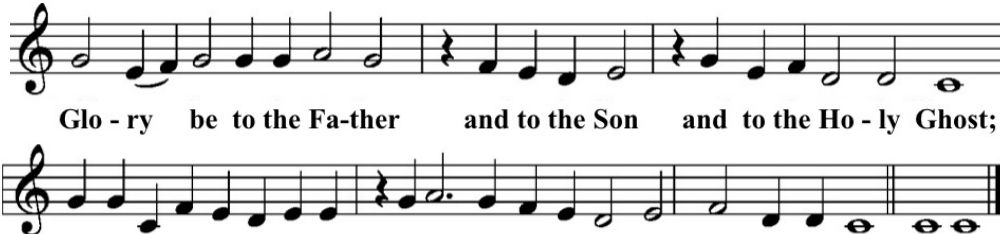
Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us:
C **And make his face to shine upon us.**
P That your way may be known on earth:
C **Your saving power among all nations.**
P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
C **For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
P The earth has yielded its increase:
C **God, our God, shall bless us.**
P God shall bless us:
C **Let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

P Glory be to God!

C



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:

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.

Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their offerings bring;
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

(LSB 409:1,3)

P Let us pray:



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

First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:6-14

Wisdom from the Spirit

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

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



Second Lesson – John 1:43-51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael



43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw

Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”



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

396 – *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

Sermon

Text – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. 2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” 5 and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times,

“Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

Theme – God’s Love in Giving Us His Revelation

- ◆ In making His Word known to us.
- ◆ In enlightening us to receive it with happy, obedient hearts.

+++ 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

589 – *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (1/14)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting
Sun (1/21)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	CLC Cooperative Budget Plan Presentation

Extended Calendar

- Annual Voters Meeting: Sunday, January 28, 10:45 am
- Installation of Church Officers: Sunday, February 4
- Adult Bible Study resumes: Sunday, February 4, 10:45 am

Synod News & Notes

- **Call News:** Mr. Dan Roehl has been called to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI, replacing retiring Professor Mark Kranz. ◇ Pastor Schuetze is still considering the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette MI and St. Peter's Lutheran, Iron River MI. ◇ Ann Sprengeler, teacher at Faith Lutheran School in Markesan WI, will be retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of the current school year.
- **ELC Cyclone Aid:** In early December, Cyclone Michaung struck the eastern coast of India and damaged and flooded churches of the BELC as well as the Martin Luther Bible School pastor training center. 11 of the 14 districts of the BELC were affected. 55 churches, as well as the MLBS, were damaged by the cyclone and are in need of repair. The Board of Missions has approved \$12,000 of disaster relief to be sent from Kinship to assist with building repair and reconstruction. Please remember our brethren of the BELC in your prayers, and consider supporting this effort through offerings to Kinship.
- **The CLC World Missions Prayer List** for January is now available. Find hard copies on the shelf by the tract rack.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 8-13 (catching up from last week)

Mon Matthew 3:13-17 The glory of the Child of Bethlehem was revealed many times throughout His life. Here at the beginning of His ministry He came to John for baptism, not because He needed to repent but because it was the right thing for those He came to represent. The Spirit and the Father testified to His divine glory.

Tues 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 The apostle Paul also proclaimed the gospel which revealed “the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (v4). Through the gospel proclamation God has also shined in our hearts, giving us the gift of beholding God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ (v6).

Wed Isaiah 2:2-5 Isaiah looks forward to the “latter days,” when people from all over the world come to worship in spirit and in truth. Truly these are the days of glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Thurs John 1:35-42 John declares that Jesus is “the Lamb of God,” and two disciples of John follow Jesus, not because He looked so glorious, but because they heard John’s testimony. Jesus invites them to come with Him, and one of them, Andrew, goes and brings his brother to Jesus also.

Fri 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1 To come and see Jesus (Jn1:39) is to be with God and to be His people. It is a wonderful thing that the Lord Almighty wants to be a Father to us, and this moves us to behave as His own children and to cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit.

Sat Psalm 122 “Let us go to the house of the Lord” has a wonderful sound because of whose house it is! He brings people together in thanksgiving and praise. In His house there is peace – peace with God and peace with one another. It is the peace of God that “will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Ph4:7).

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 15-20

Mon Luke 4:14-22 Jesus' divine glory was revealed not only by His gracious words (v22) and deeds, but also by the Word of Isaiah and the other prophets of God, who looked forward to the day of the Lord.

Tues Isaiah 8:20-22 It is God's Word (the law and the testimony) that will bring the light of dawn into this sin-darkened world. Without God's Word there is only distress, darkness and gloom (v22), but His Word testifies about Jesus (Jn 5:39).

Wed Romans 10:1-12 Those who did not receive Jesus' gracious words ("Isn't this Joseph's son?" Lk4:22), and tried to establish their own righteousness before God were also rejecting the words of Scripture: "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame" (Isa.28:16).

Thurs Romans 10:12-15 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (v13), and God provided preachers to proclaim the name of the Lord to all people (both Jew and Greek, v12). The feet are beautiful because of the news they bring.

Fri Romans 10:16-21 Just as in Nazareth (Lk4:22) some did not accept Jesus' word, so in general Israel rejected the message God sent, while Gentiles who were not looking found God. Yet all day long He reaches out to Israel (v21).

Sat John 1:43-51 Jesus reaches out and gathers His disciples around Himself. He finds Philip and Philip finds Nathanael, who is skeptical (v46). But Jesus continues to call and reveals His glory to Nathanael as a foretaste of what is yet to come.