

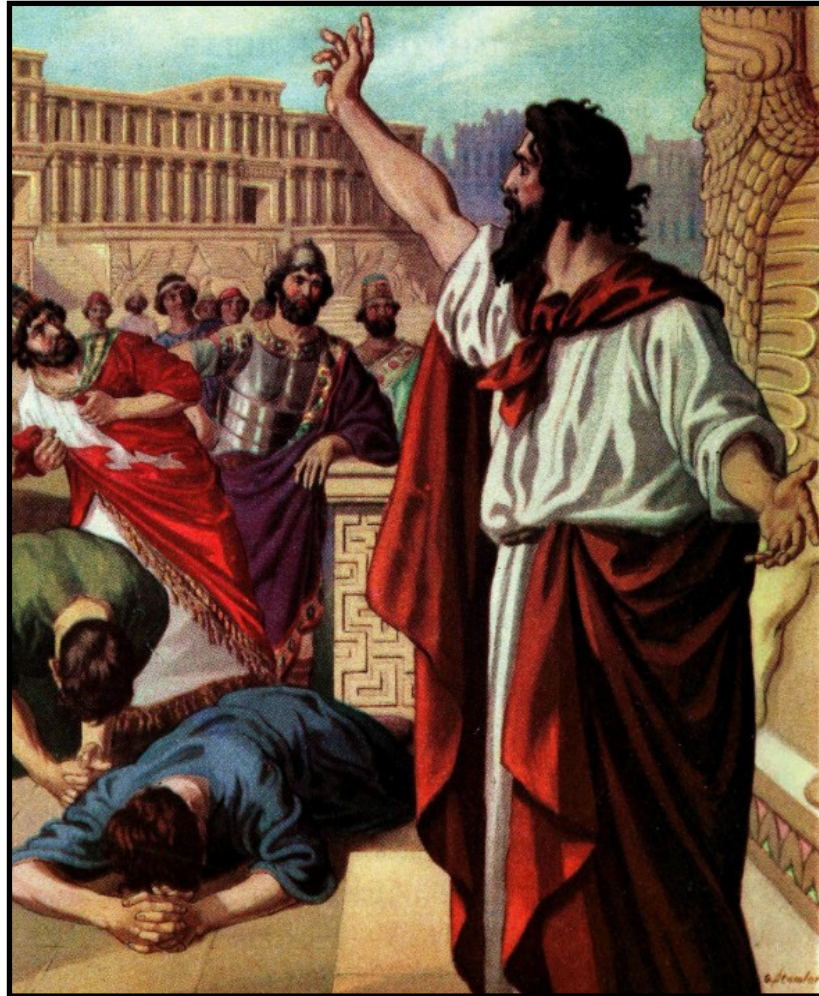
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*The prophet Jonah preaches repentance  
to the citizens of Nineveh*



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – January 21, 2024**

## Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

### Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 32 (pew bible, p.495)
- ◆ The Hymns: 904, 647, 383 (printed on p.6), 923
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 62
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

### **Sermon Text – Jonah 3:1-10**

#### ***"The Lord Works the Miracle of Repentance"***

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer]
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (923)

## Today's Scriptures

**First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**     *As Children of God, Live as Strangers  
Residing in a Temporary World*

29 This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

### **Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 62**

**P** For God alone my soul waits in silence:

**C** **From him comes my salvation.**

**P** He alone is my rock and my salvation:

**C** **My fortress, I shall not be greatly shaken.**

**P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence:

**C** **For my hope is from him.**

**P** If riches increase:

**C** **Set not your heart on them.**

**P** On God rests my salvation and my glory:

**C** **My mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

**P** Trust in him at all times, O people:

**C** **Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

**Second Lesson – Mark 1:14-20**

*Jesus Begins His Ministry and  
Calls the First Disciples*

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” 16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And

going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

### **Sermon Text – Jonah 3:1-10**

### *Jonah Goes to Nineveh*

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. 6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.



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### **A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!**

It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (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
Sun (1/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Annual Voters Meeting

### **Extended Calendar**

- Installation of Church Officers: Sunday, February 4
- Adult Bible Study resumes: Sunday, February 4, 10:45 am

**After the Service Today** the CLC Cooperative Budget Plan Presentation will be shared. It consists of a dozen slides, with explanatory comments provided by CLC Board of Trustees chairman, Tom Lentz. May all be encouraged to stay afterwards for a few minutes to take in the presentation. It will be helpful for gaining an understanding of the financial and prayer needs in our wider CLC church family with whom the Lord has joined us in fellowship. May it also serve to heighten our appreciation, and lead us to praise Him, for the mission outreach opportunities with which He has blessed us in America and overseas.

**The CLC World Missions Prayer List** for January is now available. Find hard copies may be found on the shelf by the tract rack.

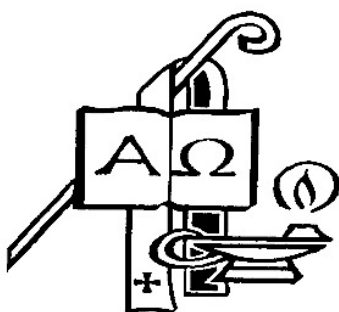
**Call Decision:** After prayerful deliberation on the divine call extended to me by the parishioners of Calvary, Marquette and St. Peter's, Iron River, MI, I have come to the decision that it is God's will that I continue serving as the pastor of St. Paul. The spiritual needs of God's people in upper Michigan are important to Him as well. Pray that the Lord of the Church, according to His perfect wisdom and timing, may provide the Christians of Calvary and St. Peter's with a pastor to proclaim His Word in their midst and lead them in His paths. Here is a prayer you can offer:

Lord Jesus, You have come, a teacher sent from heaven,  
And by both word and deed God's truth to us have given.  
You wisely have ordained the holy ministry  
That we, Your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.

Preserve this ministry while harvest-days are keeping;  
And since the fields are white and hands are few for reaping,  
Send workers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gather in  
That not a soul be lost which You have come to win.

Bring those into Your fold who still to You are strangers;  
Guard those who are within against offense and dangers.  
Press onward with Your Word till pastor and his fold  
Through faith in You, O Christ, Your glory shall behold.

Pastor Schuetze



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### January 22-27

**Mon Matthew 11:25-30** The Son glories in His relationship with the Father, and both Father and Son reveal themselves as gentle, humble, and saving, giving rest to weary souls.

**Tues Romans 5:1-5** The glory of God which is ours in Christ is not diminished even by earthly sufferings, since even these work together for our good, producing patient endurance, tested character and hope.

**Wed Numbers 24:10-17** King Balak is willing to pay Balaam to put a curse on the Children of Israel, but God uses Balaam to bless His people instead. “A star will come out of Jacob. A scepter will rise up out of Israel” (v17).

**Thurs Acts 3:22-26** Peter preaches in the temple to the crowd gathered around the lame man healed, and points them to the One “in whom all the families of the earth will be blessed” (v25).

**Fri Genesis 28:11-17** God reveals His presence to Jacob in a dream, and repeats to him the promise of blessing which will be to all the families of the earth through his offspring, the Savior!

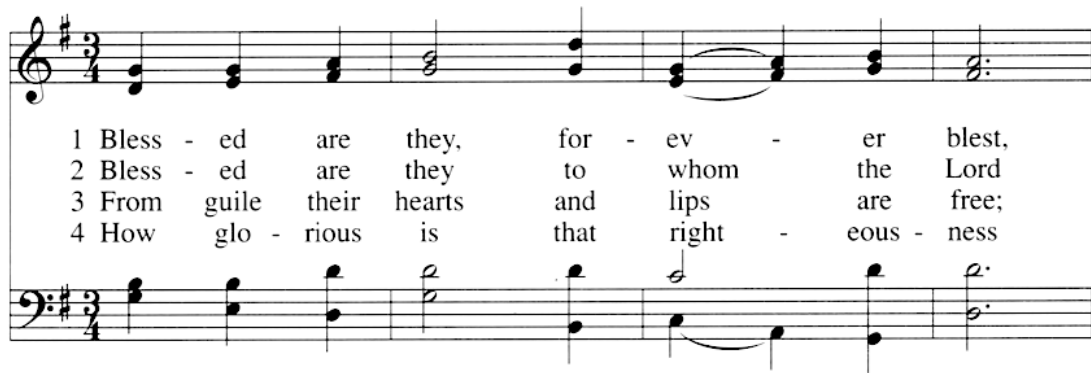
**Sat 2 Peter 1:2-9** Blessings upon blessings are ours in the forgiveness of Christ Jesus our Lord! In fact, if we lack these blessings (moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, etc.), it is because we forget that in Him we have been cleansed from all our sins (v9).



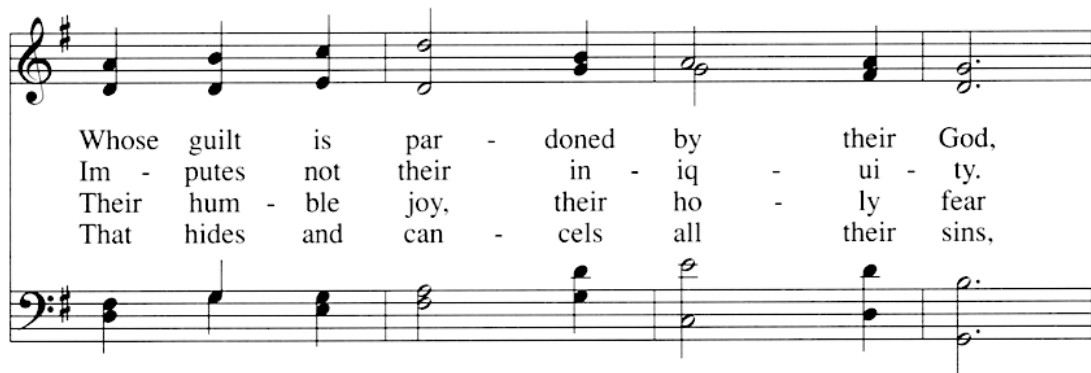
Hymn after the Sermon

Blessed Are They, Forever Blest

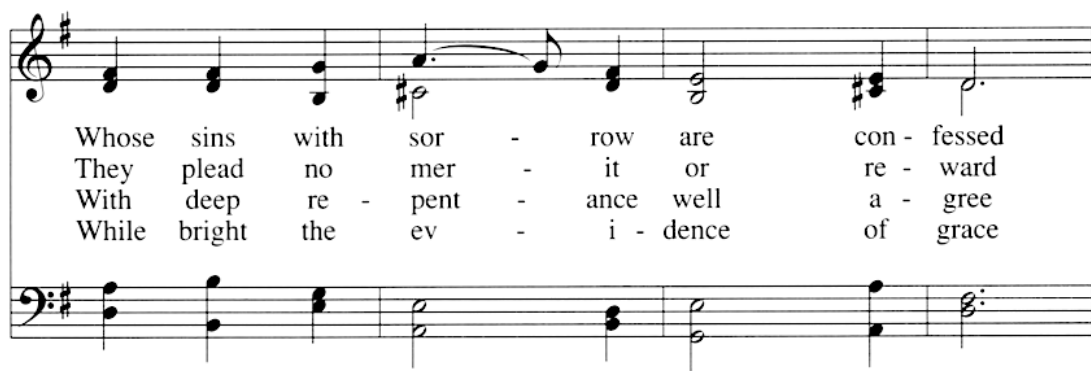
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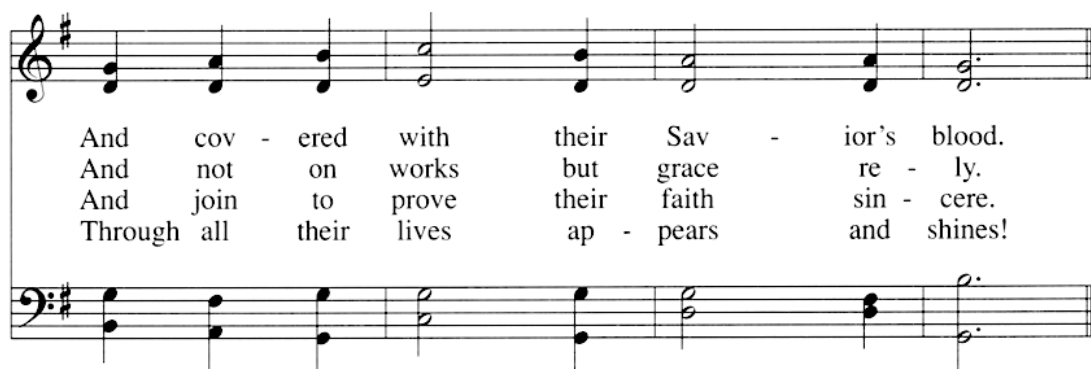
1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,  
2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord  
3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;  
4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness



Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,  
Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.  
Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear  
That hides and can - cels all their sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed  
They plead no mer - it or re - ward  
With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree  
While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.  
And not on works but grace re - ly.  
And join to prove their faith sin - cere.  
Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!