

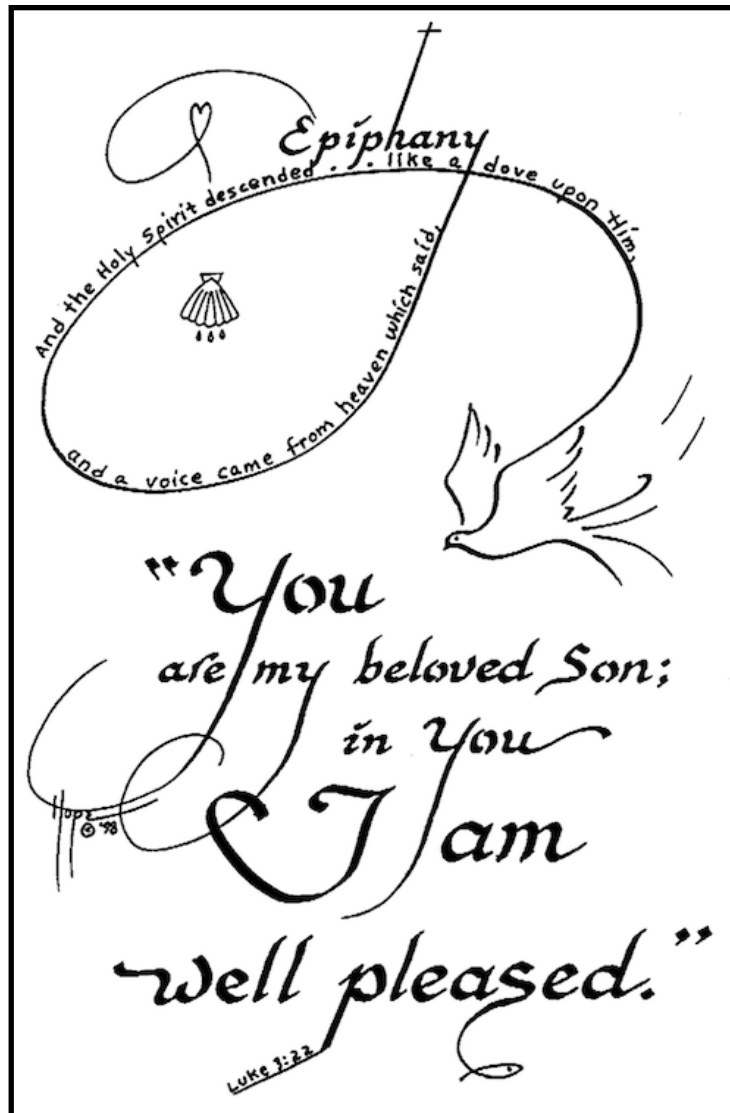
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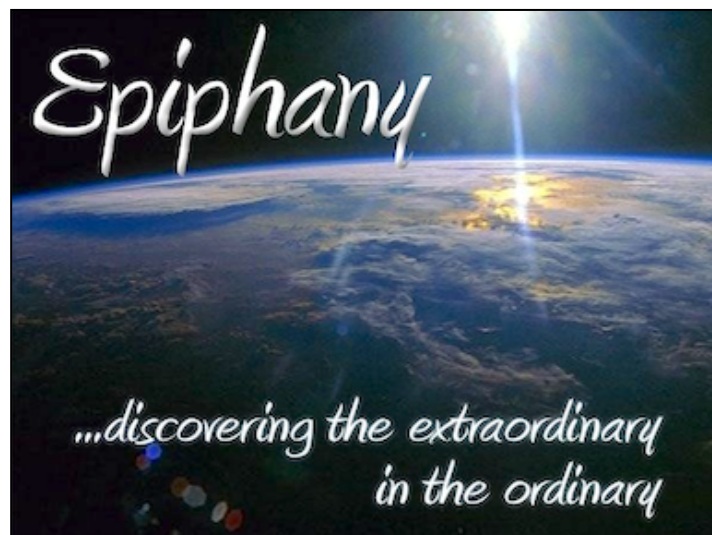
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1st Sunday after Epiphany – January 12, 2025

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!

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 2" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. This service is based on pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes, or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist: Suzannah Miller

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 2
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 397 (1-3), 594, 404, 397 (4-5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Titus 3:4-7
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 2

Sermon



Text – Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

Theme – *"The Heavens Opened at Jesus' Baptism"*

1. They opened on Jesus while He prayed.
2. They opened for the descending Spirit.
3. They were open as God the Father spoke.

The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David's Anointment as King

1 Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.” 2 And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” But the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” 3 Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.” 4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” 5 And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the LORD’S anointed is before Him!” 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.” 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!” 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

 **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 2**

The Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom

P Why do the nations rage:

C And the people plot a vain thing?

P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together:

C Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

P He who sits in the heavens shall laugh:

C The Lord shall hold them in derision.

P Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

C “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

P “I will declare the decree: 'The LORD has said to Me,

C ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’”

 **Second Lesson – Titus 3:4-7**

Baptism: The Washing of Rebirth and Renewal by the Holy Spirit

4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

 **Sermon Text – Luke 3:15-18, 21-22**

John Preaches to the People / He Baptizes Jesus

15 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, 16 John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor,

and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” 18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. | 21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (1/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	CLC Cooperative Budget Plan Presentation (<i>upstairs</i>)
	11:00 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting (<i>downstairs</i>)
Sun (1/19)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- ▶ Annual Voters Meeting: Sunday, January 26, 10:45 am
- ▶ Installation of Church Officers: Sunday, February 2
- ▶ Young Adults Bible Study: Day/time TBA

In Our Prayers: Marty Schmoldt who underwent eye surgery last week. <>
“And my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

A National Women's Retreat (Online) is being held on Saturday, January 25 beginning at 10:00 am Mountain Time. The theme is *"Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship."* The scriptural foundation for the retreat is 1 Peter 4:10, *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* Registration and more information can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause25>.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 6-11 (catching up from last week)

Mon Matthew 3:13-17 Epiphany The Spirit of God and the voice of the Father reveal that this is the beloved Son, who came to take our place as a human being and to fulfill all righteousness (v15).

Tues Romans 3:23-31 Through trusting the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (v24), we are declared righteous before God even though we have not kept the law (v28), because He kept it in our place.

Wed Genesis 12:1-4 The Lord makes precious promises to Abram, including that in him all families of the earth will be blessed (v3). Abram believes and follows the Lord's word toward a new land and future.

Thurs Isaiah 2:1-5 Isaiah looks forward to the glory of the mountain of the Lord's house, which will benefit all nations and many peoples. He looks forward to peace on earth, good will toward mankind.

Fri Matthew 16:1-12 The Pharisees and Sadducees would brush aside all the prophecies fulfilled by Jesus, and demand another sign. To them only the sign of Jonah, who came back from a watery grave, will be given.

Sat Romans 7:7-25 Because of inborn sin, even hearing God's Law becomes an occasion for sinful rebellion, but there is One to rescue us from this sin living in us: Jesus Christ our Lord (v25)!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 13-18

Mon John 1:35-39 God uses John, the special servant whom He has prepared, to reveal the promised Messiah to his disciples. This is not surprising to us, but worth noting. Bringing disciples to Jesus is God's work!

Tues John 1:40-42 Through something as common as a family relationship, another disciple, Peter, is brought to Jesus. How many souls will be led to their Savior through Peter and his fellow disciples!

Wed Matthew 12:46-50 Jesus treasures His disciples because of their relationship to His heavenly Father. In following Him, they are doing the will of His Father in heaven (v50).

Thurs Romans 4:16-25 Not just the legal descendants of Abraham but all who share his faith are his "children." The promises that he believed include those fulfilled by Jesus in accomplishing our justification.

Fri Genesis 13:5-11 Abram seeks to end the strife between his own and Lot's herdsman. He shows his trust in God's providing for him by letting Lot have first choice of the portions of land available to them.

Sat Deuteronomy 18:15-19 Rather than fortune tellers and diviners (v14), God's people are to listen to the prophet whom God sends, culminating in that Prophet Jesus the Christ (cp Acts 3:22-26).