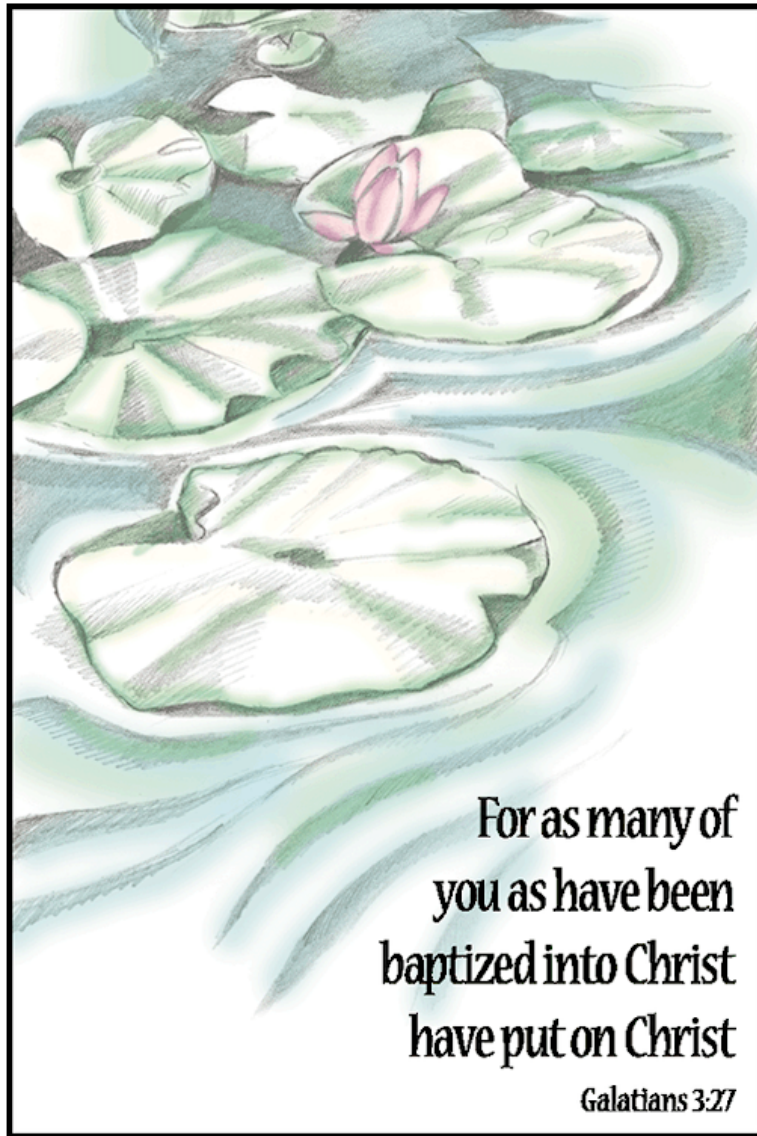


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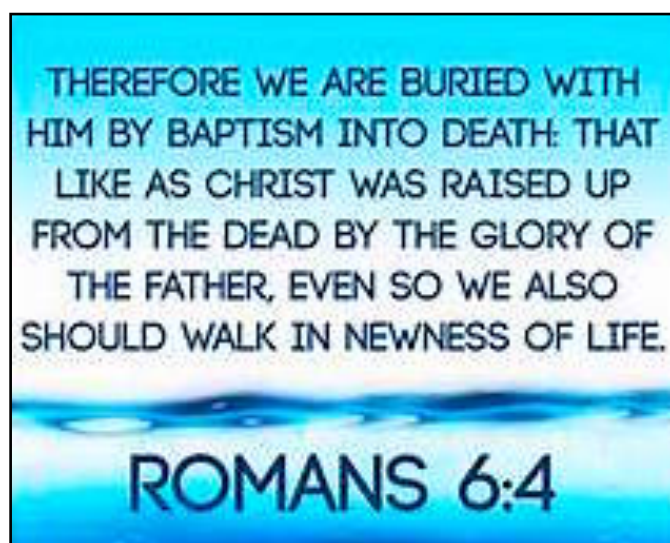
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6th Sunday after Epiphany – February 16, 2025

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 and 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, as well as the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan 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 Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 124 (pew bible, page 550)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 790 (1-4), *752, 571, 477, 790 (5)
**tan hymnal*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 7:5-8, Luke 6:17-26
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1
- ◆ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is being administered today to *Gemma Elizabeth Lewis* and *Jack Turner Lewis*, the daughter and son of Oliver and Molly (nee Goodman) Lewis. Gemma was born on June 13, 2017 and Jack on August 3, 2020. The baptismal witness is Laurie Goodman.

Sermon



Text – 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Theme – "*The Resurrection Connection*"

1. If Christ didn't rise, then we can't either.
2. Since Christ **did** rise, so shall we!

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed is the Man Whose Hope is in the LORD

5 Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. 7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners:

C Nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

P But his delight is in the law of the LORD:

C And in His law he meditates day and night.

P He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season:

C Whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

P The ungodly are not so:

C But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

P Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment:

C Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous:

C But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Second Lesson – Luke 6:17-26

*Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude
He Speaks "the Beatitudes" (Blessings) and Pronounces Woes*

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. 20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. 24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

The Risen Christ, Our Hope / The Last Enemy Destroyed

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? | 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Baptism Reception (downstairs)
	11:00 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	6:00 pm	Young Adults Bible Study (<i>see note below</i>)
Sun (2/23)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Midweek Lenten Service Schedule begins with our Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 7:00 pm.
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm, hosted this year by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. The guest speaker will be Pastor David Reim of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada.

In Our Prayers: The family and friends of Cindy Albrecht, member of Prince of Peace, Loveland, who was called to her eternal rest on Saturday, February 8. A memorial service will be held at Prince of Peace on Saturday, March 8, at 11:00 am. We pray that Cindy's mourners may find their source of comfort in the Lord Jesus who has delivered us from the clutches of death and made heaven a reality for all who have come to faith in Him.

A Reception will be held in fellowship hall, with coffee and refreshments, after today's service in recognition of the baptisms of Gemma and Jack Lewis, children of Oliver and Molly Lewis. Everyone is invited. We pray for God's blessings on Oliver and Molly in their faithful efforts to train up Gemma and Jack for the Lord.

Young Adults Bible Study: This Wednesday, February 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, in a reserved room of the Douglas County Library, Castle Pines. Study topic: Next three chapters in Book Three of *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis ("Morality and Psychoanalysis," "Sexual Morality," and "Christian Marriage"). Questions? See Derek Barthels or the pastor.

Synod News & Notes

- ▶ **Call News** – Samuel Naumann of Eau Claire, WI, has received the pastoral call to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, ◊ Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD has announced his retirement effective Summer 2025. ◊ Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. ◊ Ms. Blair Sydow has accepted the call to continue serving as the full time upper grade teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. ◊ Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her retirement at the end of the current school year.
- ▶ "**CLC Youth Camp 2025 Registration** opens Saturday, March 15, at 10am CST. The camp is for young people entering Grades 6-12. It will run from June 8-14. For more information please visit our website, <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>, or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com."
- ▶ "We are pleased to announce that we will be opening up registration for our young adult ***Christ's Explorers Retreat*** on Saturday, March 1, at 9am EST. The information and registration website is www.ChristsExplorers.com. ◊ Our theme for the retreat is "Discovering Your Purpose". We will dig into God's plans for our lives here on Earth and how we should use our gifts and talents to serve him through every aspect of our lives. We will also look at how God guides us to find His intended purpose for us and how we can look to Him to guide us in our lives. The discussions will be led by Pastor Glenn Oster and Professor Joe Lau. ◊ This retreat is geared toward high school and college aged youth. It is hosted by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of West Columbia, SC. The retreat will be held in the beautiful mountains of Bryson City, NC, where we will stay in large group cabins and spend a lot of time outdoors enjoying God's creation. We will have outings to include hiking, river tubing, and outdoor exploration. ◊ The retreat is June 19-22. Check-in will begin around 4pm on the afternoon of June 19. The retreat will conclude with a worship service on Sunday morning and dismissal at 11am. ◊ The cost of the retreat is \$150, and this includes all expenses for the weekend (lodging, food, activities, etc.). Due to our lodging capacity, registration will be limited to 50 guests. ◊ If you have questions, you can reach out to any of the camp directors. Greg & Sara Kloke, Kevin & Karen Howell, and Shaun & Julie Levandoski are working together to facilitate the retreat. Contact information is on the website."
- ▶ **Traveling VBS** is a program of the CLC Mission Board which connects willing kingdom workers with CLC congregations across the United States in need of helping hands. Six congregations have already reached out for help so far! There are a variety of ways you can serve: teacher, recess or craft help, local canvassing, etc. Congregation members are delighted to host you for the week and show you local attractions on your downtime. The TVBS program covers your travel expenses. You could volunteer on your own, together with a friend, or accept the challenge as a family mission adventure. E-mail pastor_daub@hotmail.com for further information.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 17-22

Mon Matthew 16:13-20 Jesus will soon be turning His face toward Jerusalem and suffering as the Christ. The Father has revealed His identity to His disciples, and with the keys of the kingdom He will build His church.

Tues 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 God is so great that He is able to serve His believers through people in deep poverty. Their joy in Him results in acts of love toward others as they follow their Savior's example (v9).

Wed Genesis 41:28-43 God uses Joseph to explain Pharaoh's dream and also raises Joseph from prison to palace in Egypt. Pharaoh recognizes that it is God who has made Joseph discerning and wise – fit to rule.

Thurs Malachi 2:4-9 The Lord rebukes the priests who have turned away from the way of Levi. The covenant with Levi was life and peace and walking with God. He was a messenger of the Lord of hosts.

Fri John 8:25-36 The Pharisees demand that Jesus verify who He is, and Jesus knows where this is leading: to His being lifted up on the cross. In this way He will set mankind free from sin and condemnation.

Sat Acts 16:24-35 Neither the inner prison nor their feet in stocks could stop Paul and Silas from praying and singing hymns to God. Their Lord had also faced capture and death to free their jailor for eternity.