



AGENDA REVEALED:
WHAT MUST BE SAID, NOT WHAT OTHERS WANT TO HEAR.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

January 30, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lord, help me see the importance of your Word today. I praise you for preserving your Word and for working miracles through it. I also pray for your forgiveness upon the times I have failed to share and use your blessed messages as you have commanded. Ever point me to Jesus, the one who fulfilled it all for me, and give me the courage and wisdom to use your Word to your honor when it's needed. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (10:00 am)

There Is a Redeemer

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

*Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.*

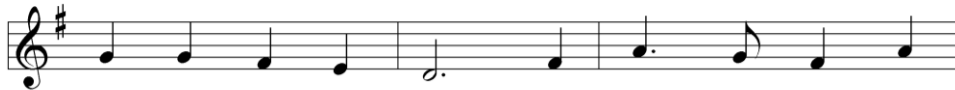
*When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.*

OPENING HYMN

How Precious Is the Book Divine | 284



1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By
2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our
3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And
4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of



in - spi - ra - tion giv'n! Bright as a lamp its
gloom - y world to cheer, Dis - plays a Sav - ior's
where our feet have trod But brings to view the
life shall guide our way Till we be - hold the



doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.
match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.
clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

please stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ✙ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

incorporating hymn 304

(short musical intro, then sing:)

All: Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder

♪ **Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander.**

Here is hope for all who grieve—Jesus sinners does receive.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

(no intro, sing:)

All: We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing,

♪ **Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing**

Who with humble hearts believe—Jesus sinners does receive.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

(no intro, sing:)

**All: Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,
♪ It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(no intro, sing:)

**All: Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.
♪ And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners does receive.**

be seated

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS *(10:00 am)*

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me.

⁵Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

⁶But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!"

continued...

⁷The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

¹⁰Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms
to uproot and to tear down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 78, p.95



O my people, hear my teaching;^{*}
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,^{*}
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;^{*}
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob^{*}
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,*
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God*
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

^{3:14}As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 4:38-44

³⁸Jesus got up, left the synagogue, and went into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. They asked him to help her. ³⁹He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. ⁴⁰As the sun was setting, they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹Demons also came out of many people, crying out, "You are the Son of God!" He rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

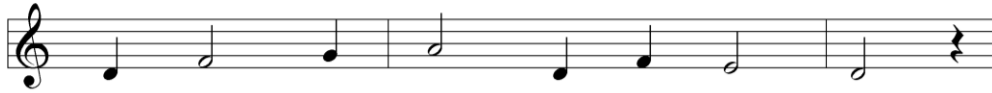
⁴²When it was day, he went out to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. They went up to him and were trying to prevent him from leaving them. ⁴³But he told them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴And he continued to preach in the synagogues in the land of the Jews.

be seated

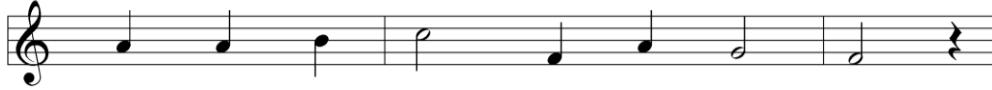
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.





1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home



To those who like or like it not,
 Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:
 Scat - ters a - broad the good - ly seed,
 And some be choked and mat - ted flat,
 And nev - er faint; the Har - vest - Lord



The Word that shall en - dure and stand
 To preach your Word and nev - er ask
 In - tent a - lone that there may be
 The sow - er sows; his heart cries out,
 Who gave the sow - er seed to sow



When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
 What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
 Will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

SERMON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

His Words and Their Purposes



please stand

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.**

be seated

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, light of the world and saving strength of your people, we thank you for the gift of your Word. Implant it in the hearts of your people, so that, set free from the power of Satan and the fear of death, we may live to serve and honor you.

C: Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may grow richly in divine knowledge and spiritual understanding.

M: Bless the proclamation of your Word everywhere, so that hearts may be turned from the darkness of spiritual ignorance, falsehood, and despair to the light of knowledge, truth, and life. Be with our missionaries in our own and distant lands.

C: Protect them, encourage them, and crown their labors with success.

M: Let your Word shine in our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love and serve one another in kindness and humility. Watch over the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, and the weary. Preserve those who are in any danger of body or soul.

C: Supply us by the grace of Jesus with the Spirit's power, that we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: For these and all the other things you know we need, we confidently ask in the name of him who gave himself for us that we might live through him, Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds | 494



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and
shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

please stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



be seated

*Sing to the Lord
praise his name
proclaim his salvation
day after day*

CLOSING HYMN

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give | 542



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their



you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to
Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and
sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns



serve you, Lord, They go to share your
make them strong To heal sin's ills, to
what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,



liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -
right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and
Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment



claim That all may know your sav - ing name.
wave, And might - y is your arm to save.
seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIDENCE BUILDING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *God keeps his Word.*
Midweek Bible Study (Tues., 7pm; Wed. 9am): *Let's Go*

NEW ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OFFICERS

God be praised for working through his people! God's grace has been proclaimed in the Bangor area through the ministry of St. Paul's since 1889 (even earlier). Praise God for the following men who have been elected to serve the Lord in new positions here at St. Paul's so that it can continue to be proclaimed now and into future generations:

Church Council

Dale Arndt (Ed. Comm. Chair)
Dylan Blount (Treasurer)
Bart Horstman (St.-Ev. Chair)
Roger Lund

Stewardship-Evangelism

Brent Horstman
Nathaniel Kotek
Steve Lund
Paul Wittmershaus
Randy Cook
Quinn Handy

Finance Committee

Ken Thompson
Tim Johnson
Brayden Horstman
Zachariah Zebell

PRINCIPAL CALL MEETING

We will have a special voters' meeting on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 11:15 am, to extend a call for principal and grades 7-8 teacher.

ST. PAUL'S COFFEE MUGS

New St. Paul's coffee mugs are available for purchase in the church basement during fellowship and Bible study hour. The 17 oz. mugs are \$10 cash or check, with the proceeds covering the cost of the mugs and anything over being designated toward St. Paul's 2022 outreach expenses.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

If you notice that birthdays or anniversaries are missing or incorrect when announced before the Prayer of the Church each Sunday, please notify Pastor Groth of the addition or correction so we can get that updated in our system. Thank you!

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

St. Paul's next Bible Information Class will begin in February and be completed by the end of May. If you or someone you know is interested in membership, in our church's teachings, or simply in a refresher of important biblical truths, this is the class to take. We're looking at potentially having classes on Monday evenings starting on Feb. 21, but the final decision on a day and time for class may change to best accommodate the schedules of the participants, so please contact Pastor Groth if interested or if you would like more info. You can also visit www.stpaulsbangor.com/new/bic/ for more info on the class itself.

ST. PAUL'S APPAREL

TWO MORE DAYS. We've set up our own webstore of St. Paul's apparel and other merchandise through Games People Play. Check out the web page below and submit your orders. **They'll be accepting orders through January 31 before the orders are processed and delivered.** Many of the options do have minimum order amounts, so feel free to order one for a friend so we can meet our minimum! There are different types of t-shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, and soft shell jackets to choose from, as well as a travel mug and a cinch pack. Ceramic mugs will be on sale via a different format in the near future. Gear up to show your support for St. Paul's and as an easy way to let the community know about our ministry!

<https://gppsports.chipply.com/stpaulbangor21/>

SCHEDULE YOUR TIME FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

COMING UP THIS WEEK. We'll be using Universal Church Directories to run the production of our new church directory. **They will be at St. Paul's to take our photos February 1-5 and February 8-9.** To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" on the right side, enter **wi163** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have six or more in your family please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. Please call Shelly Lafky (608-797-4167) if you need assistance in scheduling. Pictures will take place in the church basement. Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory.

Please note: Church activities that normally take place in the church basement during the week (Bible study, catechism, choir, meetings, etc.) will temporarily relocate to the church sanctuary.

LADIES AID PICTURE

The Ladies Aid will take a group photo for the church directory on Sunday, Feb. 6, between services at 9:30 am in the church sanctuary.

WELS COULEE WOMEN'S RETREAT

The 2022 WELS Coulee Women's Retreat will be April 2, 2022, at Christ Lutheran Church in West Salem. This retreat provides an opportunity for WELS/ELS women and their friends to gather together, encourage each other with God's Word, and go forth to share God's Word with others. Registration forms and itinerary are available online at www.facebook.com/WCWRetreat. Register by March 15 (there's a discount for early registration by February 15).

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS

The results of our 2021 Congregational Survey have been emailed via our email list. You can also find copies of the results on the bulletin board in the church lobby. The individual comments shared by survey participants will be reviewed and discussed by our church council. Thank you for your vital input!

LET'S GO

We've begun an evangelism workshop entitled *Let's Go*. *Let's Go* is designed to encourage and equip Christians to connect unchurched people in their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Seven lessons will help us focus on three important aspects of evangelism: Love, Listen, and Lead. Each lesson consists of a video followed by Q&A and application. Come join us as we now equip ourselves to be better proclaimers and ambassadors of the gospel for our Lord and for those who need to know his grace! The videos and lesson sheets will also be shared on our Facebook page each week.

GRIEF SUPPORT

If you, or someone you know is grieving, please come to the Grief Support Group at St. John's Lutheran in Barre Mills, WI. We meet for comfort from God's Word and for encouragement from fellow Christians. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, at 7:00 pm. Our topic will be "Looking back, while still looking ahead."

OFFERING ENVELOPES

New offering envelopes can be found in the church basement. Please make sure to pick yours up. Online giving is also available (and is much easier for congregational bookkeeping, if you're able to given that way).

GOFUNDME FOR LUTHER STUDENT

David Chase, a freshman at Luther, was recently diagnosed with a tennis ball size tumor in the middle left of his brain. A GoFundMe account (a site that facilitates charitable giving) has been established to help the family with expenses. If you'd like to contribute and read more about this, please go to the web address below. Please keep David and his family in your prayers!

<https://gofund.me/a85f1181>

THE BIG KNIGHT

The Big Knight is an annual fundraiser supporting Luther High School. This event is a dinner auction with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the students of Luther High. All who attend get to experience a PACKED silent auction followed by an elegant dinner and an INCREDIBLE live auction. Join us on Saturday, April 23, 2022, for the annual Big Knight dinner auction at Celebrations on the River in French Island, WI. This event not only raises funds for tuition assistance, but is a night of exceptional auction items, great food, and fellowship with others who love Luther High School. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with registration and the silent auction. We hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact the Mission Advancement Office: Christina Sherry (sherchri@luther.k12.wi.us 608-783-5435 x1134) or John Byus (byusjohn@luther.k12.wi.us 608-783-5435 x1132).

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2021 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73	Budget to Date: \$40,278.92
Received 1/23: \$5,229.17	Rec'd to Date: \$34,296.72

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 77 10:00 am: 68 Total: 145
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 34
Sunday Bible Study: 24
Sunday School: 7
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 15

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
		Installation of New Church Officers
MONDAY		Apparel Orders Due
TUESDAY		CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES (Tues.-Sat.)
	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	5:00 pm	Public School Catechism Class
	6:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brock Groth
Accompanist	Irene Bakken

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