

# **COMMITTED TO A LOFTY CHARGE**

Third Sunday after Epiphany

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

January 21, 2024

#### 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 Jesus, in grace you extended your invitation for me to follow you. You have also given me the very lofty charge in your calling me to be a follower-maker. Forgive my sins of apathy, lack of interest in your kingdom, and failure to follow you in all things. Send me out into world equipped once again today with the gospel message I get to share. In your name I pray. 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.



#### HOLY COMMUNION

Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

The Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the Word of God and the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

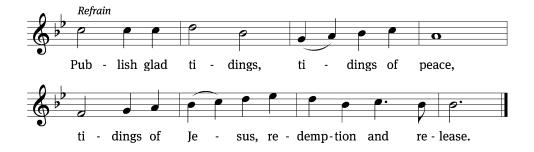
CHIMES CHOIR Awesome God

#### **OPENING HYMN**

901 O Christians, Haste



Refrain...



Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923, abr., alt.

Tune: Bruce R. Backer, b. 1929

Text: Public domain

Tune: © 1993 Bruce R. Backer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House, Used by permission: OneLicense no. 736889

#### Stand

#### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

# with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

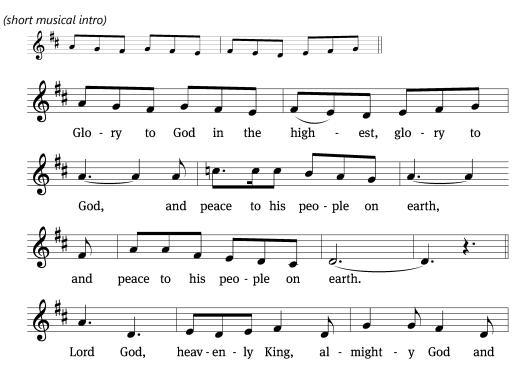


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

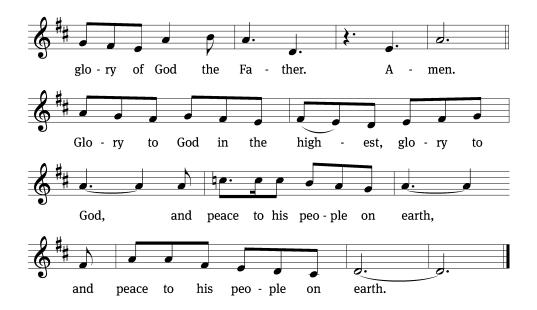


Tune: © 2021 GFTSMUSIC Publishing Company, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 736889

### **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**







Tune: David Kauffman; William Gokelman

Tune: © 2010, 2021 GFTSMUSIC Publishing Company, Inc., admin. Music Services. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 736889

# The Word

#### **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and 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

your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>"Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you."

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, "Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 5:14–6:2

<sup>14</sup>For Christ's love compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. <sup>17</sup>So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! <sup>18</sup>And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup>That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors

for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

<sup>1</sup>As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says:

At a favorable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.

Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Psalm 22:22

Alleluia!
I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:14–20

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>"The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

# 743 I Hear the Savior Calling



- 1 I hear the Sav-ior call ing! The gos pel comes to me;
- 2 I hear the Sav-ior call ing! He leads a soul to me,
- 3 I hear the Sav-ior call ing! He gives this charge to me:
- 4 I hear the Sav-ior call ing! He chang-es hearts for me; 5 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen - cy;

eyes, once closed in blind - ness, are o-pened now my to see in bit - ter an - guish, one need - ing be free. a to serve the best I'm a - ble, what - e'er the call may be. to wit - ness to share my Sav-ior's plea. from door to door I each mo-ment souls are dy-ing, soon comes e-ter-ni-ty.



that Ι my - self was help - less to live e - ter - nal - ly, I have to of - fer is Christ, my Lord's de-cree The gift Thus hand in hand with oth - ers who share the gos - pel key Yet noth-ing can be add - ed, no word on bend - ed knee, so, my pre-cious Sav - ior, this And is my hum - ble plea:



but, dy - ing, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me! that all have been for - giv - en; my Sav - ior calls for me! we spread the gos - pel ti - dings; my Sav - ior calls for me! be - yond the sim - ple gos - pel; my Sav - ior calls for me! pre - pare me for my mis - sion, for you are call - ing me!

Text: John C. Lawrenz, b. 1943 Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–1874

Text: © 1993 John C. Lawrenz, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 736889

## It's All about the Message

Stand

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

#### **OFFERING**

"Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The pastor speaks the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

Stand

# The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.295 in the hymnal for preparation.

#### **PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

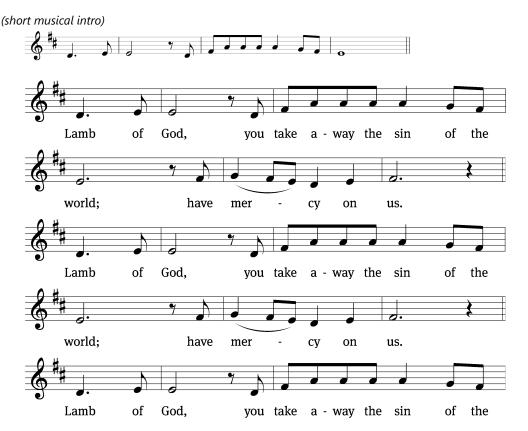
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

#### LAMB OF GOD





Be seated

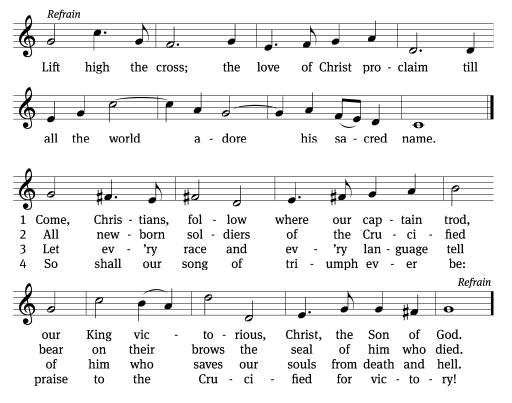
#### DISTRIBUTION

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.

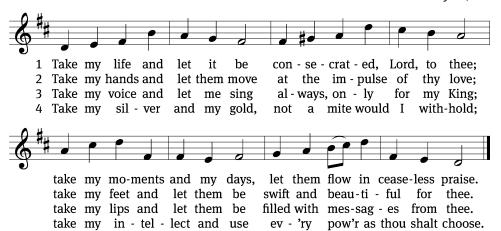
#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

900 Lift High the Cross



#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## 695 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain

## 745 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus cry ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 If you can-not speak like an gels, if you can-not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can-not be a watch-man, stand-ing high on Zi on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i dly say ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har-vests wait-ing; who will bear the sheaves a-way?" you can tell the love of Je-sus, you can say he died for all. point-ing out the path to heav-en, of-fring life and peace to all, while the mul-ti-tudes are dy-ing, and the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; rich re-ward he of-fers thee. If you can-not rouse the wick-ed with the judg-ment's dread a-larms, with your prayers and with your of-f'rings you can do what God de-mands; Take the task he gives you glad-ly, let his work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? you can lead the lit-tle chil-dren to the Sav-ior's wait-ing arms. you can be like faith-ful Aar-on, hold-ing up the proph-et's hands. an-swer quick-ly when he call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text: (st. 3) unknown, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): Daniel March, 1816–1909, sts. 1,2,4, abr., alt Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896 Text and tune: Public domain

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

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.

Amen.

Be seated

#### **CLOSING HYMN**



Text (sts. 1–3): Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911, verses, abr., alt.; (Ref): William G. Fischer, 1835–1912, refrain Tune: William G. Fischer, 1835–1912
Text and tune: Public domain

# **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering Envelopes have arrived and are ready to pick up. You can find them organized (generally) alphabetically in the church basement.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY

The lesson this week is "**An Angel Announces**." Mary receives an angelic announcement telling her that, despite her virginity, she will give birth to the long-awaited Savior. The child in Elizabeth's womb leaps within her when the mother of the promised Messiah approaches. Elizabeth rejoices in the reaction and welcomes Mary to stay with her for a time. Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, resounds in the Church to this day.

#### MIDWEEK STUDY – THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Our midweek Bible study is on one of the most interesting books of Scripture: Revelation. Chapter by chapter the author cuts a pathway through each vision and prophecy of Revelation until he reaches the clearing where we behold a new heaven and a new earth. The 12 Lessons include: The Purpose, Outline and Interpretation of the Book; The Letters to the Seven Churches; God's Rule of the World; The Seven Seals; God's Judgment of the World; The Church Secure and Glorified; The Devil and His Helpers Appear; The Seven Bowls of Wrath; The Downfall of the Devil's Allies; The Millennium; The New Heaven and the New Earth; and Review. Join us as we continue to dive into the imagery and meaning of Christ our Savior in the book of Revelation.

#### **BIBLE BASICS CLASS**

Our next Bible Basics class (also called the new member class or Bible Information Class) will begin Monday, February 5, at 6:00 pm. I ask that you block off 1.5 hours for each session, but usually it will be closer to 1 hour. Free childcare can be available upon request. If you or someone you know would be interested in taking the class, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or contact Pastor Groth at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com. Long-time members are also invited, as it's always a good refresher of the foundations of our faith. For more info on the class itself, visit stpaulsbangor.com/new/bible-basics.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING

Our Sunday School students will be singing at the 10:00 am service on January 28. Please have your child in Sunday School the next couple of weeks for practice.

#### OFFER FROM CJ

Dear fellow members of St Paul's, it is with great pleasure that I reach out and offer my snow removal service to you all and your friends and family. The rates will be as you chose is best. **All the money that is raised will be used to help me go to the WELS youth rally in Colorado this summer**. Any leftover money will go right back to the church for general use where they need it. Please text or call me with any questions or to schedule an appointment. 608-790-3820

#### ST. PAUL'S LADIES' PAINT NIGHT

On Saturday, March 2nd, from 5:30-7:00 pm, all ladies of St. Paul's (and their friends!) are invited to join us in the church basement for an evening of painting with Katie Meyer, owner of The Art Room. No experience required! Participants will choose their own color pallet then add a botanical painting on top. The cost is \$25/person payable the evening of the event. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and we can enjoy an evening of painting and snacking together! Sign up is required by February 24th. Contact Heather Groth at (608) 351-1025 with any questions.

#### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE GROUP

Are you interested in getting to know other young adults in the area? Do you enjoy playing games? Do you want to dive into biblical topics with other young adults? Text Quinn Handy at (608) 615-0559 or email him at quinnhandyof7@gmail.com with the subject "Young Adults Group" to let him know you are interested in joining! The group will organize virtual Bible studies, play board games, set up group chats, organize meet-ups and other events, help you get connected with other young adults, and help each other grow in the faith as we strive to live according to God's Word.

#### **OFFERING SUMMARY** (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00 Budget to Date: \$23,652.00 Received Last Week: \$6,721.44 Rec'd to Date: \$25,127.46

#### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 98 Online Viewers: 66 10:00 am: 45 Total: 209

Sunday Bible Study: 41 Sunday School: 14 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 27

# **CALENDAR**

TODAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am <b>11:15 am</b> 6:30 pm	Worship with Communion Sunday School Bible Study Worship with Communion Annual Voters' Meeting PACE Meeting
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Bible Study (same as Tues.) Public School Catechism Class
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School Bible Study Worship

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth Irene Bakken

# Copyright Information

Scripture quotations cited from *The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version*  $^{\mathbb{T}M}$  ( $EHV^{\mathbb{T}M}$ ) copyright  $\otimes$  2016  $The Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. www.wartburgroject.org Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House. Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder <math>\otimes$  2023 Concordia Publishing House

