

THE DEVIL'S WORK UNDONE

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

February 4, 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

God the Father, we have been battling the devil since the Garden of Eden. We have failed in every way. But not you. You promised, sent, and worked through your Son to defeat the devil and undo his work, his accusations, and his afflictions. Show us the power of your Son as we gather today in his name. Teach me that Jesus my Savior crushed the serpent's head and continues to do so in my life. In Christ's 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.



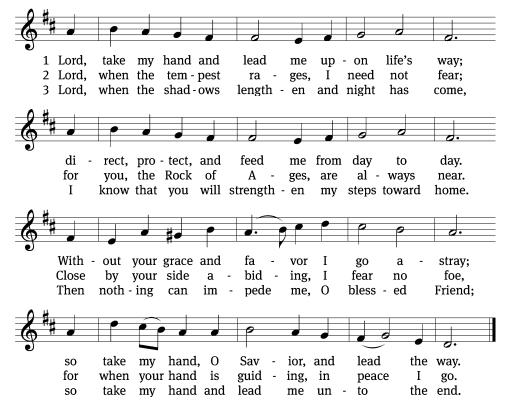
HOLY COMMUNION

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.

OPENING HYMN

849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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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.



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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

(short musical intro)





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The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; 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 Isaiah 40:27–31

O Israel, why do you say,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and justice for me is ignored by my God"?

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the eternal God.
He is the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary.
No one can find a limit to his understanding.

29 He is the one who gives strength to the weak,
and he increases the strength of those who lack power.

30 Young men grow tired and become weary.
Even strong men stumble and fall.

³¹But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength.

They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles.

They will run and not become weary.

They will walk and not become tired.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 5:6–11

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 40:31

Alleluia!

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:29–39

²⁹They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

³⁵Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY



- 1 When peace like a riv er at tend eth my way, when 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
- 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo ri-ous thought— my
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re-sound, and the



taught it well, it well with my soul. me sav, is is help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul. it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, 0 mv soul! Lord shall de-scend: e - ven so. it is well with my soul.



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SERMON Mark 1:29-39

Seek and Find God's Care in Jesus

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

(short musical intro)



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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

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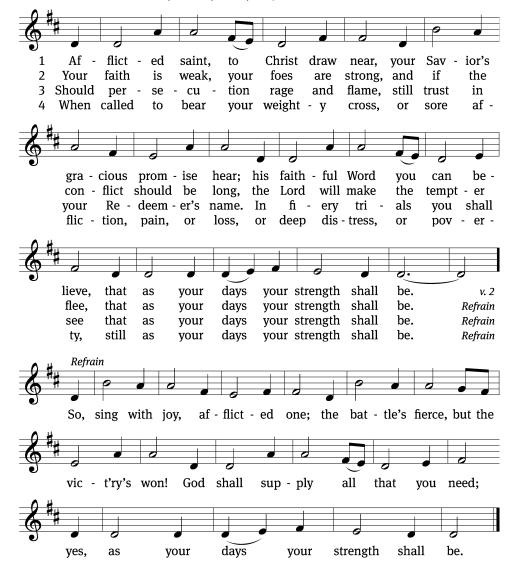
Be seated

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

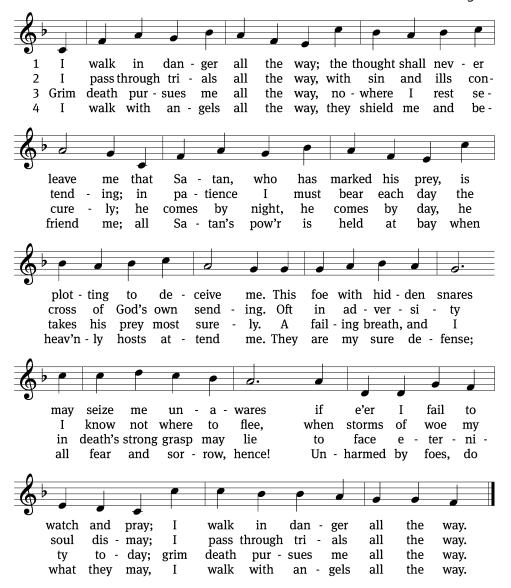
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN



- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way, his guidance never fails me; within his wounds I find a stay when Satan's pow'r assails me; and by his footsteps led, my path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.
- Text: tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.; Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764
 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1708, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen
 Text and tune: Public domain
- My walk is heav'nward all the way; await, my soul, the morrow, when you at last with joy can say farewell to sin and sorrow.
 All worldly pomp, begone!
 To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay;
 my walk is heav'nward all the way.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

372 As with Gladness Men of Old

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- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
- 2 As with joy ful steps they sped, Sav ior, to thy low ly bed,
- 3 As they of fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre at ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright, there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore, so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy, and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down.



ev - er - more be so, most gra-cious Lord, may we led by thee. may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat. our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King. where they need no guide, where no clouds thy glo - rv hide. star to There for - ev - er al - le - lu - ias may we sing to our King!

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

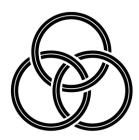
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



- 5 Abide with your protection among us, Lord, our strength, lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love; grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

You can find copies of the 2023 Annual Report in the narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Once every other year we seek input from the congregation regarding our ministry and its various facets. Your feedback is very much appreciated by the leadership and extremely valuable to the direction of our church. Please provide your **anonymous** input via the congregational survey that has been prepared. You can find it at the following URL (link provided in email News): https://forms.gle/PzEVxZUxt7uKsG3h6. If you'd prefer, you can also find printed copies in the narthex and turn them into pastor or the church office.

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.

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

PAJAMA MOVIE NIGHT ON THE REDWING BIG SCREEN

Join us for a Pajama Movie Night! All St. Paul's families are invited to the school gym to cozy up and watch The Prince of Egypt on Friday, February 23rd at 6:00pm. Bring your kids and grandkids in their coziest pajamas (you can wear yours too!). Feel free to bring blankets and stuffed animals to enjoy the show as well. Some light concessions will be available. We hope to see you there!

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.

OPEN HOUSE AT LUTHER

Luther High will be hosting an open house to showcase the new Industrial Arts Center on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The building addition to the practical arts classroom was completed in early January. Students and teachers have been using the new classroom space. Attendees will be able to tour the practical arts classroom, see the new equipment, meet the instructors, and learn about the curriculum.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00 Budget to Date: \$47,304.00 Received Last Week: \$7,192.26 Rec'd to Date: \$38,463.88

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 157 Online Viewers: 55 10:00 am: 65 Total: 277

Sunday Bible Study: 36 Sunday School: 15 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 28

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth Irene Bakken

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CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship with Communion Sunday School Bible Study Worship with Communion
MONDAY	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Basics Class Choir Practice
TUESDAY	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mornings with Mommy Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study (same as Tues.) Public School Catechism Class Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School Bible Study Worship

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