



*"Speak Lord  
for your  
servant is  
listening"*

*1 Samuel 3:10*

***Welcome to***

**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

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**Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, and to the blessings, comfort, and peace of this congregation. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' " *Psalm 122:1* and "One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." *Psalm 27:4*. In that joy, let us worship together with prayer and praise.

**Please take a moment** to fill out the **attendance card** found in the pew racks. Just jot down the name of all in attendance and hand it to an usher or place the card in the basket in the narthex as you leave the service.

We sincerely pray that your day has been blessed through worship and you will visit with us again very soon.

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship ~ *Ring of the Bell***

**The Order of Worship**  
Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service One

**Hymn of Invocation**  
*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"* LSB #901

**Invocation** (*please stand*)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *Ps. 40:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 40:10a,b*

P I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

**C I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

P I waited patiently for the LORD;

**C he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

P He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,

**C and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

P He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**C Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

P Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,  
C **who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!**

P You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous  
deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare  
with you!

C **I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.**

All **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.**

P I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

C **I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and your salvation.**

### Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

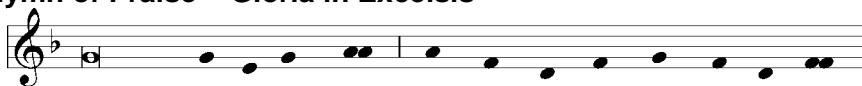
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship  
and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



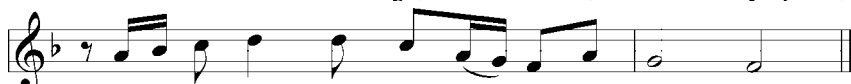
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

<sup>12</sup> "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

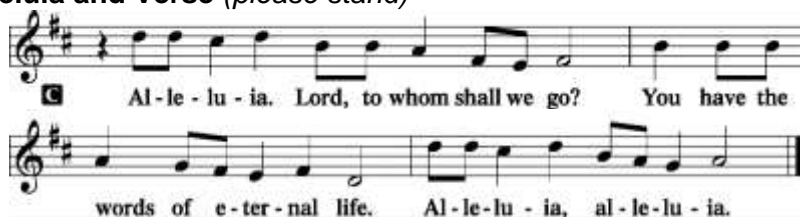
<sup>13</sup> "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The

two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse** (*please stand*)



### **Holy Gospel**

*John 1:43-51*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day**    *"The Only Son From Heaven"*    LSB #402

**Sermon**            *"His Not So Rare Word"*    Text: I Samuel 3:1-10

**Apostles' Creed** *(please stand)*

**All**            I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty. From thence 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)*

## **Presentation of the Offering and Musical Offering**

**Our Catechism Moment ~ The Lord's Prayer**

**The Sixth Petition**

**P**            And lead us not into temptation.

**P**            *What does this mean?*

**C**            **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God  
would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world,  
and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us  
into false belief, despair, and other great shame and  
vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we  
pray that we may finally overcome them and win the  
victory.**

**Prayers of the Church**



(After each portion of the prayers:)

P Lord, in your mercy,   **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

P Holy Lord, mighty God, You have shown us the face of Your mercy in Your Son, through whom all nations may find unity and life. Hear the prayers of Your people and grant what is needful to us and those for whom we pray, that trusting in Your mercy, our hearts may find perfect peace and rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All 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.**

### **Benediction** *(please stand)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and (+) give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* LSB #411

### **Silent Prayer**

*(be seated)*

### **Postlude**

## “Soli Deo Gloria”

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