



Welcome to
SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Life Sunday

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Thank you for being with us today, where we join "with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" to hear the Word of God and receive His Sacraments. If you are a visitor or guest, we invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining St. Paul's, please speak with one of our pastors.

A special welcome is extended to all our guests. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Everyone is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance and hand it to the usher as you leave

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 Bells*

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Song” LSB #812

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
 O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
 therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon
 Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our
 unworthiness and confess before God and one another
 that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and
 that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.
 Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite
 mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace
 for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to
 me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
 sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. 27:1-6, 13-14; antiphon: Ps. 27:1

P The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C **my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

P Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

C **though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

C **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.**

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies
all around me, and will offer in his tent sacrifices with
shouts of joy;

C **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness
of the LORD

C **in the land of the living!**

P Wait for the LORD;

C **be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

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 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
- C The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be-got-ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a-lone are ho-ly; You on-ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav-en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior, You take our sins a-way.
For-ev-er and for-ev-er, Be wor-shipped and a-dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa-ther; Your ho-ly name, we sing—
Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,
You with the Ho-ly Spir-it A-lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.

O God of all grace, You sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives, we shall live also, and that neither death no life no things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All Amen.

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *“Holy is Your Name”*

Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price

Music: Don Besig

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

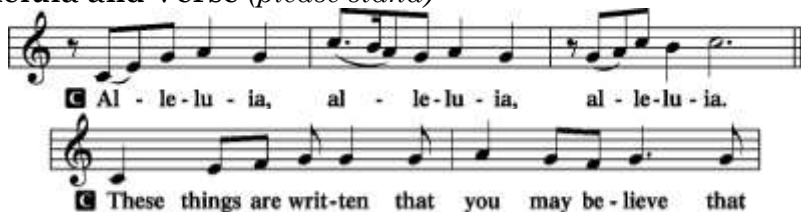
⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (please stand)





Holy Gospel

John 1:1-5, 9-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

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)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Tune: LSB #504

"Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You"

Before I formed you in the Womb I knew you.
Conceived in sin, My Word of life still drew you.
Bought with a price, you are My holy treasure,
Loved beyond measure.

Lo, your first parents I made in My image,
But through their fall that kinship they did damage.
I made a promise: My Son would redeem them.
Thus I esteem them.

You are a temple of the Holy Spirit.
You are My own; the Kingdom you inherit.
You are My child and I your holy Father:
I and no other.

All life is Mine; I jealously possess it.
I gave you life, and with My Word I bless it.
My Word shall speak to unborn generations
Of their salvation.

Text: Alan Kornacki, Jr., b.1974 Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (LSB 504)
Meter: 11 11 11 5 Occasion: Life Sunday

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

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 Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benedicamus (*please stand*)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

LSB #849

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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The light shines in
THE DARKNESS, AND
THE DARKNESS HAS
NOT OVERCOME IT.

JOHN 1:5