

Welcome to

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

***Baptism of Our Lord
Life Sunday***

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Welcome!

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor, or anyone here at St. Paul's.

As We Worship

Prepare for worship in stillness and prayer.

Enjoy worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

Close worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

After worship, the service begins!

Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

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.

Prelude *"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"* Malcolm Archer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ *Ring of the Bells*

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service One

Hymn of Invocation “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LSB #394

Invocation *(please rise)*

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 for 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. 1:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 1:6*

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C **nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its
fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**

P The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

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 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Salutation

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

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 God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand

upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-10

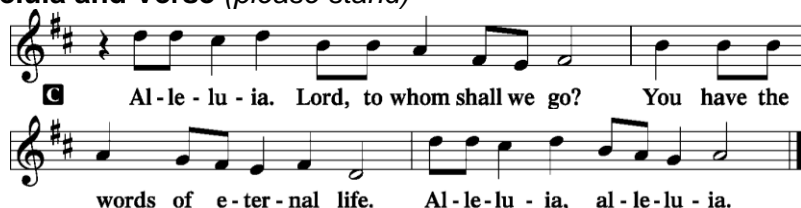
³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in

the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

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

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

¹⁴And 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.**

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB #707

Sermon *"God Don't Make Mistakes"* Text: Jeremiah 1:5, 29:11

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.

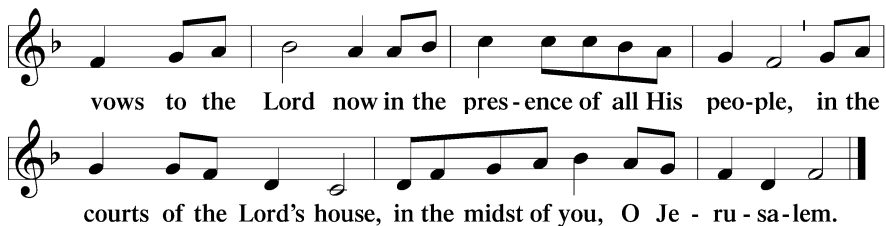
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Offering Presentation & Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



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.

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 "Take My Life and Let it Be" LSB #783

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude “Es ist das Heil” J. S. Bach

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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