

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following worship.**

We welcome Elizabeth Jean Wildes as a baptized member of St. Paul's. Elizabeth is the daughter of Ashley and Sam Wildes, granddaughter of Tammy and Duane Roscovious, and great granddaughter of Betty Zirk. Elizabeth's baptismal sponsors are Michelle and Dave Clark.

Bria Karen Gruen is welcomed as the newest confirmed member of St. Paul's. Bria is the daughter of Mark and Sarah Gruen. Bria's sponsors at her baptism were Greg Heilman and Marcy & Mike Kline.

In case of emergency, you may contact:

Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, as well as Justin Arndt (608-435-6336, 414-587-6642 (cell), or Nalani at 608-387-2311. Justin and Nalani also text.

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wilton, WI

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's  
Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

### Holy Baptism

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Baptismal Sponsors: We present Elizabeth Jean Wildes for baptism.

P: Ashley and Sam, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Elizabeth baptized into Christ?

**A: I do.**

**S: I do.**

P: As you bring Elizabeth to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with Elizabeth among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that her may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

P: Ashley and Sam, do you promise to help Elizabeth grow in the Christian faith and life?

**We do.**

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elizabeth in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**S: We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Elizabeth and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

\*(The assembly stands and joins in the Profession of Faith.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn " Let All Things Now Living "

**ELW #881**

Dismissal:

P: Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Bria Gruen; Communion Servers: Joel & Lori Arndt

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Steve Zirk, Gary Von Ruden, Sue Ann Degenhardt, Curt Brieske, Randy Steinbrink, Gloria Meltesen, LuAnn Bever-Denter, Dave Crowe, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, Carla Von Haden, Theresa Voltz, Bob Schendel, as well as the families of Joe Masters and Ralph Gosselin.

## **IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale

## **CALENDAR**

Sun., Jan. 9	Council Executive Committee Meeting	11:30 am
Sun., Jan. 16	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Council Meeting	11:30 am

**Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
Amen.**

**Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ^

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW p. 152

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ELW p. 153

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

P: Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God" ELW p.154

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BAPTISM**

P: Elizabeth Jean Wildes, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**C: Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Elizabeth with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

P: Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen**

Council President, Justin Arndt:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

Will have the light of life. (Presentation of Candle and Certificates)

Presentation of quilt by Arlis Ballwahn, W-ELCA representative

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

Hymn

Borning Cry

ELW #732

**\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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.**

**Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**B: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support our sister and pray for her in her life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Bria the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Justin Arndt: Let us rejoice with our sister in Christ. (Presentation of Gift)

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

**OFFERING**

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.*

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

\*Hymn “ Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ” **ELW #445**

*(We invite Bria and her parents to come to the front of the church.)*

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Bria, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

Sponsor(s) or Congregation President:

I/We present Bria Karen Gruen who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Bria, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called Bria to yourself, enlightened Bria with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished Bria in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

What My Bible Verse Means to Me

Bria Karen Gruen

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.**

\***Canticle of Praise**

“This is the Feast”

ELW p.149

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.^*

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

*Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

#### **A reading from Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south,  
"Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters  
from the end of the earth—<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of  
glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

### SECOND READING

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

#### A reading from Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

ELW p. 151

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

#### The gospel according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Glory to you, O Lord.**