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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2020

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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

Wel-

come and Announcements
Sunday School Children Sing

Prelude.....A time for silent reflection

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good,
 but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
 We have not been just in our dealings with others.
 We have chosen revenge over mercy.
 We have promoted ourselves
 instead of walking humbly with you.
 With what shall we come before you?
 Forgive us our sin,
 and show us your salvation
 in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.
 Amen.

Beloved of God,
 you have not received the spirit of the world,
 but the Spirit that is from God,
 poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
 Receive the promise of baptism:
 You are God's child; your sins are forgiven.
 Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
 Amen.

*Gathering Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" **ELW #815**

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

CALENDAR FOR January 19—January 26

Today	Worship	10:15 am
	Birthday/Anniversary, Noisy Offering	
	Fellowship	11:30 am
Thurs., Jan. 23	Quilting	9:00 am
Sun., Jan. 26	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Annual Meeting	11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The contribution statements for 2019 are located in your mailbox.

The contribution envelopes for 2020 are located on the table in the narthex. Please take yours, if you haven't already done so.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, immediately following the worship service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Pastor Horn is recovering from back surgery. If you'd like to send him a card, his address is: 507 Rockview Lane, Viroqua, WI 54665

Grace to You and Peace, a yearlong devotional journey through the Epistles by Norma Cook Everist has been provided through Wartburg Seminary. We have sent the devotional through e-mail to our members. A hard copy of February are available in the narthex. Extra copies will be made, as needed.

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097. This telephone itself is a "Caption Call". This means a written display of what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail message.

Faithful God,
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.
Now send your servants forth in peace,
that we may testify to your goodness
and share the hope that is ours
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn "We Are Marching in the Light" **ELW #866**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Pam Eaton, Bill Collar,
Dakota Holiday, Carla Von Haden, Addison Arndt, Pastor Bill Horn

IN **Sending** **THE MILITARY**
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*
Jacob Picha,

Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale,
Seth Tormoen

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Dixie and Leonard Arndt, Altar: Dixie and Leonard Arndt, Reader: Larry Ballwahn, Communion Server: Arlis Ballwahn, Ushers: Leonard Arndt, Jerry Von Haden, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau

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.**

*Canticle of Praise "This is the Feast" ELW p.149

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Word
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.** Here the

servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW p.153

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: 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: God fills the hungry with good things.
 Come with joy to the feast.

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 154

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

*Offertory Hymn

"We Are An Offering"

ELW #692

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

*Offertory Prayer

God of wonder,

you formed us in our mother's womb,

and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.

We place them on your table,

together with our lives and all that you have made.

Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.

We wait for your mercy;

we long for your peace;

we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,

our banquet of life.

Amen.

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

Psalm 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,

who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans
for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more
than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken
of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great
assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL READING

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The gospel according to John 1:29-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with

water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Children's Sermon
Sermon

*Hymn

" Here I Am, Lord"

ELW #574

Apostles' Creed

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